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A supply of that celebrated

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JOHN A. McMILLAN

Has much pleasure in intimating to the Trade that he is now prepared to supply at the

Lowest Wholesale Prices Boots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.

All Manufactured by himself in Guelph. Dealers are requested to call and examine my stock and prices, and they will find a much better article than any Imported Work, and their price as low as the lowest. Terms, liberal.

WANTED, a number of good journeymen to work on Ladies' Kid, Goat, Prunella and Canvas Gaiters, in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine.

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Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers and Moccassins, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work.—This is no humbug. Call and see, and remember the spots—Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

JOHN A. McMILLAN,
Bootmaker for the Million.

Guelph, 4th January, 1869. dw

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MITCHELL & TOVELL

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full ASSORTMENT of COFFINS always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr

Guelph, December 12. dwly

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Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

OPENING NOTICE.

The GUELPH BAKERY

Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very libera patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST

Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the Store

NEXT DOOR TOM. SODEN'S,

Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.

A. GILCHRIST,
Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker

Guelph, Dec. 19.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER.

The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. R. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. & T. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be put in suit in the Division Court.

GEORGE ELLIOTT,
N. HIGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE,
Executors.

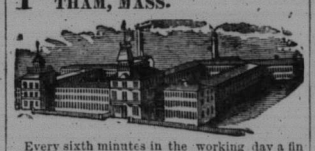
Guelph, Jan. dwlm

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph.

Guelph, November 19, 1868. daw tf

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minutes in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above Factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES,

most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as timekeepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS.

Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS

and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer THE AMERICAN Watch to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Ellery" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied ONE MINUTE AND A HALF IN THAT TIME, WITHOUT CARE OR CLEANING, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN

these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION,

as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fineness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitions. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen; or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearer they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON,
Genera Agents, New York.
ROBERT WILKES,
Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

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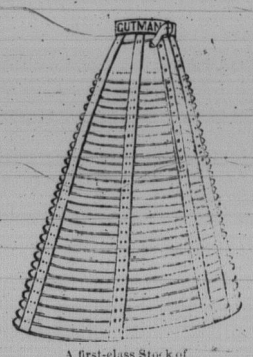

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Hoop Skirts

In all the Latest and most Approved Styles.

Including the

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Which is a general favorite.

THIS IS BEYOND ALL COMPARISON

THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN

IN GUELPH.

The attention of every lady is requested.

A. O. EUCHAM.

Guelph, Jan. 17. d

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,
Market Square, **GUELPH.**

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 this a first-class establishment

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-reckoning Calipers and Dividers, Stubs Files and Tools Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodeon Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest Prices.

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NEW MUSIC BOOK.

"THE WREATH OF GEMS," a Collection of the most Popular Songs, Ballads and Duets of the day, with Accompaniment for the Piano-forte Boards, $2.50. Cloth, $3.00. Cloth, full gilt, $4.00. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. O DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

DISSOLUTION of PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between F W Galbraith and George Beattie, as Saddlers, &c., under the style and firm of Galbraith & Beattie, of the Town of Guelph, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first of January, 1869. The business in future will be carried on at the old stand by Mr Beattie. Parties having claims against the late firm are requested to send them in for liquidation, and parties indebted will please call and settle the same either with Mr Galbraith or Mr Beattie.

Witness, JOHN STRONACH. F. GALBRAITH. GEO. BEATTIE.

Guelph, 19th January, 1869. d3—w3

NOTICE.

The Subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using only the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales,

And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises,

WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS,
CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS,
CARDS, SPURS, WHIP Lashes—all kinds

OIL AND VARNISH

For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business.

A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and despatch.

GEORGE BEATTIE,
January 19. dw3m West Market Square

GIFTS AND PRESENTS FOR

NEW YEAR.

Notwithstanding the tremendous rush at Christmas, there is still at

J. HUNTER'S,

Wyndham Street, Guelph,

not only the largest and most select, but also the cheapest assortment of general

FANCY GOODS AND TOYS.

suitable for this season of the year to be found west of Toronto. Call and see.

Writing Desks
Dressing Cases
Work Boxes,
Ladies' Companions

At less than Toronto Prices.

Slippers, Ottomans, Wools, Toys and Fancy Goods *ad infinitum* at

J. HUNTER'S,

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham S
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VALENTINES!

FOR THIS SEASON.

Cupid's Headquarters

Will be at SHEWAN'S OLD STAND, where

J. B. THORNTON

Will shortly present to

ALL LOVERS!

Great and small, a beautiful assortment of VALENTINES,

Comic, Sentimental and Artistic.

J. B. THORNTON.

Guelph, January 22. 2d

NEW AUCTION ROOMS.

GEO. LESLIE,

Auctioneer and Commission Merchant,

No. 3 Day's Block, - - Guelph,

(Next door to Carroll's Grocery Store).

Every attention paid to Sales of Merchandize, Household Furniture and Farm Stock.

Prompt and careful returns made of all sales.

REFERENCES:—Jas. Massie, Esq., Guelph; Messrs. C. & J. Symon, Acton; Jas. Barclay, Esq., of Barclay & McLeod, Georgetown; R. A. Leslie, Esq., Bank of B. N. A., London. David Arnott, Esq., Toronto.

MORGAN'S DOMINION

HAIR-DRESSING PARLOR

HAVING had large experience in Cutting and Dressing Hair in the Old Country and in the British army, where a great deal of good taste had to be displayed to meet the requirements of aspiring young officers, and having carried on the business for half a year, and prospered well in Guelph, I will only add that being now assisted by Mr. JOHN THORN, long and favorably known in Guelph, I am better able to give satisfaction than any in the profession. Having observed a good deal of carelessness in many barber shops in regard to the lather cups and hair brushes, I am determined to keep them clean, as is well known I have done in the past. Best Hair Dye used. A call is solicited where dyeing is needed. Come, gentlemen of Guelph, come all. Satisfaction guaranteed or nothing charged. Special attention paid to Ladies' and Children's Hair—the latter only charged 10 cents for hair cutting. Remember the shop—St. George's Square, behind the English Church, Guelph.

Guelph, January 21. dwly E. MORGAN

Mrs. ROBINSON'S

DOMINION STORE

MRS. ROBINSON begs to inform her patrons, and the public, that she is still in the old stand and is able and willing to supply the wants of all who give her a call. She has lately received a fine

Stock of Dried and other Fruits.

FANCY GOODS of all kinds. A splendid lot of Berlin Wools; also the Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in town, including English, Fingering, Clouded, Berlin, Double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns.

MEN'S UNDERCLOTHING AND SOCKS,

Also, Ladies' Breakfast Shawls. Stockings of all colours, of the best quality made and can be bought cheap.

Stamping and braiding done to order.

MRS. ROBINSON

Guelph, Jan. 23, 1869. dwtf

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 26, 1869.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present, Mr. Peterson, chairman, Messrs. Pirie, Fraser, Newton, McGuire, Mitchell and Innes.

The following newly elected members took their seats—Messrs. McNeil, Watson, Stevenson and Kennedy.

Mr. Newton presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending that Miss Walker be paid $7 expended for sweeping the school, lighting fires, &c. The report was adopted.

The Local Superintendent read his annual report, which contained full and correct statistics concerning all the public schools in town. The following important suggestions are also embodied in it:—

He (the Local Superintendent) would now suggest, in accordance with the recommendation in his last quarterly report, that the Local Superintendent should be instructed to visit each school monthly, not so much for the purpose of a formal examination, as to inspect the state of the school with regard to order and discipline, and to satisfy himself that the register is correctly kept, for on this point teachers are often exceeding remiss, although attention has been called to it repeatedly on making his quarterly visits; and to ascertain the numbers that are in attendance, and to report to the Board.

Secondly, he thinks that some means should be adopted to prevent the counting of a pupil's name more than once. Were there a central school, this would be comparatively easy, but it will be somewhat difficult under the present system. He would propose that every teacher be required to keep an alphabetically arranged list of his scholars for each quarter, either in an index furnished for the purpose, or in the register, or both; that he should inquire of each new pupil whether he has previously attended any other school in town, and if he has, what one since the beginning of the year, and mark this before his name on the roll; and that in each of the senior schools a note should be made in connection with each of the Schools from which the entering pupil has been promoted. Then, if the Board deemed it expedient, there might be a large book into which all the names were copied by the Secretary once a quarter, and laid upon the table at their meetings for inspection.

Thirdly, he would suggest that all the schools in which there is an existing necessity, should be supplied with maps. None have been procured for a considerable time; many of those in use, especially of Africa, are antiquated, and some of them are so torn as in fact to be almost useless.

Fourthly, he believes it would have a salutary influence on the schools if the Board would appropriate a certain sum for prizes, to be awarded at the mid summer and mid winter examinations. These might be awarded with good results for punctuality and regularity in attending, for good conduct, and for proficiency in any of the studies prosecuted.

On motion of Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. McNeil, the report was received, and the consideration of the suggestions contained in it deferred till the standing committees be struck for the year.

The Chairman called the attention of the Board to the increased amount of work which the Local Superintendent and Secretary had to perform. His duties were now of a very onerous character, and justly entitled him to some additional remuneration at the hands of the Board. He felt satisfied that every member of the Board would agree with what he said, and that his valuable services, the close attention he gave to his duties, and the ability and experience which he brought to bear on his labours, merited proper recognition. Several members of the Board expressed themselves in like terms, and after conferring for a few minutes, Mr. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that $50 be added to the Local Superintendent and Secretary's salary for 1868.—Carried.

Mr. Peterson was then requested to leave the chair, and Mr. Newton to take the same, when Mr. Innes moved, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that the thanks of the Joint Board are due, and are hereby tendered to H. W. Peterson, Esq., for the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of chairman of the Board, and for his uniform courtesy in presiding over its deliberations.—Carried.

Mr. Peterson on taking the chair made a suitable acknowledgment, after which the Board adjourned.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

TUESDAY, Jan. 26.—*Jane Baptie* was arraigned on a charge of stealing a black dress from Josephine Gough, a domestic at Ellis's American Hotel. From the evidence it appears the prisoner had also been living at Mr. Ellis's as a servant for a few weeks, and left his service yesterday. Shortly after she had gone a dress was missed, and Constable Kelly having been informed of the theft, went to seek the prisoner and found her at Lynch's tavern. He learned that she had left some clothing at Mrs Sowden's grocery, Wyndham street, and going there found the black dress amongst the other articles left by the prisoner. He took it away, and it was recognized as the missing property of the complainant. Defendant pleaded guilty of the theft, but offered as an excuse that she was under the influence of liquor at the time—an excuse that the magistrate did not consider valid, and sentenced her to two months' imprisonment in gaol at hard labour.

Mr. S. E. Gladstone, of Christ Church, Oxford, a son of the Prime Minister, was ordained on the 21st ult., by the Bishop of Winchester.

Local and Miscellaneous

It is understood that Mr. Recorder Duggan is positively to be appointed Judge of the County Court.

LARGE BAR OF GOLD.—A bar of gold from the diggings of the Montreal Gold Mining Association, Nova Scotia, is on exhibition at Montreal, which weighs over 44 ounces, and is worth nearly $900.

DENTAL COLLEGE.—The first examination of the students of this college came off on Saturday last, when a number of them received licence to practice their profession in Ontario. Mr. D. V. Beacock of Toronto came out first in the list of graduates.

MORTALITY IN MONTREAL.—The health officers report that the mortality of Montreal is greater than that of any other city of which they have statistics. They advise more frequent vaccination to prevent the spread of small pox, which carries off 18 or 20 a week.

THE BATTALION DINNER.—The annual dinner given by the officers of the Wellington Battalion to the members of the County Council, takes place to-night, in the Town Hall. Parties desirous of being present, can procure tickets of any of the officers of the Battalion.

WELLINGTON, GREY, AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—The Directors of the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway, at a recent meeting, appointed A. Sproat, Esq., the member for North Bruce, a Director in place of the late Dr. Parker.—Mr. Sproat has accepted the position.

TEMPERANCE.—There will be a meeting this (Tuesday) evening in the Temperance Hall, over the *Mercury* Office, when a number of recitations, &c., will be delivered. The new choir will be in attendance, and a very pleasant evening's entertainment may be looked for.

REV. MR. DUFF'S RESIGNATION.—A meeting of Mr. Duff's congregation, Elora, on Mouday, the 25th instant to take into consideration his resignation, recently sent in. The Rev. Mr. Torrance, of Guelph, presided by appointment of Presbytery. It was agreed to accept his resignation.

WHELAN.—Should Mr. Hillyard Cameron carry an appeal in the Whelan case to England, it will be necessary for the Cabinet to consider the question of respiting Whelan. The case has not yet been taken up by Sir John. Another despatch says that it is fully expected that Whelan will be respited, and not hung on the 11th February.

RESTELLISM.—The recent death of a married woman at Peterboro', who died from the effects of drugs administered by herself, "to prevent her having children," has caused some discussion among a portion of the press. This crime has been mostly confined to the other side of the lines; but from all accounts it is getting sadly common in Canada.

ELOPEMENT.—A sensation was created on Friday night by an attempted elopement of an officer of the 69th Rifles with a daughter of Judge Coursol, of Montreal. The Judge and his wife were at a ball at the time; but information being conveyed to them, the former was successful in stopping the parties when they were on the train. Their marriage is announced in the Montreal papers of Saturday afternoon.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.—A partial eclipse of the moon will take place on Thursday night, the 27th inst., beginning about 7 o'clock, and ending about nine. The middle of the eclipse will be at 8 p.m., and the obscuration will be 5,496 digits on the northern limb of the moon. The phenomenon will be visible in all parts of this continent. Another lunar eclipse will take place on the 23rd of July, which will be invisible in this country.

THE CANADA FARMER, though now issued as a monthly, contains just as much reading matter as when it appeared every fortnight. Its subscription price remains the same as before—$1 a year—and so far as we canperceive, there is no diminution in the ability with which the *Canada Farmer* has always been conducted. Its staff of contributors has been increased, and to the continued support of the agricultural community we beg to commend it.

CURLING MATCH.—A friendly game was played on the Aberfoyle Curling Rink, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., between the Aberfoyle and Danger Point Clubs. The former came off victorious by 13 shots. The following is the score: Abertoyle, Rink No. 1. — W. M. Todd, Jas. Scott, A. Weir, R. McFarlane, *skip* 38, Rink No. 2.—Charles Ellis, Charles Cockburn, Charles Weir, John Weir, *skip* 41. Danger Point, Rink No. 1, J. Black, D. Grant, T. Black, Wm. Black, *skip* 17. Rink No. 2.—John McRobbie, James Watt, Chas. McIntosh, Andrew Black, *skip* 29.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—It is rumored that the cities of Seville and Cadiz have proclaimed in favor of the Duke of Montpensier for King of Spain.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Reverdey Johnson has received and accepted an invitation to dine with the corporate authorities of Manchester some time in February.

American Despatches

New York, Jan. 26.—*Herald's* Havana special says:—Advices from St. Thomas state that Balz is intercepted in the capital, and has invited ex-president Cabral and his followers, who are now pushing the revolution, to return. The revolutionists have replied that they will do so if Balz will abdicate and permit a new President to be elected, and release prisoners now held by them.

Tribune's special says General Grant is strongly opposed to the pending Alabama claims treaty. The following is his position in his own words:—"The treaty is unjust to the United States, because it assume to measure injury inflicted upon this country by money value of ships actually destroyed, whereas, the chief damage to our commere was in our ships being driven from the seas by Anglo-rebel pirates. In addition to this, the sympathy extended by the English government to the South, prolonged the war at least a year, and for all the lives lost and money expended for this time England is directly responsible. The treaty proposes to settle all these things by the payment of the paltry value of a few ships.

The House Postal Committee at their meeting to-day, heard an argument by Mr. Hubbard in behalf of his cheap telegraphic system, but, without arriving at any conclusion the subject was postponed until Wednesday next. To-morrow the Committee will have under consideration the Bill of Mr. Conness, to establish a line of steamers between New York and Europe.

The *Sun* says in view of the late murders and highway robberies here, vigilance committees have been organized in the fifth and fifteenth wards.

Puslinch Council.

The newly elected Councillors met in the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on Monday, the 18th inst., and having signed the necessary declarations, took their seats, viz. W. Leslie, Reeve; Martin Spreuhan, Deputy Reeve: Wm. Nicoll, Andrew Stewart, and Peter Gilchrist, Councillors. The Reeve nominated Peter Grant as Auditor, and the Council appointed T. Ellis. Joseph Dooley being erroneously assessed for a dog was refunded $1. Moved by Mr. Spreuhan, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, that Messrs. Nicoll and Stewart be a Committee to examine the complaint of Louisa Wakefield, and report at next meeting of Council, and, if possible, ascertain if any remuneration has been given for the land taken for a new line of road, across lot 12, in the 9th con. Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Spreuhan, that the claim of Wm. Black, for sheep destroyed by dogs, amounting to $8 and $1.75 costs, be paid, and that the Reeve give his order for the same. Carried. Allan McIntyre was ordered to be paid the sum of $12.05 for lamps in the Town Hall. Moved by Mr. Nicoll, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that the claim of Edward Ramsay, for sheep killed by dogs, amounting to $21 and $1.75 costs, be paid; and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Spreuhan, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, that the Clerk be instructed to give notice that applications will be received at the next meeting of Council, for the following offices, viz.: Inspectors of Taverns, two Assessors, Collectors, and Town Hall keeper.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, that the Treasurer having laid before this Council the accounts of the *Mercury* and *Advertiser*, consider both very exorbitant in their charges in advertising the Auditors' statement, being more than double what it formerly was, and that the Treasurer be instructed to see the parties, and hereafter have the advertising done by contract.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Spreuhan, that the application of W. E. May be referred over until next meeting of Council, and that the Clerk examine the Minute-book, and see about his former application.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, that the Reeve, the mover, and seconder, be appointed a deputation on behalf of this Council, to confer with the President and Directors of the Agricultural Society of this Township, to make arrangements, if possible, for cancelling the lease given to that Society, of the Hall and grounds for a period of years, for the purpose of raising funds to fence the grounds; and that the Council will provide funds during the current year to liquidate the debt, if such an arrangement can be made, so that the Hall and grounds be free on a Show-day to the public.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Spreuhan, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, that the expenses of Poll Clerks and Constables for the Municipal elections of Puslinch, amounting to $6, be paid, and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. The Council then adjourned until Monday, the 22nd February.

R. T. JOHNSTON.

WIFE TRADING.—A late numer of the Effingham (Ill.) *Democrat* speaks of a couple of fellows in that country that have been swapping women. We have heard of instances before where husbands have traded wives, but this is the first instance that we ever noticed where a father traded a daughter to a husband for his wife. This gross barbarism was developed in the courts of that county last week. It appears, says the *Democrat*, that in or near Mason, a preacher named Deitz—heaven save the mark!—traded his daughter to his neighbor named Burns, for his wife, agreeing to give as boot between daughter and wife $5,000. In accordance with this trade the husband left the wife and took the daughter off to St. Louis, and the wife placed herself under the care of the trading preacher. After Burns had frolicked around St. Louis awhile with the daughter, he returned to Mason, and demanded his boot money, which the reverend old scoundrel refused to pay, and then Burns had him arrested for seducing his wife, and the trial developed the above facts.