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Business Cards.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw

DR. BROCK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE Directly opposite Chalmer's Church, QUEBEC STREET. d

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

CARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's ashery. dw

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

IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order at CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph. j15dw JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP. The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town. CHAS. FENNELL. Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

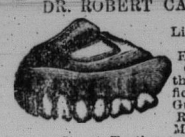
LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. *Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph.* A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON. | County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the store and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Erin, at present occupied by Mr Mackelcan, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the gravel road between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be carried on, and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MASSIE Guelph. Nov. 5th, 1872. daw

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO MURTON, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 dy

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL



Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot, & Morris, Dentists Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER. Wanted, at the undersigned's Rag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets, Hamilton, Ont., Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid, at the Rag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets. Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," No. 216 and 218 King Street West. Will receive from 1lb. to 10,000lbs. D. MURPHY. Hamilton Dec. 14, 1872 dy

HART & SPEIRS, *Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents,* 4 Day's Block, Guelph. In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Speirs, late of the Town of Guelph, and return sincere thanks for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, and respectfully solicits a continuance of the same to the new firm. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention. *Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c.* Neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England. HART & SPEIRS, M4y1-dw Day Block Guelph, Ont.

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED — As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. 10dtf

SERVANT WANTED—Wanted immediately, a Good Servant Girl. Protestant preferred. Apply at this office. j20-dtf

COTTAGE TO RENT — To rent, on Cork Street, near the Methodist Church, a Stone Cottage, with 5 rooms and yard. Apply to Allan Simpson. T-3d

SALESMAN WANTED — Wanted, a first-class Salesman. One accustomed to the Fancy Trade preferred. Apply personally to Geo. Jeffrey, Bradford House. Guelph, Jan. 20, 1873. dtf

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Passengers to and from all trains. Livery in connection. May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham-Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent Apply to Denis Coffee. Guelph, December 27th, 1872 dtf

NOTICE.—All parties indebted to the undersigned by Note or Book Account are respectfully requested to make settlement of the same before the 15th of February. Any remaining unsettled after that date will be handed into Court for collection. GEO. SLEEMAN. Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873 dwd

PARKERS HOTEL, —DIRECTLY— OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles. dw

TO CONTRACTORS. Tenders wil be received up to 2 p. m. on the 25th of January, 1873, for the Erection of a BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE, in School Section No. 8, Eramosa. Plans and Specifications can be seen by applying to the undersigned. The Trustees will not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender except it is satisfactory. DAVID SHULTIS, Sec. j13dwtd Rockwood P.O

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership heretofore existing between Adam Robertson, sr., and John Hogg, in the Malleable Iron Works, at Guelph, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due by the late firm, are requested to be presented for payment at once. The Malleable Works are now for sale, the Building and Plant is new, and in complete order. Signed, ADAM ROBERTSON, Sr. JOHN HOGG, Guelph, Jan. 16, 1873. j21d3

TAKE NOTICE. — The accounts of the late firm of WALKER & Co., of the Guelph "Advertiser," are placed in my hands for collection. All parties indebted to the same are requested to call and settle forthwith, and save costs. RICHARD AINLAY, Nelson Cresent.

AS the above notice has created some misunderstanding, I wish to add that the accounts due the late firm of Walker & Co. are for Job Printing and Advertising only, up to the 1st of July, 1872. All subscriptions due for the *Advertiser* are payable to me. JOS H. HACKING, Proprietor *Advertiser*. Guelph, Jan. 20, 1873. dw2w

HOTEL CARD. *The Right Man in the Right Place.* THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office. THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel). Proprietor. Guelph, Dec, 19th, 1872. dawly

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES!

KNOX CHURCH!

Will be held on

Sunday, the 26th day of Jan'y.

The Rev. Donald Fletcher, of Hamilton, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock, and at half past 6 o'clock p. m.

The Annual Soiree!

Will be held on the following Monday, January the 27th, on which occasion the Revs. D. Fletcher, Hamilton, J. McColl, Esq. A. D. McDonald, Elora, Rev. W. S. Griffin, of Toronto, and the Ministers of the Town will be present. Knox's Church Choir will also be present and sing appropriate pieces during the evening. Doors open at six o'clock, p.m. Tea served at from half-past six. Everything is being done to make the entertainment a success. 2tw-6td.

AUCTION SALE —OF— Homestead, in Guelph, ON Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873, AT TWO P.M., AT THE PREMISES.

Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford sts., Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (as in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. Stable for two horses, also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump. The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit Trees. These premises are in excellent condition, sufficient for a large family, and situated in the most pleasant part of the Town, within five minutes walk of all the Churches and Markets. Guelph being widely known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, an opportunity—rarely equalled—is now presented to persons desirous of securing a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a more agreeable investment than Bank Stock. Terms—Cash sufficient to pay cost, taxes and interest yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy. Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. Title good. Intending purchasers are referred to LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors. or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. N.B.—The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon. Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. d wd

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest style Parlour Tables. dw

RAILWAY TIME TABLE — Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November:

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p.m.‡.

*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. ‡To Berlin.

EAST

3:05 a.m; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.

Going South—6.50 a.m., 12.35 p.m 1.05 p.m for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.

Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

GUELPH ACADEMY. Re-opens Thursday, Jan. 6th, 1873. REFERENCES KINDLY PERMITTED To Mrs. Jas. Webster, Mrs. Dr. Clarke, Col. Hall, Capt. Gordon, N. Higinbotham, M.P., John Horsman, Esq., John Mickle, Esq., H. J. Vincent, Esq., Thomas W. Saunders, Esq., P.M., Hugh Walker, Esq. j2-d1m

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THURSDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 23, 1873

Town and County News.

MESSRS. E. O'DONNELL & Co. have a splendid lot of cheap groceries on hand, as may be seen by a few of the quotations in their advt. in another column. If you doubt, go and find out at their store.

OYSTERS.—Mr. James Parker has just fitted up a room in his Hotel, where oysters can be partaken of in all styles, and at all hours. His patrons and friends can now get a first-class bivalve at his Hotel whenever they feel so inclined.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The publishers have sent us the February number of this king of the monthlies. It is replete with the most instructive information, and its wood cut embellishments are decidedly superior. No one who can at all afford the money will be without "Harper."

YOUNG ENGLISHMAN. — The January number of this excellent family and household journal has been laid upon our table by Anderson. The ladies will be specially delighted with it. The literary contents are varied and instructive, while the fashion and needlework department continues to hold its high reputation.

Y. M. C. A. — The regular weekly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in their rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Thomas will give a reading, and as very important business will be brought forward, it is hoped a large attendance of the members will be present. The annual sale of the papers and periodicals for the present year will be made by auction in the rooms next Thursday, at half-past seven.

A "LITTLE" LAMB.—A farmer residing in Meaford, Ont., rejoicing in the unpretentious name of William Lamb, has become the happy "parient" of a baby whose age at the present time is thirteen months; at three months his weight was twenty-eight pounds; his present weight is upwards of sixty pounds, measures fifteen inches round the thick of the thigh and thirty-six inches round the chest. Eyes light blue, hair light brown, fair complexion, a pleasing and intelligent countenance, and never suffered from any sickness. What the dimensions of this baby will be at the age of twenty-one—should he so far escape the ills that flesh is heir to—is more than we can divine.

An Awful Death.

One of the most sickening sights it has been our lot to witness was presented to our view in a miserable hovel on Norfolk street, to-day. It appears that a man named Robert Wilson, aged about sixty years, and a cooper by trade, had been living in the hovel referred to, accompanied by a couple of women, whose characters were not above suspicion. One of these females, named Janet Leith, on Friday night last, had a quarrel with Wilson about the possession of a purse containing five shinplasters and 50c in silver. In the scuffle which ensued the woman struck the old man over the left temple, with a black bottle, breaking it to pieces and cutting deceased so badly that the skin hung down over the eye, completely closing it. A colored woman named Mrs. King went in to see Wilson on Saturday morning, and found him lying on his back with the two women not far from him asleep. She raised him up, and found that he had been bleeding freely. Mrs. King washed his face, and found several pieces of the broken glass in the cut. She removed them, and asked him who dealt the blow. Wilson pointed to the woman Janet Leith, and said that she struck him. Mrs. King said you will not get over the effects of this, and he remarked that Janet Leith, in that case, would have to answer for his death. Wilson died at twenty minutes past six p. m., on [illegible] The [illegible] inquired in the house till Tuesday morning, washed up the bed clothes, and carried them off with her. It is not known where she has gone to. We found considerable blood on the floor and walls of the hovel, this morning. Deceased lies on a miserable pallet of straw, covered with a sheep skin and a few old rags; the picture of misery.

No doubt immediate steps will be taken by the authorities for the holding of an inquest, when the full particulars of what now appears to be an aggravated case of homicide will come out.

Guelph Branch Tract Society.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the Upper Canada Tract Society was held in Knox's Church on Wednesday evening. The attendance was much smaller than the importance of the occasion demanded. Mr. Thomas McCrae occupied the Chair during the evening. Proceedings commenced by singing and prayer, and the reading of the 19th Psalm. After the Chairman had delivered an excellent address on the usefulness of tracts, the Secretary, Mr. McIntosh, read as follows the

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

which commences by acknowledging the goodness of God for past mercies, and its trust in Him for the future. The Committee divided the Town into small districts, and have twelve distributers, who faithfully do their duty. The death of Mrs. Arnold deprived the Society of a faithful distributer. Tracts have been supplied to the Young Mens' Christian Association, and some of the members are taking a deep interest in the work. The volunteers, previous to their departure for Windsor last year, also received tracts. During the year ending in May last, its circulation from the depository in London, and from various foreign Branches, was over forty-nine millions, in one hundred and nineteen languages and dialects; and its total distributions for 72 years up to March, 1871, has been nearly one thousand three hundred and eighty-four millions of copies of publications. Who can estimate the good done by such a vast agency? Eternity alone will disclose. When we think of these things may we be stirred up to greater earnestness and diligence in the great and good work we are engaged in, and may we have a better account to give of our work done, should we be spared by God to another annual meeting.

Mr. George Smith, Treasurer, read the financial report, showing the receipts to have been $199.90; expenses, $47.80; balance on hand, $156.60.

Rev. Mr. Torrance, in moving the following resolution, said that the report just read by the Secretary had been ably prepared, and none need feel ashamed of it. It showed the energy put forth by the Society in past years, and the determination, in the future, to do even more. The cause was a most important one, and the Tract Society, in his opinion, was only second to the British and Foreign Bible Society in the distribution of Divine truth. The tract contained good for all, and he was glad to bear testimony to the amount of good being done by this means. It gave him great pleasure to learn that the Guelph Branch intended to distribute 25,000 tracts during the present year, being an increase of 18,000 over some previous years. Mr. Torrance was of opinion that ministers might materially assist in the distribution of tracts when making their calls. The resolution reads as follows:

That the report now read be received and adopted, and that the following be the office-bearers of the Society for the current year:—President, Mr. Thomas McCrae; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. C. Mickle and D. Savage, and all the ministers of the town; Treasurer and Depositor, Mr. G. Smith; Secretary, D. McIntosh; Committee, Messrs. James Armstrong, G. W. Sandilands, Robert Thompson, James Massie, D. Kennedy, Charles Walker, J. C. McLagan, C. Raymond, William Heather, William Wilkie, James Schofield, C. Davidson, William Watson, D. Guthrie, Geo. Murton, T. Couch, J. Ryan, J. Tyndell, Dr. McGuire, Wm. Blundell and S. Hodgskin.

Distributors—Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. James Armstrong, Mrs. W. Cunningham, Mrs. Hiscock, Mrs. R. Thompson, Mrs. R. Rae, Mrs. Thomas Fort, Miss Mickle, Miss Goodeve, Miss Murray, Miss Clark, Miss Williams, and some of the members of the Young Mens' Christian Association.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Schofield.

Rev. Mr. Wardrope said that ministers were doing a good work when engaged in the distribution of tracts during their calls amongst members of the congregation, and agreed with the remarks made by the Rev. Mr. Torrance on this point. He had much pleasure in moving the following resolution, which commended itself to all:

This meeting, convinced of the beneficial results of the circulation of religious books and tracts, as one of the best means of counteracting the influence of the immoral and irreligious literature of the age, and as a proper instrumentality of implanting the seeds of Divine truth in the heart, resolves to prosecute with more energy the objects contemplated by the Society.

Rev. Mr. Eastman, agent of the Society, ably seconded the resolution in a lengthy speech, in which he reviewed the operations of the Tract Society since its commencement in 1799, four years before the British and Foreign Bible Society was instituted. He also stated that $630 had been expended in Toronto last year in religious literature, and an equal amount in Hamilton. Two missionaries are maintained on the Welland Canal for the benefit of the sailors, and the lumbermen of the Upper Ottawa and other districts of the north are not neglected. Mr. James Ryan made a few practical remarks on the importance of the free distribution of tracts, and moved that the thanks of the meeting be given to the lady distributors and to those who assisted in collecting the funds. The resolution was seconded by Dr. McGuire, and carried unanimously. The collection amounted to the sum of $4.50. The meeting was closed by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction.

A meeting of the Committee was held immediately after the close, and on motion of Dr. McGuire, seconded by Mr. D. Savage, $100 was handed over to Mr. Eastman, for the benefit of the society.

On Tuesday last a horse belonging to a citizen of Port Huron, when crossing the river with a sleigh, in charge of a boy, broke through the ice, and both horse and sleigh disappeared at once. The lad who was driving, however, managed to get up on the ice at the side of the hole, where it was sufficiently strong to bear him, and thus escaped a watery grave.

The latest accounts of the recent terrible snow storm in Minnesota show that probably three hundred persons, mostly heads of families, have perished in the drifts. Thousands of horses and horned cattle have also been frozen to death.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Execution of Three Communists.

Threatened Inundation.

Illness of Dr. Pusey.

Funeral of Lord Lytton.

Emigration to America.

Death of a Grand Duchess.

Conference at Chiselhurst.

Paris, Jan. 22.—Fenouilly, DeCamp and Benot, the condemned Communists, were shot early this morning on Satcry Plain. Fenouilly died without uttering a word; DeCamp's last words were, "I die assassinated; down with false witnesses, lawyers, and Thiers!" Benot died cheering the Republic, the Commune and the Army. Only one volley was fired, as all died instantaneously. There were but few spectators on the ground to witness the execution.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The Seine is again very high. It has risen a metre and 60 centimetres above the ordinary height, and another inundation is feared.

A despatch from Genoa says that the Rev. Edward Bouverie Pusey, the well-known English divine, is dangerously ill in that city. His friends have been telegraphed for, and are hasteinng to his bedside. Dr. Pusey is now in the seventy-third year of his age.

The remains of Lord Lytton will be buried at Knebworth Common.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—There is an extensive emigration movement to America in Russia. One hundred and twenty families have left Beresina alone.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—The Grand Duchess Helene Paulovna is dead. She was born on the 9th of January, 1870.

London, Jan. 22.—It is reported that a conference has been held at Chiselhurst, at which it was decided that the Empress Eugenie and Prince Jerome Bonaparte should be the political guardians of the Prince Imperial, and direct the movements of the party. The Prince Imperial will not be called Napoleon IV., but will be known as Count Pierrepont. He has adopted as his motto, "Strength, but not impatience."

New York, Jan. 22.—The Erie Company is about to bring a suit against the Boston, Hartford & Erie Railroad, and the trustee under the mortgage for default of eighteen months interest. Erie Company also claim that five million of bonds of B. H. & E., guaranteed by them are a preferred lien upon the B. H. & E. Road, and all its equipments taking precedence of all other bonds.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The committee of thirty have agreed to an amendment proposed by M. Decades, to the first article of the constitutional project reported by its sub-committee, whereby the President is allowed to address the Assembly only on the bills before it.

The Persian minister in this city authorizes a contradiction of the report that Persia has made secret treaty ceding territory to Russia.

Madrid, Jan. 22.—Senor Zorilla has recovered from his indisposition.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—Last evening an engine on the North Pennsylvania Rail Road, exploded at the corner of American and Norris streets. Adam Rodenhour was instantly killed, his son was wounded, and the engineer slightly scalded.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—The German court will go into mourning one week for Napoleon III.

Guelph Horticultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Horticultural Society was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, in the Queen's Hotel. In the absence of the President, Mr. James Goldie, the Vice-President, Mr. C. Sharpe, took the chair. The Auditors, Messrs. Stone and Allan, announced that they had audited the accounts, and found them correct. The Secretary read the annual report, as follows:—

The Directors of the Guelph Horticultural Society beg leave to present their annual report of the transactions of the Society for the past year. The Society still maintains its position, as to membership, and the interest taken by exhibitors in its welfare. A resolution was passed on the 8th of June appointing Wednesday, the 3rd of July, the day for holding the Spring Show. At the same time, a letter was received from the Secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association, stating that they had fixed upon Guelph as the place for holding their summer meeting, and wanting to know what time would be most convenient for us, and what subjects we would like discussed at said meeting. An answer was sent fixing the 4th of July—the day after our show—for that purpose, and also recommending the following for discussion: The best mode of preventing the ravages of the Codling Moth in the apple. What soil is best adapted for the cultivation of the pear, and the cause and remedy of the fire blight? The varietics of apples best adapted for general cultivation? The variety of plum best adapted for this section of the county, and the best mode of destroying the Curculio? Also the best variety of Strawberries for general cultivation and market? In accordance with the resolution adopted at the meeting in June, the Show was held on the 3rd July, and although rather behind our usual display at this season of the year, the exhibitors did all they could under the circumstances to make it attractive. The severe drought, coupled with the effects of the frost of the previous winter, which had weakened the strawberry vines so much that few gardens had any fruit to show, consequently this department was unusually small, only some fourteen samples being exhibited. Other small fruits were better represented, and some fine samples were on the tables, especially gooseberries of the larger varieties, which were very fine. Vegetables were pretty good, considering the disadvantages we all labored under, owing to the continued drought. The Fruit Growers' Association held their meeting on the following day, and also had an evening sitting. A good deal of interest was manifested by those who take a delight in fruit growing, to hear those subjects discussed, which had been recommended by this Society. The attendance was good, discussion spirited, and we believe a good deal of useful information can be gathered by attending meetings called for such purposes. The Fall Show was held on the 10th of September, and although the effects of the drought could easily be seen in the diminished number of entries, in some classes of vegetables, still on the whole there was a very creditable turnout, and the entries footed up to more than last year. The show of plants and flowers was very good, considering the fearfully dry season we had, indeed we were agreeably surprised to see such a display. Cut flowers and bouquets were far beyond our expectations, and must have cost the exhibitors great care and labor to have them in such perfection. In the plants, especial mention is made by the Judges of a collection of foliage plants, exhibited by Messrs. Gilchrist & Brothers, that were worthy of all praise. The show of fruit was excellent. Large numbers of apples, pears, plums, and some very fine grapes were also exhibited—both hothouse and open-air—but more special mention must be made of the open air varieties. In this class of fruit there was a decided increase in numbers, and the quality of the grape far surpassed any shown by our amateurs before. We feel confident that in a few years, by selecting such varieties as suit this locality—namely Delaware, Concord, Adirondac, &c., we shall have a much larger display of this delicious fruit. In plums there was a decided improvement from the last year or two; more varieties, finer fruit, and closer competition in all the classes. We were much pleased to see so good a share of vegetables, after such a trying season, for at one time no one could hardly expect to have anything fit to show; but about the end of September we were blessed with a few fine showers, which completely restored the root crop, hence our fine display at the exhibition.

As evidence of the success of this Show we may state that the sum of $176 was paid in premiums, a larger sum than was ever paid before at any of our Exhibitions.

The Judges after concluding their duties, made the following report:—The Judges appointed to award prizes at the Fall Exhibition desire to express their gratification with what must under all the circumstances be considered as a most successful Show. They particularly admire some remarkably well grown plants in pots. The collections of cut flowers, of fruit and vegatables are worthy of all praise, when the extremely unfavorable season is taken into account. A collection of foliage plants, comprising many fine rare and well grown varieties, and which was sent it is said merely to enhance the attraction of the Show, should not be overlooked, and the arrangements to facilitate the work of judging are all that can be desired.

(Signed) W. P. NEWMAN, SHERIFF DAVIDSON, SIMON ROY.

We now beg leave to lay the financial statement before the meeting, and in doing so regret to say we cannot show as satisfactory a one as we could wish. Unforseen circumstances have occurred which have reduced our receipts, and a larger expenditure than common has left us in debt, but we have no fears for the future success of the Society on that score, as we are fully convinced that with a thorough canvass of the Town for subscriptions, we shall be enabled to wipe off the small indebtedness, and hold our usual Spring and Fall Exhibitions with success.

1872. RECEIPTS.

Jan. 13,	Balance from last year	$21 25
July 3,	Receipts at door	25 85
Sept. 6.	Portion of Government Grant	123 50
" 10,	Receipts at door	35 65
	Subscriptions	149 00
	To balance	35 69
		$389 99

EXPENDITURE.

Jan. 13,	By cash Sec. Salary for 1871	$20 00
Mar. 13,	" Stamp	9 00
	" Premiums Sp. Show,	107 25
	" Judges	10 00
	" Band	20 00
	" Boulter's ac.	11 00
	" Premiums Fall Show	176 50
	" Printing ac.	20 00
	" Postage & stationery	4 24
	" Working expenses	12 00
		$389 99

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Melvin, That the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Melvin, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, That Mr. C. Sharpe be President for the current year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Balkwill, That Mr. James Anderson be Vice-President. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Melvin, seconded by Mr. Stone, That Mr. Murton be Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed Directors:—Messrs. F. J. Chadwick, R. Melvin, W. D. Sorby, Noah Sunley, George Balkwill, John Card, T. Pallister, James Goldie and A. A. Barker.

Delegates to the Provincial Association.—Messrs. A. A. Parker and G. Elliott.

Auditors.—Messrs. F. W. Stone and D. Allan.

Mr. Sharpe left the chair, and Mr. Elliott took the same, when the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Mr. Sharpe, for his efficient conduct in the chair.

Mr. Sharpe returned thanks.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Card, That the thanks of the Society are hereby due to Mr. Murton, for his able management of the affairs of the Society during the past year. Mr. Melvin supported the motion, and paid a very high tribute to Mr. Murton's ability in connection with the Association during years that are past.

Mr. Murton returned thanks for the compliment, and said that this was the first time since he had been Secretary of the Society that there had been a deficiency. The extra expenses, last year accounted for the fact. He had not the slightest fear that a thorough canvass of the town would result in the collection of a large amount of money, by which the affairs of the Society would again be placed on good footing.

Several members of the Society expressed themselves in favor of [illegible] up an entertainment for the benefit of the funds of the S[illegible] ing the [illegible]

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