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UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS IN GUELPH.

MR. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer, pursuant to instructions from the VEN. ARCHDEACON PALMER, will offer for sale by Public Auction...

ON THE GROUNDS, On Thursday, 21st May, 1868, At 2 o'clock, p. m., precisely, All the unsold Building Lots on the Tyrcathlen Survey...

As shown on the Registered Plan, viz: Between Arthur Street and the River Speed...

Southerly Side of Queen Street Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25.

Easterly Side of Palmer Street Lots 28 and 30.

Northerly Side of Arthur Street Lots 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37.

These Lots are situated in the most attractive and highly cultivated quarter of the Town, and possess the additional advantage of being in the immediate vicinity of the business centres.

Each Lot will be put up at the very low upset price of \$150, and sold without any reserve to the highest bidder.

TERMS OF SALE. One-fourth cash, or by approved note in three months, with bank interest, the balance in three annual instalments, with interest yearly at 7 per cent. on the unpaid principal.

TITLE INDISPUTABLE. The undersigned will show a copy of the registered plan, and give every information to intending purchasers.

Palmer & Lillie, Guelph, May 2, 1868.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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BISCUIT Arrowroot, Cream, Fruit, Victoria, Abernethy, Wine and Ginger Nut BISCUITS At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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Apothecaries' Hall! MARKET SQUARE.

PAINTS AND OILS.

ON HAND, a large supply of Boiled Linseed Oil, Raw Linseed Oil, Elephant Oil, Cod Oil, Neatsfoot Oil, COPAL VARNISH, Demar Varnish, Heather Varnish, Straw Varnish, WHITE LEAD, Red Lead, Chrome Yellow, Chromer Green, Paints and Varnish Brushes, &c.

A. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square, Guelph, 7th May, daw tf

OLIVER DITSON & CO. 277 Washington-st., Boston.

PUBLISH upwards of 500 Music Books, comprising Theoretical and Practical Works in every branch of Musical Science.

FOR SALE. SODA ASH—"Gambles", CAUSTIC SODA—"Gambles", "Widnes", "Alkali Comp'y", "Garrett's", SAL. SODA, CHLORIDE OF LIME, PALM OIL.

W. T. BENSON, 37 St. Peter Street, Montreal, Montreal, 1st April, 1868, dw-6n

CHEAP Photographs W. BURGESS

BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that he has received a large lot of FRAMES suitable for

Christmas Presents, REDUCED PRICES.

Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once.

PICTURES of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art.

W. BURGESS, Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Guelph, 18th December, 1867, dw

REMOVAL. STEPHEN BOULT, Architect and Builder,

Has removed his Workshop and Planning Factory to QUEBEC STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church), a short distance east of Wyndham Street.

Plans, Specifications & Estimates, Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.

STEPHEN BOULT having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCrae, Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage.

Planing Done to Order, AND ALL KINDS OF Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds and Machine Joiners' Work.

Executed with despatch and kept always on hand Cash paid for all kinds of Lumber at the yard, Guelph, March 10th, 1868, dw

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR will be supplied with the best Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON! Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME, JOHN MILLER, Proprietor, Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittier, GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868, do tf

POTATOES! Potatoes of all Kinds Wholesale and Retail,

AT WEBSTER'S Grain and Flour Store, West Market Square, Guelph, March 29, 1868, do tf

CANADA HOUSE- CALEDONIA SPRINGS, Near L'Original, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario, BY A. M. F. CIANELLI.

THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next.

DOMINION SALOON, (LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON), OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours. DENIS BUNYAN, Guelph, December 2, 1867, dawly

GALLERY OF ART. R. W. LAIRD, Looking Glass and Picture Frame MANUFACTURER, 79 King-st. West, TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Moulding Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to. Toronto 1st April 1868, dwly.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes for the EVENING MERCURY are handed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day.

Evening Mercury. OFFICE:.....MACDONELL STREET. MONDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1868.

A fire in St. Catharines on Friday morning last, consumed three frame houses.

The village of Durham has subscribed \$54 to the McGee memorial fund, which sum has been remitted to Mr. Shanly, the treasurer.

RUNNING AGAIN.—The Great Western have commenced running trains on the Erie and Niagara Railway. The first train passed over on Thursday last.

JUBILATION.—One of the hotel keepers at Kincaid has come into possession of a new 'bus, and the arrival of the aristocratic article set the village in general, and the Review in particular into perfect ecstasies.

A deputation of twelve met the carriage at the wharf where it was landed, and horses having been attached, rode in it to the hotel, where it was "wet" or "groomed."

MORE SALT.—The Huron salt well has been bored to the depth of 1115 feet, and operations have been suspended, this being the full depth to which it was proposed penetrating. The last thirty feet was a stratum of solid salt.

BUILDING LOTS.—We direct attention to the advertisement of the sale of building lots belonging to the venerable Archdeacon Palmer, which takes place on Thursday first at 2 o'clock.

These lots are situated in one of the healthiest and most pleasant parts of the town, and in a locality where a great many improvements are going on.

Those who wish to get an excellent lot at a reasonable price ought not to miss this opportunity of securing one, for such an opportunity does not occur every day.

ACCIDENT.—A boy named Jas. Thompson, son of Mr. Edward Thompson, 5th concession Garafraxa, met with a sad accident on the 2nd inst. The boy was in the employment of Mr. Burns, 4th concession, and after whetting his axe went out to the bush to chop.

He was standing on a log, in the act of cutting a branch over head, when his foot slipped, and he fell on his face, the axe coming down on his neck, making a fearful gash, and cutting several of the tendons.

Mr. Burns happening to be near at the time, went to his assistance immediately, but he had a very difficult job in staunching the flow of blood.

SUDDEN DEATH.—It is with regret we announce the sudden death of Mrs. Arms wife of Mr. E. H. Arms, which occurred on Saturday night about 7 o'clock, and was caused by the eruption of a blood vessel near the heart.

Feeling faint, she lay down and told her husband to go for Dr. McGregor, but before they returned she was dead. Drs. Howitt and Herod made a post mortem examination yesterday, and found the cause of death to be as above stated.

Mrs. Arms had been confined some two weeks before, and had quite recovered. By her sudden death her husband is left with a helpless infant to mourn her loss, as also a large circle of attached friends.

TYRRELL'S COMPLICITY.—Some one apparently well informed sends to the Ottawa Citizen the particulars of the arrest of Mahon & Co., and tells plainly, in addition, some incidents connected with Tyrrell's career, of which many of us were in ignorance.

Writing on the day the arrests were made he says: Three parties were arrested here to-day for Fenianism. One of them is Peter Mahon, who resides at Aberfoyle, a place about twelve miles from here, and is a farmer and township councillor.

It is alleged that he was a delegate, under an assumed name, to the Cleveland Convention in September last. A correspondence has been discovered between him and a man named Tyrrell, who is known to be a member of the convention held at Troy, in the fall of 1866, under the assumed name of Turner Tyrrell, till a recent period, resided at Guelph, and was for a time employed in the express office. When last heard of he was engaged with a strolling troupe of Minstrels under the management of one Mason.

Further correspondence has also been found between Mahon and Colonel Hoye, who was with the Fenian army at Ridgeway. Mahon's letters are written under the assumed name of Peter Farrell, junr., and encouraged Hoye to pay a visit to Guelph and the surrounding country, and referred to Murphy, the baggage master at Harrisburg, as a man that could be relied on as a Fenian.

A ROYAL EDITOR.—The Ex-King of Smith, hitherto an excellent fellow, died the other night with the Duke. Yesterday, when I met him, he adopted a tone which nearly froze me to the marrow, until, by a singular stroke of good fortune, a noble Earl of my acquaintance passed me on the opposite side of the street, and nodded to me, by which merciful chance I was restored to Smith's favor.

Extraordinary Conspiracy. One of the most horrible conspiracies of modern times had its denouement in Indiana last week.

On the 13th inst., 7 men entered into a conspiracy to which they gave the name of the "Indiana Railroad." The particulars are as follows: A written agreement was drawn up, setting forth the plan of the robbery. This plan contemplated the throwing of the pay train from the track at a point some ten miles out of Jeffersonville, the murder, if necessary, of all those upon the train, and the robbery of the paymaster's safe of its contents, which it is thought would be worth \$30,000 to \$50,000.

The articles of the agreement were of a most terrible character. They bound each conspirator to commit murder as well as robbery. They also stipulated that if any of the conspirators were wounded in the affair, so as to be unable to get away, his companions were to kill him, and thus put it out of his power to inform against them.

It was also agreed that there were more than the usual number of persons on the train, the conspirators were to fire upon and kill them just as the train was reaching the place where it was to be wrecked.

The details of the whole affair were set forth in the most concise and distinct manner, and the spoils were duly apportioned in advance. One of the conspirators became frightened at the contemplated crimes, and gave information which led to the arrest of all but two of the guilty parties, and a wholesale murder and robbery was thus prevented.

FAREWELL BREAKFAST.—A repast of this description was given in the Richmond-st. Wesleyan Church, Toronto, on Friday morning last, to the Rev. George Young, Toronto; Rev. E. R. Young, of Hamilton; Rev. Peter Campbell, Rockwood; and the Rev. Geo. McDougall, missionaries to the Red River and Saskatchewan Districts.

The latter has been engaged for many years in christianizing the savages of the North-west, and came down here recently for the purpose of procuring assistance. The building was crowded to excess, and numbers had to go away for want of even standing room.

Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Hamilton, occupied the chair, and in opening the evening's proceedings referred to the missionary work, and to the object of the services.

The meeting was also addressed by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Rev. Mr. Caughy, the Rev. Morely Punshon, M. A., and others.

NEARLY CHOKED.—A child of Mr. Jno. McQuarrie's of Egremont, seven months old, while playing, got a head of timothy in its throat and partially in the larynx.

The small end of the head being downwards, the sharp points on the ends of the husks prevented the action of the esophagus and only for its early removal by medical aid, the child must have been suffocated, as it was suffering intense agony.

IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. Robert Reid, of Glenallan, after overcoming many difficulties, has got a Woollen Factory in full operation in that village.

A DISTRESSING CASE.—A few days ago says the Ottawa Times, a person from New Edinburgh, applied to Mr. Langrell, a Justice of Peace for the county, under the following circumstances: His wife had been laboring under mental aberration for the last two years, and at great sacrifice of comfort and expense, he had kept his trouble from the world by having her taken care of at home, but on Monday she became unmanageable, and in one of her frenzied moments had tried to cut the tongue of her child.

Since then her madness has manifested itself in other acts, of a nature to render it unsafe to keep her longer at home, and an application was made to get her admitted to prison, but it was not granted, and she was returned home.

FOURTEEN DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.—The Philadelphia Age says that Charles Ross, a sailor, nineteen years old, was carried on Saturday from the ship Ansel to the Pennsylvania Hospital, in an almost dying condition, the effect of long confinement at deprivation of food and drink. He had stowed himself away before the vessel left Liverpool, and according to his account, was fourteen days without nourishment of any kind. Meanwhile his feet became frostbitten, and both of them rotted off. He is now a skeleton, and with the necessity of amputating both legs above the knees, his recovery is scarcely possible.

THE MONTECALM EMIGRANTS.—The Montreal Witness says: "On Monday morning a train of 31 cars, filled with English, Irish and Scotch emigrants, and their luggage, passed through Point St. Charles, drawn by two engines. This is perhaps the largest train of emigrants ever passed through. Fourteen of the cars were passenger cars, second and first class, and the baggage occupied seven cars. The tavernkeepers, grocers, and milk dealers at the Bonaventure Junction, did a great business during the time the train remained there. The emigrants were furnished at very moderate prices with coffee, tea, &c., at the Company's sheds. The person in charge of these sheds states his intention of making preparations for furnishing soup also. No kind of intoxicating drinks, even beer, is allowed in or about the premises; the orders of Messrs. Brydges and Spicer being most positive on this point. All these facts are highly creditable to all parties concerned.

CLEARING OUT.—The Quebec Gazette leaves that during several days past considerable numbers of the laboring population have left the city; in search of employment in the United States. On Monday evening several families took their departure by rail, chiefly for Chicago.

A London letter writer says: "My friend Smith, hitherto an excellent fellow, died the other night with the Duke. Yesterday, when I met him, he adopted a tone which nearly froze me to the marrow, until, by a singular stroke of good fortune, a noble Earl of my acquaintance passed me on the opposite side of the street, and nodded to me, by which merciful chance I was restored to Smith's favor."

The Ottawa Tragedy. Mr. O'Reilly is still proceeding with the examination of witnesses in regard to Fenianism.

The testimony of two heard on Friday show that Michael Starr, now in custody, and who is a married man, placed a girl named Jane Scaple in a house of assignation, and that Whalen, Egleson and other parties whose names are known to the authorities, frequented the establishment. Mrs. Brown, who keeps the house, has been ordered to leave the town or go to jail for three months.

These and other facts elicited, seem to justify the authorities in their refusal to accede to the request made for the release of Starr. Some other very important testimony was elicited but it is not considered advisable to publish it at present. It may be stated, however, that the authorities are getting at the root of whatever may have been worthy of the name of a Fenian organization in this country.

The tablet inserted in the wall of the Desbarats block to commemorate the death of Mr. McGee, will be unveiled to-morrow. The inscription is as follows:—"Here fell on the 7th of April, 1868, by the assassin's hand, the Hon. Thomas Darcy McGee."

PROPERTY IN NEW YORK.—In 1836 the value of real estate on Manhattan Island was \$68,864,050; to-day it is about \$475,000,000. Forty years ago the annual real estate sales in New York amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars; now it is hundreds of millions. If any argument is necessary to prove the almost headlong manner in which the capitalists and small operators have traded in houses and lands this year, it may be found in the summary of real estate business for April. The recorded transfers in New York last month amounted to \$23,883,183, and in Brooklyn to \$7,610,017; \$55,577,743 worth of real estate, or about 12 per cent of the total valuation in this city, has changed hands since January 1st; in Brooklyn the amount during the same time has been \$17,855,143.

The next detachment of Pontifical Zouaves is to leave Montreal on the 16th of May. Detachments in future will number about twelve or twenty-four, and none will be permitted to go unless in good health, and after depositing the sum of \$100 each with the treasurer.

THE WALLACE MONUMENT.—We regret to hear that the amount needed in order to complete this great national undertaking is not yet made up, and the Secretary of the Wallace Monument Committee has again been compelled to appeal to the generosity and patriotic feeling of Scotsmen throughout the world. The monument could be entirely completed this year if the funds were forthcoming, but the building committee are compelled to regulate their expenses according to the means at their disposal.

A MYSTERY CLEARED UP.—The Franco-Canadian relates that two women of that town, were passing through a neighboring bush, when they perceived a white living body suspended to the branches of a tree, and agitating as if in the convulsions of agony. Thinking that a crime had been committed, and themselves almost frightened to death, they ran in all possible haste to inform the authorities. Their husbands and a crowd of neighbors went, out of breath to the spot, and found a hare caught in a net.

WHAT A CHANGE.—The competition between rival steamboat lines of steamers to California, is flooding San Francisco with more people than can find employment or the means of a livelihood. Loud complaints are made in that city of the rapidly increasing surplus of population. Trade is dull, wages are low, provisions and all the necessaries of life are high, and those who take advantage of the low rates of passage to get out there, find themselves quite unable to get back. San Francisco has ceased to be a "new country" in the sense of needing fresh immigrants.

DUTY ON BOOKS.—The Government have imposed an "import duty" of 5 per cent. on all printed books, magazines, &c., whether English or American coming into the Dominion. This has had the effect of raising the wholesale price of all shilling magazines to 34 cents, and the lower priced magazines to a proportionately higher figure. Fifteen per cent. is levied on music. Publishers and booksellers talk of a petition to Parliament against the impost.

THE KILKENNY CASES have passed into a proverb. Even that tale is almost matched by one more recent of a hen which went to lay in a new patent hen's nest in which the eggs drop through a trap door, and so deceives biddy that she keeps on laying. This particular hen went on the prosequer, as the invention is called, and never came off again. The owner visited the prosequer at night; in the upper compartment he found a handful of feathers, a few toe-nails and a bill. In the lower compartment were three dozen and eleven eggs. The delicate constitution of the hen had been unequal to the effort; and fired by young ambition, she layed herself all away.

A BABY ON ITS TRAVELS.—A lady journeying from the western part of this State to Boston, Tuesday afternoon, on the afternoon express train, stepped out of the cars at Springfield to get some refreshments, leaving her baby in charge of another lady who occupied the same seat with her. The cars started off before the mother could get on board, and she was left on the platform of the depot, in a condition bordering on insanity. Somebody telegraphed to this city to get out at this city. They did so, and went to the Bay State House, where they remained over night. The mother of the infant, who was innocently the cause of all this trouble and bother, left Springfield on the owl train this morning, and supposing the child had gone through to Boston, went on to that city. Discovering her mistake, she had returned to the telegraph, and soon found out that the little innocent was at the Bay State House. She came to this city on the 10 a. m. express train, and forthwith a grand scene ensued at the Bay State. At last accounts the mother and child were doing well.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. Vienna, May 10th.—Telegrams state that the prosecution of the Jews in Mel-davia has been stopped by the authorities. Those who were compelled to flee from their homes have been allowed to return. Assassins and desecrators of the graves of the Jews, who perpetrated their outrages almost with impunity for a long time, will hereafter be rigorously punished.

Berlin, May 10.—Mr. Bancroft, the U.S. Ambassador, starts to-morrow for Baden and Wurtemberg to meet representatives of those countries and negotiate for the extension of the provisions of the nationality treaty recently concluded between North Germany and the United States to Baden and Wurtemberg also.

London, May 10.—The case of Barrett, the convicted Fenian, awakens considerable interest. The prisoner has been reprieved for a week, and further Government inquiry will be made.

London, May 9.—The *aidis* claimed by John Bright and others in the case of the prisoner Barrett, recently convicted of complicity in the Clerkenwell crime, has been disproved by further Government inquiry. The death sentence will therefore be carried out.

Messrs. Nugent and O'Connor of the Janel packet prisoners, were not released; they are still in confinement and will be tried at an early day.

The betrothal of the Crown Prince of Denmark with the Princess Louise of England, is denied.

American Despatches. Washington, May 10.—The Secretary of State has received the following news from the British Minister at Washington: "Nagle, Nugent, Leonard, Lee and Fitzgibbon, having signed a document acknowledging that they came to the Janel and expressing their regret for doing so, have been set free, and were to sail yesterday for America." This is a copy of a telegram from Lord Stanley.

New York, May 11.—*Herold's* London special says telegrams just to hand from Malta, of this day's date, report that despatches from China have been received by Admiral Farragut, announcing that the U. S. steamer Shenandoah had proceeded under orders to Corea, to inquire into the fate of any of the survivors of the American bark *Gen. Sherman*, who may be found on the territory of the peninsula.

The *Herold's* Havana special says there are strong reasons for believing that Secretary Seward has ordered our Charge d'Affairs, Mr. Plumb, to immediately demand redress for the outrage on Americans at Monterey.

A tornado visited Hudson River, near Cold Springs, on Saturday, capsizing one vessel and throwing another on her beam ends, and driving three others ashore on Stony Point. The gale came so quickly that the vessels were nearly all struck with their sails set.

WINDOW CORNICE.—Messrs. John Bond & Co., advertise in our columns to-day that they have received from Germany a very full assortment of brass window cornices.

INDIAN CONCERT.—Remember the concert to night in the Town Hall, when the singers will appear in full Indian Costume. The proceeds will be applied in aid of the new church, lately built, at Tuscarora, Grand River. As the object is a most laudable one we hope there will be a good attendance.

KENNEDY COMING.—As will be seen by advertisement Mr. Kennedy, the celebrated Scottish vocalist, will give two concerts in Guelph on Thursday and Friday nights, when we doubt not the Town Hall will be crowded on both occasions. It is quite unnecessary now to say anything of Mr. Kennedy's splendid talents as a vocalist and delineator of Scottish customs. His unprecedented success in the United States and in Canada affords overwhelming proof of the high character of his entertainments. Those who heard him in Guelph before will not fail to go and hear him again, and those who had not an opportunity then should not fail to embrace the one now offered.

THE LAST DUEL IN THE STATES.—A few days ago a duel was fought between Gen. Lawrence, an American, and Baron Kasserow, a Russian. The *Tribune* gives the particulars of the "duel of honor," as such brute scenes are misnomered, as follows:—"At a dinner party, a few weeks ago, Mrs. Lawrence was bantering the Baron about a young woman to whom rumor says the Baron is engaged to be married. During their conversation the Baron took offence, and excitedly made a hasty and somewhat imprudent reply for which, however, in the course of the evening, he apologized. A few days passed, and in a conversation with an attaché of the Prussian Legation, relative to the language at the party, Gen. Lawrence made a remark which seriously reflected upon the character of the Baron. The attaché tried to induce the General to withdraw his offensive remark; but he refused to withdraw it, and emphasized to withdraw it instead. The attaché then told Gen. Lawrence that he should feel compelled to inform the Baron, who was his personal friend. He did so, and the result was that the Baron challenged the General. Their meeting was at a point near Baltimore; distance 15 paces; signal, to fire by a clap of the hand, to be given by one of the seconds. Immediately after the principals had taken position, and had signified that they were ready the signal was given. The Baron fired too soon and too high for effect. Then Gen. Lawrence coolly turned to the seconds and remarking that he presumed himself too late, he turned and fired into a stump. The principals would have made another essay, but the seconds intervened, and the difference was settled on the spot. Mr. Jencks attempted to introduce into the House a resolution calling for an investigation of the duel. The resolution was objected to, and consequently went over.