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Business Cards.

D. W. H. LOWRY,
Graduate of University of Trinity College, Ontario. Office—Next door to Mr. J. S. Hasleton, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph, August 3rd, 1874. d.w.m.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

D. OUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN
Guelph, March 1, 1871.

A. H. MACDONALD,
BARRISTER AT LAW.
Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph, June 3, 1874. d.w.m.

LEMON, PETERSON & McLEAN,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.

Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Offices.

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
K. MACLEAN, County Crown Atty

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, etc.
Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store.
A. DUNBAR, W. M. MERRITT, F. BISCOE.
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873. dw

OLIVER & McKINNON,
Barristers, Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers, Notaries Public, etc.
Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph, Ont.
A. M. OLIVER, A. M. McKINNON.
Guelph, Oct. 1, 1874. dw

STEPHEN BULLT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planning Mill and every kind of Machinery prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec Street, Guelph. dw

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
Grainer and Paper Hanger.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

DANIELS & BUCHAN,
(Successors to James Barclay.)
Carpenters and Builders,
South of the Drill Shed, Guelph.
Jobbing a specialty. Lumber and Cedar Joisting always on hand.
Guelph, July 27, 1873. dw

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

JOHN KIRKHAM,
GUNSMITH,
Quebec street, Guelph, opposite the Churches.
Guns, Pistols, and Sporting Materials always on hand. Repairing as usual.

FREDERICK BISCOE,
BARRISTER, &c.
Office—Quebec street, opposite Bank of Montreal, Guelph.
N.B.—Money to loan in sums to suit borrowers. ol-dwif

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

TO BORROWERS.
Having invested the \$28,000 recently advertised, we again have the following sums, besides others, to lend on farm security:

\$500	\$1000
\$600	\$1000
\$600	\$1200
\$600	\$1250
\$800	\$2000
\$800	\$2500

Lemon, Peterson & MacLean, Guelph, July 18, 1874. dw

New Advertisements.

DRESS MAKERS, IMPROVERS, and Apprentices wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End.
Guelph, Sept. 23, 1874. A. O. BUCHAN, dit

HOT AIR FURNACE.—For sale, the Mill's No. 2 Wood Furnace, as good as new—a coal furnace having been substituted. This may be had on reasonable terms. A. Lemon, Guelph, Sept. 8, 1874. dit

WANTED.—By the 22nd of October, a good cook who can wash and iron. Also a housemaid. Must have references. MRS. WATT.

CASH BOY WANTED.
Apply at the Guelph Cloth Hall, SHAW & MURTON, Guelph, Oct. 9, 1874. dit

WANTED to rent by the 1st or middle of November next, for six months, a comfortably furnished house with all conveniences, in good locality. Apply to the MERCURY Office. O-11

FOR SALE.—A splendid chance for a Market Garden. Brick house and five acres land, 5 miles from town. Apply to R. W. Robertson, Flour and Feed Store, Guelph, Oct. 12, 1874. dw

THE undersigned have entered into partnership in the practice of the profession of Medicine, at Guelph, Ont., with Wm. Clarke, M. D., H. Harkin, M. D. Dr. Clarke will remain at the office every Wednesday and Saturday, and Dr. Harkin every Monday and Friday, for consultation. Office—Quebec St., Guelph, Oct. 7, 1874.

MAPLE LEAF B. CLUB.
A meeting of the above Club will be held at the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday evening, October 14th, at half-past seven o'clock. All members are requested to attend. Guelph, Oct. 13, 1874. dit Secretary.

NEW CAB.
The subscriber begs to notify the people of Guelph that owing to the increase of demand for accommodation he has just purchased a second new cab, and will be better prepared than ever to meet the wants of his customers. He will now have two cabs on the street, and hopes to merit a continuance of the liberal support he has hitherto received. JOHN EWING, Guelph, Oct. 12, 1874. dit Paisley street.

CURLING.
The annual meeting of the members of the Guelph Curling Club will be held on Wednesday evening, October 14, at eight o'clock, in Mr. Charles Davidson's office, 220, Mr. Guelph, Oct. 10, 1874. dit Secretary.

FOR SALE,
A LARGE
NEW ROUGHCAST HOUSE,
and good lot on Woolwich street—a very desirable property, and will be sold at a very moderate price. HART & SPEIRS, Guelph, Oct. 12, 1874. dw

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.
LECTURE CONFERENCE.
Mr. James Fahey will deliver a lecture in the Town Hall, Guelph, on Tuesday Evening, October 20th, in aid of the Charity Fund of this Society. Subject—OLIVER TWIST. Subject—The Good Natured Man. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets—25 cents; to be had at the Book-stores, and from members of the Conference. JOHN HARRIS, J. E. McLEOD, Secretary, Guelph, Oct. 13, 1874. dit

STOVES, STOVES AND TINWARE.
R. WEATHERDON
Begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has opened a store in St. George's Square, where they will find the best articles at low prices, no high prices on others; but by fair dealing and honesty, he hopes to attract attention to his business to the benefit of the public patronage. He invites the public generally to give him a call. Tin-smithing, gasfitting, and plumbing in all its branches. Repairing promptly attended to. Guelph, Oct. 13, 74. R. WEATHERDON. dit-wit

NELSON CRESCENT GROCERY
W. A. SUDDABY
Begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has leased the store lately occupied by R. S. King, directly opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, and intends keeping a General Stock of Groceries, Provision, Fruit, Oysters, Fish, etc., and as the stock is entirely new and bought for cash, he will sell goods as cheap as can be bought elsewhere. He hopes by strict attention to business to merit a share of the public patronage. He invites the public generally to give him a call. Goods delivered to any part of the town. W. A. SUDDABY, Guelph, Oct. 10, 1874. dit

VERY DESIRABLE PROPERTIES
FOR SALE.—The subscriber has received instructions from Mr. James Masie to offer for sale his residence situated on Green street, with the dwelling house fronting on Norwich street. The property is situated in the best part of the town, and in excellent repair, with an assortment of kitchen utensils, glassware, table, cutlery, refrigerator, a good cow, and a double-seated buggy. Terms Cash, and no reserve, as Mr. Masie and family are leaving for California, for a time, he has no further use for them. At the same time, if not previously disposed of, the Residence and appurtenances thereto, also the adjoining dwelling. Terms as above known at time of sale, or on application to the proprietor. Sale at 1 o'clock, sharp. W. S. C. KNOWLES, Auctioneer, Guelph, Oct. 9, 1874. dit

On Wednesday, 21st October, 1874
The whole of his valuable household furniture, comprising a handsome parlor set in walnut, chairs, centre table, sofa, easy chairs, whatnot, engraving, superb piano-forte by Chickering, table, carpet, Dining Room—Extension table, sideboard, lounge, chairs, carpet.
Bed Rooms—Bedsteads, washstands, marble-top toilet sets, bureaus, carpets, curtains, wardrobes; with an assortment of kitchen utensils, glassware, table, cutlery, refrigerator, a good cow, and a double-seated buggy.
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TO GAS CONSUMERS.

Pay your Accounts on or before Thursday, the 14th inst., and save the 20 per cent. discount.
Payable at the Company's Works, Waterloo Street.
D. GUTHRIE, President.
Guelph, Oct. 13th, 1874.

Local and Other Items.

THERE are 293 Catholic Churches in Ontario, 610 in Quebec, 103 in New Brunswick, and 120 in Nova Scotia.

THE HERD LADDER.—The Herd Ladder has played several games London experts at draughts, and in every case proved successful. During the week, he will play a number of exhibition games with the best players that can be brought against him.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday evening last, a son of Mr. C. Duggan of Pilkington was making cider, at Fanbush's in Woolwich Township, the band wheel burst, from the horses running away, and a piece striking him took a good part of the flesh loose from one side of his head. He is doing pretty well.

STREET RAILS.—The Galt Branch of the Great Western Railway is now nearly laid with new steel rails, and in a short time it is expected that the work will be completed to Galt station. The new rails are a trifle lighter than the old iron ones. It is not likely that the steel rails will be laid any further on the line than Galt the present season.

CANINE PORK.—Visitors at the officers' mess of one of the battalions in camp at Holland Landing were the victims of a practical joke on Sunday. The piece of pork which was much enjoyed by all present was "roast sucking pig," which it leaked out a few hours after was neither more nor less than the carcass of a harmless Chinese dog which some wags had imposed on the cooks.

THE Spectator speaking of the keen competition among the buggy horses at the Fair in Hamilton was weak says:—"The judges look the view that a good serviceable horse, with as much style as possible added, were the properties that ought to prevail, and acting on this they awarded the first prize to Mr. B. Cassin, of Puslinch, with a bay mare four years of old, the Whitebone breed."

ENFORCEMENT OF LICENSE ACT.—Some one hundred and thirty grocers in Montreal will shortly have their licenses for retail liquor, in quantities not less than three half pints, cancelled by the license Commissioners, owing to the fact that they have been convicted of selling in less quantities.

EDWARDSBURG STARCH FACTORY BURNED.—About six o'clock on Sunday morning a fire was discovered in the factory owned by the Edwardsburg Starch Company, situated in the village of Edwardsburg, Greenville Co. As there was a heavy wind blowing at the time, the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save either building or its contents, and the flames extended to W. J. Benson's saw mill and box and shingle factory, which was burned to the ground, the grist mill and the new extension of the starch factory were, however, by great exertions saved. The loss and insurance have not been yet ascertained.

A WOMAN FALLS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN STEPS AT HAMILTON.—On Sunday afternoon a young woman living on the mountain near Hamilton, who was on her way to Sabbath school in the city, was hurt by falling down the mountain, began running down them quickly. By some means her heel was caught, and she tumbled and fell headlong downwards towards the bottom, some hundreds of feet below. At the first landing place about 40 feet from the top of the ascent she was caught by two young men who happened to be sitting there, and who narrowly escaped being pitched headlong to the bottom by the heavy force with which she struck against them. Her gallant rescuers carried her up to the Mountain View Hotel, which was close by, and medical aid was at once summoned. Upon examination it was found that the inside of her right leg, and the cat of a somewhat minor character, her left leg had been broken between the knee and the ankle, while the ankle joint had been dislocated, and the foot was turned under so that the sole of it was turned toward the body. Good hopes of recovery are, however, entertained.

Hops entwine to the left, and beans to the right.
They had ice a quarter of an inch thick at Omaha on Sunday night.
The attempt to embalm the body of Abraham Lincoln has proved a failure.
The first freight of grain passed over the Kingston and Pembroke Railway last Saturday, on its way from Verona to Ontario.

A peal of five bells have been put into the tower of All Saints Church Whitley.
Earl Dufferin left Ottawa for New York on Monday. He will be absent about a week.
Indian advice state that the famine is at an end, although thousands of natives are still obtaining relief. The crops are suffering from drought, and in many districts the prospects of the rice crops are alarming.

Social life is so largely composed of trifles that to disregard them wholly is a serious affront. We can hardly realize to what extent our satisfaction or dissatisfaction is made up of things in themselves trifling, until their observance or non-observance is brought directly home to us.
There are eight hundred total abstainers among the cab-drivers of London.
"Daddies Longlegs," or "Daddy Longlegs"—which? Answers invited to-day, the great grammatical problem of the day. Not more than a column of argument on either side will be tolerated.

On the 29th ult., an old man named Weight, in the employ of Mr. Alex. Adams, farmer, near Macon, accidentally fell from the now to the threshing floor of the barn, a distance of about 12 feet. He seemed at the time to have sustained but little injury, and went about as usual during the remainder of the day. In the evening he went out to pump some water, when he fell down unconscious and died before morning.

Board of Education.

The Board met on Monday evening. Mr. Peterson in the chair. Present—Messrs. Knowles, Newton, Murton, Bell, Mackenzie, Raymond, McGregor, Stevenson, Wilkie and Harvey.

An account of \$118.80 from Burr & Skinner was presented.
The following report of the Central School Building Committee was read by Mr. Raymond:

Your Committee beg to report that the new Central School House is progressing, although not so rapidly as the Committee would like to see it. The foundations have all been put in and the basement walls carried up to the first floor. The flooring joists have been laid, and the walls of the next story are now progressing. The contractor, up to the present time, has received \$9,200, or a little over one-fifth of the contract price. The Committee and the architect have both endeavoured to have the work pushed on faster, but various excuses have been made for delay, over which they have no control. No arrangement has been made in regard to heating the building, and they are to have the hot air flues put in as called for in the specifications.

Some discussion then took place upon the report, all of which was condemnatory of the course pursued by the contractor in his tardiness in proceeding with the work. It was also suggested that the steps be taken to accelerate the work, after which the report was, on motion, adopted.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that Mr. Dobie be requested to meet the members of the Building Committee on Friday next, at three o'clock, p.m., in the Town Hall, to explain why he has not done the amount of work required by his contract with this Board, and that the architect be requested to meet with the Committee at that time.—Carried.

The Secretary read the monthly report of the Public Schools for September.—The Board then adjourned.

Puslinch Fall Show.

The annual Fall Show of the Puslinch Agricultural Society was held on the Society's grounds, Aberfoyle, on Friday last. Fortunately, the day was agreeable, the weather fine, and everything passed off well. There was a fine turnout of people, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves in wandering about the grounds, and enjoying the sights inside the Town Hall, where the grain, dairy products and ladies' work were exhibited.

The Show this year was not so good as some we have seen in Puslinch. The late season was of course much against it. The severe drought and the grass-hoppers were very injurious, and the scant pasture told severely on the stock. Still Puslinch might have done better, ought to do better, and can do better if it likes, and if the people would only second the efforts of the Secretary and Directors we are sure it will next year make a much better show.

The horses are always good in Puslinch, and the fine specimens showed by Messrs. H. and A. McCaig, Caulfield, Clark and Alken would do credit to any Township. In some of the younger classes also the display was very good. Stock was not up to the old standard, and not a few bora evidences of the late drought. Still, one or two of the bulls, and the cows and heifers looked well. The grade cattle were much better than the thorough-breds. There was an excellent show of sheep, some of them being as good as could be found anywhere.

There was a much better show of South-downs than at most Township Shows, Messrs. Jas. Anderson, Alex. Smith and Joseph Grant being the principal exhibitors. Pigs were good. Mr. Wm. Thompson had a fine aged boar, and Mr. John Laing had an excellent sow and a splendid boar pig. There were not many fowls, but those shown by Messrs. Thompson, Heath and Carter deserve great praise.

We have seen a much larger display of grain in this Township. The samples, however, were above the average. Roots were remarkably good. No better collection of potatoes has been seen this year, and the turnips were first-class. The mangolds also were something extra. In the other vegetables were equally good. In fruit we had a great abundance of very superior apples. Mr. John Laing coming off first for his fall, Mr. P. Mahon for his winter, and Mr. J. Henning for his collection of apples. Mr. Malcolm McNaughton had some good plums, and Messrs. Caulfield and Simpson some fine pears.

There was not much competition for salt butter, but in fresh there was quite a keen competition. Mr. Hugh Cockburn took the first for his salt butter, and Mr. Joseph Grant for the fresh. We noticed the fine samples of factory cheese, made for Mr. S. Falconbridge, of Aberfoyle, by Mr. R. Little. We are glad to hear that Mr. Little is succeeding well with his factory.

Puslinch has long been noted for its domestic manufactures, and when such exhibitors as Messrs. Malcolm Clark, J. Grant and Miss M. A. McLeary take so many prizes at our large exhibitions, it is no wonder they come off victorious in their own Township. There were not many specimens of fancy work, but those shown were very good.

A few implements and vehicles were shown, chief among them being those exhibited by Messrs. W. Stephenson, who had really good work in the shape of wagons, cutters and buggies. Mr. Geo. Elfiner had an unfinished buggy, with some first-class iron-work on it. Mr. Geo. Henning had a set of good harrows, handsomely entertained by the Society at Mooney's Hotel, where a first-class dinner and tea were provided for them. The judges were—for horses and cattle, Mr. Kirby, Thos. Waters and T. Gartland; sheep and pigs, John Phin, Joseph Kirby and Adam Shaw; produce, Alex. Henderson, C. Sharpe and Geo. H. Havelock; ladies' department, Mrs. Oulton, Mrs. Geo. Havelock and Mr. Geo. Murton; J. implements, Jas. Elliott and A. Hirsch.

Milwaukee's census shows a population of 94,405, an increase of 22,955 since 1870.
The hair of a lady in Montpelier, Vt. turned white in a single night. She fell into a flour barrel.

Mr. George Moore's Hop Yards at Waterloo Village.

Your correspondent visited the above hop yards last week. Mr. Moore has 43 acres of land in three fields, some distance apart; 40 acres are under crop, and will yield over twelve tons of hops this season. In one field he has erected a fine brick building, containing three large dry kilns, 25 feet square, each one furnished with a stove capable of taking in five feet wood. These stoves are placed in the centre of the building on the earthen floor, with pipes equally distributed round the stove room, to convey the heat regularly to the hops in process of drying. The hops are laid on slats covered with canvas, about five feet higher than the furnace pipes. On these are laid the hops after picking, from 15 to 20 inches deep, and require from 12 to 18 hours to dry, when they are removed to the store room, with which two of the drying rooms are attached. This room is 30 by 40 feet. The other drying room is attached to a store room, 30 by 30 feet, where the hops are allowed to remain two or three weeks before they are ready for being put in bales. The ground flat below the store rooms is used for pressing the hops into bales of 200 lbs. Mr. Moore gives employment to a large number of men and women, during the spring and summer months. Early in the spring he employs from 30 to 40 men in grubbing and setting poles, for nearly six weeks, paying them \$1.12 per day. When that part of the work is done, he then engages about 60 women and girls to train the plants, that is to fasten the vine shoots to the poles. When that is finished, he keeps about 30 of the women to hand round the vines. These women receive 62 cents per day. During the remainder of the season, until picking time, two teams are engaged ploughing and cultivating between the rows. Hop picking generally begins about the 28th of August, but this depends on the season. In picking, he employs from 300 to 400 hands, who have steady employment for two weeks. A good hand will pick two boxes per day, each box making about 26 lbs. of dried hops. After picking, the hops are removed to the drying kilns, which are kept in operation night and day, when sufficient pickers can be obtained to keep them going. As Mr. Moore has had long experience in the business, and thoroughly understands the growing and saving of hops, he has a great number of customers, thereby doing away with shipping a foreign market altogether. The majority of hop growers have only one field or adjacent fields, when, if one is taken with blight, it is very apt to spread through the adjoining fields. Mr. Moore prefers 15 acre fields, situated some distance apart, for the reason that if one field is destroyed by a storm or blight, the others might escape. Also one is more likely to have a variety of soil, so as to suit the different seasons.

The Council of Public Instruction.
To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir,—As the new Council of Public Instruction has recently solicited the opinions of School Inspectors, and Messrs. of High and Public Schools, in reference to the work of revising our school text-books, and remodelling our present programme, it is to be hoped that the above named officers will be alive to the public interest in a matter so vitally important, and that they will be on no account backward in setting on the ground so generally solicited by the members of the Council.

It is unnecessary to comment to any great extent upon our present programme, since it is generally admitted that it is by no means a popular one. By attempting to "comply with its requirements" to teach the multiplicity of subjects is fruitlessly spent, and even absolutely lost to the pupil. Several superficial studies, that are not urgently necessary to fit children for the practical duties of life, are pursued at the expense of the more requisite and indispensable ones. We ask why should we endeavour to teach thoroughly the more important branches, viz: reading, spelling, writing, commercial arithmetic, book-keeping, geography, English grammar, composition, and forms of business correspondence, than to attempt to teach the number of branches, and twice that number imperfectly, or literally teach them not at all? It at once becomes obvious, that to teach effectively, all the branches above enumerated, will require the greater part, if not all, the time that is available in teaching. How then are teachers to manage, when such a number of subjects have to be taught? Many of our best and most systematic teachers have no hesitation in asserting that an attempt to comply with all the requirements of school programme has the effect of retarding the general progress of the school.

Since the above is the case, and since we know that compliance in every particular with the programme is utterly impracticable, and meets with the almost universal disapproval of teachers, pupils, and parents, why not have it revised, and complete one more practical in its nature? It is to be hoped that the new Council will give this matter thorough and genuine consideration.

In concluding, I would advise teachers and other friends of education, to be up and doing, and since their aid is solicited in this all important work, let them unanimously respond, and that promptly, and not hereafter find fault with what they had previously manifested no interest in.

The appeal by the Council to Teachers and Inspectors, in reference to the matter alluded to, may be seen in the Journal of Education for Sept. or Oct.

Yours, etc.,
PHILLOS.

Oct. 12th, 1874.

George Love is his name. On Sunday last, at Mookton (Elms), while Mr. and Mrs. Moffat were getting into their wagon, after church, the horses started, throwing them on the whiffletrees and seriously injuring them. The above named gentleman, seeing the runaway, rushed into the stable, mounted a bare-backed horse, and succeeded in stopping the horse, after they had gone about a mile, and only in time to save them from being dashed down a steep embankment.

France last year produced 1,851,000 tons of pig iron, being 200,000 tons more than in 1873. Her production of steel was 177,677 tons east steel and 103,538 tons Bessemer steel.

The city of Chicago has a length north and south of seven miles, and average width of five and a half miles.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Gen Butler on Public Questions

Fire in Baltimore.

Race Horse Poisoned.

Spanish Affairs.

Trial of Bismarck's World-be Assassin.

Boston, Oct. 13.—Gen. Butler made addresses yesterday at North Andover and Newbury Fort, expressing his views on public questions. He thanked God that he was not one of the Commissioners that negotiated the Reciprocity Treaty, and complimented Mr. Cushing on his connection with the Geneva Award. He defended his own position towards Award and Insurance companies, and thought the West would soon govern the whole country, and that their views on finance ought to be respected. There was not currency enough for the people, but affairs at the South were graver nor than questions of finance.

Baltimore, Oct. 13.—The Opera House Variety Theatre was burnt this morning, the flames extending over stores and buildings adjoining. The loss will reach \$15,000.

New York, Oct. 13.—An attempt was made on Sunday night to poison the horse "Kansas Chief," at Prospect Park Ground Stables, but unsuccessful. The horse poisoned there last week are recovering.

London, Oct. 13.—The Post says that the Spanish Minister at Berlin has presented to the German Government a copy of Spain's note to France complaining of the latter's conduct in favor of Carlota.

The Standard denies that the Sultan has engaged to respect the ancient order of succession.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—The trial of Koullman, the would-be assassin of Bismarck, is set down for the 29th inst. It is expected that Bismarck will give evidence personally. The number of applications of foreign journalists for places in Court, far exceed the accommodation.

WELLINGTON FALL ASSIZES.

Monday, Oct. 12.

CANADA FARMER'S MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY VS. WATSON.—Action on promissory note for \$750, to recover back certain insurance moneys which the plaintiffs alleged the defendant had obtained from them by false representations. Verdict for plaintiffs on first and second issues, damages \$764; and for defendant on other issues. Mr. Guthrie instructed the jury to award for costs, and assessed by Mr. M. C. Cameron, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Pattullo (Orangeville) for defendant.

DEVES VS. MILLER.—Action for wages. Referred to arbitration. Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Macdonald for defendant; Messrs. Dunbar & Merritt for plaintiff.

QUEEN VS. MILLER.

Tuesday, Oct. 13.
The first case called this morning was that of Regina vs. Benjamin Hillen, formerly turnkey of the Guelph gaol, for voluntary escape of Samuel McLean, who was committed on the 24th January last to await his trial for mail robbery on the W. G. & B. Railway, where he was employed as mail clerk.

After the jury had been empanelled, four jurors having been ordered to stand aside, Mr. McMahon, Q. C., opened the case for the Crown, detailing the circumstances of McLean's escape, as given in the evidence taken before the Post Office Inspector in April last.

At the suggestion of His Lordship, the jury visited the gaol, and were conducted by the Sheriff to the cell in which McLean had been confined. They were shown the locks on the cells and corridor, the door on which Hillen alleged the keys were hung, and the room in which the prisoner was confined. After the jury had returned and taken their places,

Thos. W. Saunders, Police Magistrate of Guelph, was called, and gave evidence regarding the information against McLean, which Mr. Sweetman, P. O. Inspector, had laid before the prisoner, and also the warrant of commitment on the 24th January.

Geo. Mercer, gaoler gave evidence to having gone with Hillen, the turnkey, shortly after seven o'clock on the evening of the 14th April last, to see that the prisoners were locked in for the night. Hillen looked McLean's cell, and coming out looked down the corridor.

About ten days previous to the 14th, Hillen told witness of an offer of \$800 if he would allow himself to be gagged and bound, so that prisoner could escape. This made witness suspicious, and he engaged a night watchman named Taylor. The key had been hung inside the kitchen door, and Hillen was warned by witness to put them in a safer place, but he did not remove them. Taylor was not on duty when the cells were opened in the morning, as he had left at five o'clock.

W. G. Taylor was called, and deposed that he never saw any of the prisoners, as his duty was to remain down stairs during the night, when the prisoners were in bed. He had gone on duty on the night of the 14th about nine o'clock, and left at five next morning.

William Blakely, who was a prisoner at the time of the escape, having been confined for stealing a watch in Clifford, was called. He testified that he had been employed as cook during his confinement, about three months; that his term expired on the 20th April—a few days after the escape. When questioned as to whether he had ever had a conversation with Hillen in reference to the escape, he said that the latter had told him previous to the escape that he (Hillen) had got \$800, and would get \$150 in two months for the latter, and he would get it for McLean got out.

The witness further testified that when he left gaol on the 20th, Hillen's daughter gave him the promised \$80. Hillen had wanted to arrange with witness that the latter was to let McLean out, but witness refused. A strange man had come into the gaol on the Sunday previous to the escape, and Hillen went out with him into the yard. Hillen's daughter afterwards told witness that her father was to be away all day.