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POSTPONEMENT.

The Cantata of Santa Claus

COMPOSED BY W. H. DOAN, PREpared expressly for Sinday Schools, will
be rendered in the Caledonian Room, on the
evenings of Friday and Saturday, the 2nd and
3rd January, by the choir and scholars of St.
Andrew's Church, assisted by a number of the
best instrumental artists of the City. The
music is bright and sparkling interspersed
with solos, duets, choruses, songs by Farlies,
recitations, c.c., and a verticable Saute Claus,
al in costume a verticable Saute Claus,
al in costume a Tuesday, for adults, 25c, and on
Wednesday evening 10s for children. Doors
open at half-past seven p. m., commence at
eight. Tickets to be had at the stores of G. D.
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RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

THE HIGH AND PUBLIC ST. GEORGE'S WARD, Schools of Creinh will (D. V.) re-open

On the 7th day of January. ROBERT TORRANCE, Secretary Board of Educat Guelph, 30th January, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE KINDERGARTEN

On Woolwich Street will re-open (D.V.) on Monday, Jan. 5th, 1880.

School For Young Ladies THE MISSES PHILLPOTTS WILL (D. V.) resume their classes on Thursday, uary 8th.

Educational.

MISS HAYWARD WILL RESUME her classes in English and Music y, January 5th, 1880, at 301 Wood

EDUCATIONAL.—The Misses Mac sume their classes for your uary 6th, in the old Bapti

SEE OUR STOVES AND SAVE MONEY A brand new stock of base burner parlor, parlor cook, hall stoves, &c., will be sold by James Thorp & Son at low prices that will induce the public to purchase. Splendid cook stoves sold cheap.

MISS JACKSON

WILL START A SINGING

REMOVAL

MISS HOSKIN WISHES TO IN-M FORM the ladies of Guelph that she has moved to 58 Suffolk Street, where she con-must to make over Ladies' Combings and Cu lair in the latest styles. All orders left at Mrs. All orders left at Mrs. Fright's fancy store will receive prompt at

Commercial Travellers' Association GUELPH BRANCH.

TRAVELLERS' CERTIFICATES Corner of Dublin and Suffolk Streets, Gualit

Attention. Attention.

GENUINE HARPERS' BAZAR
Patterns. Full Snits, only 25 cents.
Straw and Felt Hats and Bonnets done over
in all the latest styles.
Mrs. E. H. Pass wishes to inform the ladies
of Guelph and vicinity that she has lately
learned the French mode of cutting and fitting,
and is now prepared to give even greater satisfaction than formerly.
Dresses and Jackets cut, and a perfect fit
guaranteed, at a reasonable price.
For stylish and chesp Hats, and Bonnets go
to Mrs. E. H. Pass. Wedding and funeral
flowers cut ballmed.

ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE Guelph. New Waggon and Carriage Shop

Corner of London Road and Kirkland Streets. THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO notify the public generally that he has ted a shop at the above place, and is pred to manufacture waggons, carriages, sleighs, ers, &c., in the very best manner, and at reached a rates.

JAMES HUDSON. 5dwlm

Walter J. Fairbank

DESIRES TO CALL THE ATTEN TION of the citizens of Guelph to k of Meats, which will be sold at the follow

rices:—
Sirioin Roast and Steak, 12 cents.
Best Steak, 10 cents.
Beef Roasts, 7 to 10 cents.
Beoling Beef, 4 to 6 cents.
Lamb or Nattice, 7 to 10 cents.
Pork, 7 to 11 cents.
Rest Lard, 12 cents.
Best Lard, 12 cents.

THE 15th SEMI-ARNUAL

Clearing Sale

now going on at

THE BUSHANT

I as following goods have then

Reduced to Cost.

stock about 800 Overcoats, in Ulsters,

We still carry a very heavy stock of Wool adecolothing, which we will clear out about alce. Come early and let in our low prices. A full assortment of Gent's Fir alghings s fais theat y reduced during the sale.

WM. RUTHERFORD & CO.

TO THE ELECTORS OF

ST. GEORGE'S WARD

con re-nominated by Electors of Si ard as School Trustee, I would ask if your condidence. Having availe the advantages of the Public School last twenty years, I think I am fully e requirements of the position. Be at one directly interested in the less look after your interests, I rethat one directly

TO THE [ELECTORS OF

TAVING BEEN NOMINATED AS t of the position. In view of the import ers now possessed by the Board of Edu and the duties devolving on Trustees, is like this, I fully appreciate the respons-taching to the office.

Guelph, January 2nd, 1880.

MR. H. CRESSWELL SHAW,

Pianoforte and Violin, WILL RESUME LESSONS ON

For Sale and to Let.

HOUSE TO RENT—ON PALMER street. Four rooms and kitchen Apply

TO RENT-\$6 A MONTH-FREE

HOUSE TO LET-CONTAINING FOR SALE - CHEAP - A HOUSE

J. HARRIS Baker and Confession Children's Singing School. TO LET-STORE WITH HOUSE attached, containing seven rooms ten; good collar, and soft water steel in the principal to roughtere of Apply to John C. Allan, corner of and Yarmouth STORE NO. 78, HAZELTON'S

> The premises are large, with dwelling and yard, and are suitable for any business. Also two good offices in same block. Apply to Sweetnam & Hazelton, Estate Agents Guelph. TO RENT-HOUSE AND STORE

Special Business Notices.

The trade done this Christmas at Day's Bookstore was as large as ever has be-done in the best of times.

The balance of Fancy Goods, Toys, etc., at Day's Bookstore will be sold off very low. Call early get bargains.

Writing desks, work boxes, globe boxes sewing baskets, dolls, fancy goods, toys, balance of Christmas stock left over at Day's bookstore will be cleared out at any price.

cakes iced, or scons, buns, rolls, muffins, tarts, pastry, cakes or buns of any kind, go to W. T. Tanner's, West End Bakery.

CRUET STANDS and other plated wate, ivory handled knives, pocket knives, teatrays and waiters, skates, sleighs, and other goods suitable for Cristmas and New Year's presents, in large variety and very cheap, at J. M. Bond & Co's.

Some queer stories are afloat here in regard to the competition of a firm which has lately taken a deep interest in the Canada Pacific Railway contracts. Some strange developments are expected at no distant day.

Daily Mercury.

MONDAY EV'G, JANUARY 5, 1880

PAY UP.

We are now sending out our accounts for aivertising and job work, and have to request that prompt payment

TELEGRAPH

This Afternoon's Dispatches UP TO THREE P.M.

Found |Dead. Tween, Ont., Jan. 5.—Mr. stephen E'li ras found dead in his barn yesterday. He cent out to feed his cattle as well as usual and a short time after was found dead.

Saw Mill Burned.

Buxton, Ont., Jan. 5,-A steam say ill, owned by Mr. Thomas Lyons, of this toe, was completely destroyed by fire on turday night last. Loss about \$2,600; ured for \$1.200.

ERIN, Ont., Jan'y 5.—Samuel Irwin's saw mill was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. The fire broke out about 2 c'clock, and is evidently the work of an incendiary. Insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$400. Loss heavy.

GODERICH.

Goderich, Ont., Jan. 5 .- A fire broke out at midnight in the premises owned by M. Birghan, and occupied by H. W. Ball as a fruit store and a restaurant on Market Square, in rear of the building was a narrow escape, some of the children having climbed over an adjoining roof. Snell's Hotel, adjoining, was injured. Loss on building about \$500. Mr. Ball's stock and furniture \$400, bovered by insurance in the Royal. mpletely gutted. Mr. Ball's family had

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.-A number of the

say the Indians are still peaceful.

THE DISTRESS IN IRELAND.—Mr. T. H Beneficial Association in Ontario, has dotes.

issued an address calling on members of the Association to aid in relieving the distress in Ireland. TRIAL FOR LARCENY. - William Arm strong, arrested last week for stealing tools from different workshops, and William Carter arrested for the larceny of a pair of pants from Messrs. Cormack & Keleher's store, will be tried by the Police Magistrate

The Election is proceeding quietly. The ote polled so far is small. Mayor Mackntosh will be returned by a large major-

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The Municipal elec ions are progressing quietly. The voting on the frontage tax local improvement and strongly against them. The vote is open The deaths registered at the different as on the probuying grounds for the past year were isfactorily.

The owners of the headless rooster have instructed their counsel to begin proceed-ngs against their Society for the prevenof cruelty to animals, for \$5,000 for false imprisonment, in addition to which

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The papers here are unding a note of alarm about the Gov

Local Rews.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—Fresh easters to southerly winds, partly cloudly

THE Georgetown Herald says Rev. J. Courts of Guelph, delivered an excellent address at the tea meeting in the Baptist Church, Georgetown, New Year's night.

POLICE STATISTICS .- Last year there were 705 persons, including tramps, who found quarters in the police cells. The total number of arrests and persons summoned

tions taking place to-day there will be no meeting of the Council to-night. An adourned meeting will be held to-morrow rening. eight patients in this Institution at

to thirty-two, but a number were dis-charged this morning. present. Last week the number incres Columbia has the following item: Two orms of Salem, county of Wellington, Ont. the other end being fastened to the from are sending one, a double carriage, and the

other a set of silver mounted harness to a sustomer at Natal, South Africa. DUBLIN ST. METHODIST CHUBCH .- At the church last evening, a reception service was held, when fourteen persons were admitted into the membership, and received

the right hand of fellowship. Mr. George Balkwell. -At a meeting held in Rapid City, North-West Territory,

THE children's Christmas service was neld in St. George's Church yesterday, at 3 p.m. There was between four and five Canada Pacific Railway engineers will hundred children, of all ages, present, and a number of adults. Several beautiful quaint old carols were sung accompanied by the organ, and Canon Dixon address the children in an interesting manner, il-Maher, Grand President of the Emeralb lustrating his subject by striking anec

THE RAINSTORM.—The heavy rainsfor of Saturday has completely destroyed the sleighing. No damage by flooding the city has been reported. Both the rivers have been flooded considerably. The flats, on

the rainstorm was general in Ontario. was repeated by St. Andrew's Church ent. Sunday School in the Caledonian Rooms on Saturday evening. Owing to the unpropitious weather and the bad continued of the streets there were not many young people in attendance, and but half of the day. The lad's sister aged 11 years was seats were occupied. The entertainment, works, when the little fellow attempted to works, when the little fellow attempted to propitions weather and the bad condition

Week of Prayer.—This week has been set aside to be observed as: a week for hashestoned to his home in an exhaust throughout Canada. The rectivity prayer throughout Canada. The meeting in Guelph this evening will be held in the Norfolk-street Methodist Church. The subject for discussion is "Thanksgiving" and will be discussed by Rev. Messrs. McGregor and Ball. Thanks will be returned from ing them "that as his contention for the blessings of past years: life the fees of the Police Court had been desounding a note of alarm about the Government increasing the debt of the Province. The Local-Government has appointed new trustees for the turnpike trust here in place of the members appointed by the previous Government.

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Overcoats! Overcoats!—These very seasonable goods can newhere be bought to better advantage than at the Lion. Alter advantage than at the Lion. Alter advantage than at the Lion and the early freeze. Mr. Taylor went up to him, told him to get up and go with him, and he would find him a night's lodgings.

For New Year's cakes, wedding cakes or cakes iced, or scons, buns, rolls, muffins, and ne would find him a night's lodgings.

He got up, and Mr. Taylor took him to the charge was no one in, and I asked them might I go and find a policeman. I went and found one, and the case was heard on Saturday. When the charge was made against Cunningham I simply said he was not a rioter, as far as I knew, that he was as a stranger to me, and that in having anything to do with him I was simply acting the him to the the police Court, but I have been taight to tell the truth and the truth shall make me free in spite of the Chief.

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No Humbuc.—Otwell's celebrated mixed and Mustard Flokles are now used by nearly every family. The reason is that they are superior to any bottled pickle in the market and only one-half the price. They are sold at 15c per pint and 30c per quart, imperial measure; 3 lb. cans Tomatoes at 20c; 2 lb. Sweet Corn at 20c and the period of the Chief.

Mr. Kingsford, Chief Inspector of Western Harbors, has been dismissed by the Department of Public Works.

I am yours truly, which is a general depression. Neglect of personal economy had much to do with it, but nine-tenths was caused by drink. Different illustrations were brought forward to prove this. Numbers, he knew, had been ruined by drink.

Attempted Suicide

has been before the police magistrate a

cells last Sunday night.

The woman is about 48 years of age.

She lives with a Mrs. Cassey, and her two daughters, who are quite respectable looking, in a shanty on the south side of the Eramosa river, and wost of the Dundas Road.

About 11:45 o'clock last night Mrs. Carey was found by P. C. Hammond lying in a drunken state at a stable on Maadon nell street in rear of the Queen's Hotel. He took her in charge to the police station. When she had been looked up a short time the policeman heard strange sounds issuing from the cells, but did not pay any heed to them at first. After a time he became suspicious that something was wrong and on going to the cell found Mrs. Carey vas pended in the air by a woollen scarf, one eard of which was tied around her neck, the other end being fastened to the iron bars surrounding the cell. P. C. Hammond had not the key to open the door of the cell, but he wasted no time in deciding what to do, and from the outside cut the sacrif. The woman fell to the floor in an a sknausted condition, and the policeman thinks that if she had hanged a few mothers are the plague continues to make tigord in the district where it was recruit in the district where it was recruit in the district where it was recruit in the district where it was the cattle plague continues to make tigord. The cattle plague continues to make tigord in the district where it was recruit in the district where it was the cattle plague continues to make tigord. The cattle plague continues to make tigord in the district where it was recruit in the district where it was the cattle plague continues to make tigord. The cattle plague continues to make tigord in the district where it was the cattle plague continues to make tigord. The cattle plague continues to make tigord in the district where it was the cattle plague continues to make tigord in the district where it was attacked the deer.

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This forenoon she appeared before the Police Magistrate on a charge of vagrancy, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at the gaol.

FIRE IN HOLLIN.—The barn belonging to George Lunstead, third Concession of Maryborough, was consumed by fire, to-gether with its contents, last Friday night. The loss, which is heavy, is covered by in-

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.—There is little or no stir to-day in consequence of the civic elections. The polls opened at nine o'clock and will close at five o'clock. The result of the balloting will be published in

ARM BROKEN.—On Saturday afternoon while Mr. Thomas O'Callighan was proceeding along Waterloo Avenue, he fell and sustained a fracture of the left fore-arm. He was removed to his home Warden.

Was Governor-General has presented a fracture of the Mr. William Mullin, ct South Dumfries, died at the age of 74 years last week. He was for many years a member of the Brant County Council, and was at one time Warden. PRESENTATION .- A few evenings ago, the

nembers of the Bible class, in connection the west side of the Dundas Road, are discounted flooded, the river overflowing at that determined the river overflowing at that the Baptist Sabbath School, present ded their leader, the Rev. Wm. Pickard, place. The frost of bunday night has with a magnificent arm chair, with an exmade excellent skating on Allan's dam, tension connection, to be drawn out, or Reports from different places show that otherwise at pleasure. Also a desk attach ment adjustable to any desirable position The gift is a very handson, e one indeed, CANTATA OF SANTA CLAUS.—This Cantata and most highly appreciated by the recipi-NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—A six year old son of Mr. Richard Fosbury nar-

It is to be hoped that the run after her on the ice. Before he had Cantata will be repeated at some future taken many steps he went through the air time in a larger hall. The way in which it was presented doubtless would insure for the school a full house if repeated. ballidings.

In hole into the water. The girl went to the edge of the hole and bravely held on to her little brother until some boys in the neighborhood camelto her assistance. The lad was removed to his home in an exhausted condition.

A large number of workingmen have been thrown out of employment by the stoppage of the work for the season on the Lachine Canal. In former years, contractions of the condition.

THIS MORNING'S TELEGRAMS.

Gen. Wolseley telegraphed Sir Bartl. Frere not to believe the alarming report from the Transvaal. He says there wa great want of unanimity among the Boer at a recent meeting, at which a resolution was adopted in favour of maintaining ademand for the independence of the Transvaal.

and the agents of American railways have gone into the distressed districts in force to promote it.

Rev. Chas. H. Spurgeon writes from Mentone that the nation should listen to Gladstone as a call to make righteousness and peace their guide instead of blustering. He declares that England is wantonly trampling Afghanistan under foot, and warns Englishmen that under such tutors as the Times they are becoming a nation of demons. The whole letter is an impassioned appeal to the Christian sentiment of the country.

The South African cable has been opened amid much enthusiasm. The event is regarded as consclidating the results of the late campaign in Zululand. The Queen has sent her congratulations to Sir Bartle Frere, Sir Garnet Wolseley, and the Sultan of Zanzibar.

Many English noblemen are reducing their rents—the Dukes of Richmond and Norfolk to the extent of 10 to 20 per cent. On the occasion of celebrating his seventieth birthday Mr. Glrdatone made another vigorous attack on the Conservative policy at home and alproad.

The Governor-General has presented a medal to be competed for by the student of Galt Collegiate Institute.

sunk in their construction.

It appears the receipts at Oswego of barley from Canada have amounted to 8,884,000 bushels in 1879, against 2,844,000 in 1878, 3,915,000 in 1877, and 3,014,000 in 1876.

The Western Iron Association of Pitts-burg have decided to advance card rates on bar iron to 3½ cents per pound on Mon-day, cut nails have also advanced. A movement is on foot in Hamilton to have a new Customs House and Post Office erected. At a meeting of citizens held last week it was decided to petition the Government for the erection of those buildings.

Montreal has a population about double that of Toronto, yet its police force costs but \$115,000 per annum, as against about \$130,000 for the cost of the Toronto force, inclusive of the cost of maintaining the police stations and interest on the monies such in these construction.

What Has Been Done in Eighty Years (From the N. Y. Tribune.)

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A new year dawns; may it be a Happy New Year to all. A new decade begins; may it prove as full of prosperity to all the nations as the decade that is dead has been of disaster. The last fifth of the nine-teenth century opens, but who can guess what marveles and blessings this miracle-working century still has in store for us?

Eighty years ago, Whitney's cotton-gin had barely begunt owork, and the spinning mule was not yet boru. But these two have-clothed the world. Eighty years 200, men were dreaming of the steamship, which Fulton invented in 1807. His thought has brought China nearer to us than England was when he built his first than England was when he built his first boat. Frauenhofer taught the young century spectrum analysis, and Fresnel the polarization of light, and all the arts and asciences now owe them a debt beyond measure. Eighty years 200, Jenner was stoutly battling against derision tor the idea which, when the century was still young, subdued it first great seourge. To day there is scarcely a science or useful art that is not constantly indebted to photograph, which Arago rightly styled a gift to the whole world," was unknown. Iron bands have almost annihilated distance, and a capital far exceeding the entire wealth of any nation in 1880 has been expended in making this the age of rallways, but the century was already thirty years old when the first railroad was opened. The use of anthracite in making steel, have each revolutionized the world; modern civilization would be simply an impossibility if iron could still be treated only in the ways known when this century was young. The sewing machine has brought blessing and comfort to the mother of every household, and has saved much to every wearer of clothes, and yet the clodest patent of that nature is not forty years old. Into the cottage of the making tiph, but petroleum is one of the interact, the signal service and the commerce of the whole world to the reakfast table of every m

centuries science crept; then it marched, then ran, and now it flies on the wings of the lightning. A new year now means a new world. All our modes of life, of industry, or of enjoyment are revolutionized as this wonder-working century sends forth its years, each with its magio wand.

Other changes of a political or social character are to be expected, as great changes have already been witnessed during the century. The slave trade has been abolished in England, serfdorm by Russia, and slavery by the United States. The mightiest conqueror of history has been sent to St. Helena, the mightiest Empire in Europe has been transformed into a Republic, and an Empire more powerful still shas been formed by the welding of the German States. But there is this difference between the changes wrought by science and invention, and those of any other character; progress in all other directions is irregular, and, to the human eye at least, uncertain in its rate. But in science each step begets other steps; each achievement clears the path for others in great number; and progress is steady, cumulative, and continually accelerated. We cannot know what wonders invention may bring us within the coming year or twenty years. But looking at the past, and realizing what vast strides the human intellect is now making in the conquest of Nature's forces, we may be sure that every year of the twenty which we begin this day will bring us some marvellous and revolutionary change. Every hour adds to the resources of the race, to the powers available for ministering to human happiness, and to the weapons with which the work of conquest is to be pushed thenceness, and to the weapons with wh work of conquest is to be pushed

forward.

To live in such an age is a ble which we may give thanks with joy. To enter upon a new year, in such an age, is to be present at the birth of a new world, and to have offered to each of us a part in the creative work.

THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER

The Tay bridge disaster is still earnestly discussed. The investigation is steadily progressing. How many lives were lost is still a matter of uncertainty. Only one thing alone is sure, that no man escaped from the Frith of Tay. Edgar Gilker builder of the bridge, talegraphs:

— Present evidences indicate that some other forces than tempest were acting with it and caused the destruction of the girder. The velocity of the wind as registered at Dundse on the night of the disaster was 42. This amount of pressure was quite sufficient to overset the train and guard rails on the windward side, and could not prevent the upper part of the carriages from striking the girders. This might cause damage by destroying that unity of the leeward girder, and another violent gust would bring about complete train.

The Afghan War.