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Superior Advantages Offered! THE attention of young men looking forward to mercantile life is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits.

One of the direct means of attaining and holding this high position has been the constant and wary selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1868, 1869, and 1870, the only occasions on which we competed. As this award undoubtedly places the College at the top of the wheel, we shall always strive to maintain that superiority in this, as in all other branches of study which are characteristic of the institution.

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board.

For penmanship, circulars, &c., address HUSGROVE & WRIGHT, Toronto, 6th Dec. 1867. dw Toronto.

H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE Opposite the Market Shed. CONSTANT ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran.

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour! Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes. Guelph, 28th August 1867. dw-tf

New Livery Stable. HORSES FOR HIRE. PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.

JOSEPH STRAHAN. Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. do-3m

CORDBOOD FOR SALE IN GUELPH. GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at BROWN'S WOOD YARD Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood yard. ALEX. BROWN. Guelph, 25th November, 1867. do-m

The Wizard Soap W. F. FOX & CO. HAVE commenced to manufacture the celebrated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is superior to any other.

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR. Does not injure the hands, takes less labor, and gives the clothes a better appearance.

JOHN HOWARD, Agent. W. F. FOX & CO., Woolwich-st. Guelph, 26th November, 1867. d

TROTTER & GRAHAM, DENTISTS! GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store REFERENCES.—Rev. Archibald Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herold, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattison, M. D.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton. Dr. Barnhart, Warren of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

W. K. GRAHAM. Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-1y)

SPEED LODGE No. 180, A. F. & A. M. AN Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, On FRIDAY EV'G, 20th DECEMBER at half-past seven. Brethren are particularly requested to attend. A. B. PETRIE, Secretary.

New Advertisements. SHOOTING MATCH!

A SHOOTING MATCH will be held at the Wellington Hotel Range, Rockwood.

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, for Turkeys, Geese, Pigeons, &c. For the Turkeys and Geese shooting will be done against target at a range of about 300 yards, and the Pigeons will be shot after being let go from a trap. Every arrangement has been made for procuring a day's good sport. Refreshments served on the ground free.

WM. McHARDY, Wellington Hotel, Rockwood, 21st Dec. 1867. dw

The Bound Vol. Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour, for 1867, NOW READY AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 20th December, 1867. dw

Santa Claus' HEADQUARTERS. IF YOU WANT TO BUY Christmas Presents, And New Year's Gifts,

that will be appreciated, you should call and see my Stock, which is the largest and most varied ever opened out in Guelph, including a large assortment of splendid

FRENCH GOODS DIRECT FROM PARIS. I don't intend advertising my CAKES and CONFECTIONERY, as from the rapid manner in which they are sold, they are very extensively known without it.

H. BERRY. Guelph, 20th December, 1867. dw

A Merry Christmas! PHOTOGRAPHS! HAS not time to write an advertisement for Christmas, and will only say that he returns his sincere thanks to his numerous friends for their liberal patronage during the past year.

W. MARSHALL. Guelph, 21st Dec. 1867. dw

Chancery Sale OF LAND. IN pursuance of an order made in a certain cause pending in the Court of Chancery, of MCALEER vs. YOUNG, dated the twentieth day of December, 1865, and of the order for resale dated the fifth day of September, 1867, will be sold, with the approval of Andrew Norton Buel, Esquire, the Master in Ordinary of the said Court,

On Tuesday, 14th Jan., 1868 at twelve o'clock noon, by Wakefield, Coate and Company, Auctioneers, at their Rooms on King Street, in the CITY OF TORONTO, the following valuable property, in one lot, Lot number twenty-seven, in the Tenth Concession of

The Township of Erin in the County of Wellington, containing by admeasurement Two Hundred Acres, be the same more or less, which One Hundred and Eighty Acres are cleared, part of which is well watered. There are upon the land three Log Houses and a new Log Barn, and an Orchard.

The purchaser shall, at the time of sale, pay down a deposit in the proportion of \$10 for every \$100 of the purchase money to the Vendor or his Solicitor, and shall pay the remainder of the purchase money within one month thereafter, with interest.

There is an existing lease of the said property for a term of seven years from the first of April, 1862, at a yearly rent of one hundred and sixty dollars, exceeding thereout one acre held by a monthly tenant. The property will be offered for sale at an upset price of Two Thousand Dollars.

Upon payment of the purchase money the purchaser will be entitled to a conveyance at his own expense, and to be let into possession or into receipt of the rents and profits.

The defendant Gauehrin has the conduct of the sale. The conditions of sale are in other respects the standing conditions of the Court of Chancery.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Thomas Hodgins, Esq., to Messrs. Blake, Kerr & Wells, Solicitors, Toronto, and Messrs. Lemon & Peterson, Solicitors, Guelph. Dated fourteenth December, 1867.

A. N. BUELL. Guelph, 21st December, 1867. w

MIDWIFERY. MRS MORRIS, Midwife. Residence, Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Holiday's Brewery, first house east of Mr. Mimmack's former residence. Guelph, 19th December, 1867. dlm

HAY IN TRUSSES Constantly on hand. Also Straw for beds TERMS CASH. JOHN WEST. Guelph, July 22. daw-tf

Private Boarding. EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable boarding can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to WM. DYSON'S, sr., Waterloo-st. Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867. d4w

AMERICAN WATCHES. Recommended by Railroad Engineers Railroad Conductors, Express men, and others requiring the use of an accurate, durable and reliable timepiece. See advertisement.

OUR NEW TALE.

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will be commenced in THE GUELPH EVENING MERCURY

TO-MORROW, Evening Mercury. OFFICE..... MACDONNELL STREET. FRIDAY EV'G, DECEMBER 20.

Local News. The Queen of England has many more Pagan and Mahomedan than Christian subjects.

The first load of "provisions" landed at Virginia City, Nevada, was 18 barrels of whiskey.

The Chinese beggars of San Francisco are to be re-shipped to their native country by the Sea-Yup Co.

The Pullman sleeping car line over the Great Western now runs through to the base of the Rocky Mountains.

For pure Coffee in Mocha, Java, Jamaica, Rio and Laguayra, ground fresh on receipt of orders, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

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Fearful Railway Accident.—Forty-five Persons Burned to Death.

BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—The New York express train from Cleveland, on the Lake Shore Road, due here at 12.45 p.m., being behind time, when two miles this side of Angola, either by faulty rail or frog, met with a serious accident about 3 p.m. The two rear passenger cars were thrown off the track, and rolled over an embankment of 20 feet. LATER.—The rear car went over an embankment of 50 feet, was set on fire by the stove, and out of 50 passengers only two escaped. The rest were burned to death, and all that is left is a mass of blackened and charred remains, without any means of ascertaining their names. The accident occurred at the Big Sister Bridge, about a quarter mile east of Angola. One train has arrived with the unhurt passengers and a few of the wounded. The balance of the wounded will be here about midnight. Every preparation is being made to care for their wants by the citizens of Buffalo. A large number of physicians of Buffalo left on the 4 o'clock special train, to assist the wounded. Among the killed the name of Mrs. Hubbard, of St. Catharines, is reported. 1 A. M.—As far as can now be ascertained, about forty-five were killed and thirty-five wounded.

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Parliament of Canada. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA Dec. 18. The Inland Revenue Bill was again taken up. The Minister of Finance stated that, on reconsideration, the Government decided to make a graduate scale of licenses to malsters, instead of the uniform one so strongly objected to the evening before. The scale was—1st class, \$200; 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$100. In consequence of this change, Messrs. Burton and Mackenzie withdrew the amendments which they had proposed. Mr. Rose's amendments were agreed to. Mr. Brehard moved to exempt from excise duty, Canadian twist tobacco—negotiated by 104 to 26. The bill was then passed.

The Bill respecting Public Works was read a third time and passed, and that relating to unlawful Drilling was read a second time. With reference to the latter, Messrs. Mackenzie and Anglin objected to the extraordinary powers given to magistrates, and to the admission or quasi admission that there was a large number of disloyal persons in the country.

The Premier replied that ignorant or over-zealous magistrates might, no doubt, abuse their powers, but that objection would lie against any law; the bill in providing against the machinations of disloyal persons amongst us, no more stigmatized our people as disloyal than the law against murder implied that we were a nation of murderers.

The Intercolonial Railway Bill, with Mr. Dorion's amendment requiring that the consent of Parliament be had for the route, gave rise to considerable discussion. Mr. Dorion spoke in support of his amendment.

Mr. McKenzie thought Government should have further surveys made before deciding as to the route.

Dr. Parker thought so too, and maintained that the House ought to have some control over the work. He spoke against the plan of working commissioners. Mr. Gray and Mr. Dunkin were decidedly in favor of the Government plan.

Mr. Holton spoke strongly in favor of Parliament having to say as to the route. An enormous sum was going to be spent. At the least, the work would cost thirty millions, and at most perhaps forty millions. The selection of route might make the difference. The securing of the Imperial guarantee for 15 millions would be of little practical benefit to this country, if through some blunder a route was chosen which necessitated an outlay of 10 or 15 millions more than some other route would have required.

Mr. Dorion's amendment was rejected by 83 to 35. The Bill was ordered to a third reading to-day.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19. Proceedings were at first conducted with closed doors, to consider (it was understood) whether, at the close of the sitting of Parliament, a prorogation should not take place, instead of a mere adjournment. The object of this move was, by making this an independent session, to secure for members the full seasonal allowance of \$600, instead of \$6 per diem. Those anxious to secure more pay failed in their effort, and the final rising of Parliament is to be only an adjournment.

On the motion for the third reading of the Intercolonial Railway Bill, a discussion took place, in which members gave their views freely as to the best route.

Mr. Tremblay moved to add a clause adopting Major Robinson's route, subject to the approval of the Imperial Government.

Mr. Dorion said the great majority of the House held that route to be best.

Mr. Langevin characterized the amendment as a motion of want of confidence. It was withdrawn, and the Bill was then read a third time.

The Bill respecting Banks was read a second time and passed through committee.

Mr. Holton objected to the first clause, because it would increase the power of the Bank of Montreal—which was not in the interest of the country.

Mr. Rose said the Bill merely enabled the banks of one Province to do business in their corporate capacity in another.

Mr. Godwin moved an amendment preventing the banks charging more than 7 per cent interest.

Messrs. Tilley and Dorion approved of the amendment; the Premier and Mr. Carter opposed it; and on a division it was rejected by 76 to 40.

The Premier intimated that, in his opinion, all the business that would have to be disposed of at this part of the session could be overtaken in time to allow members to leave by the one o'clock train on Saturday.

A Splendid Assortment of Electro-Plate Ware at HORSMAN'S—Very Cheap.

REDUCING DISCOUNTS.—The western banks reduced their discounts in November, as compared with October as follows:—Royal Canadian, \$72,000; Ontario, \$81,000; Toronto, \$55,000; total, \$508,000; and their circulation in a corresponding degree. The deposits in the Royal Canadian, during the month of November, were, however, increased \$59,000. The deposits of the Ontario Bank were decreased during the month by \$46,000. Those of the Toronto Bank were increased \$5,000 in November. The discounts during November amounted to \$59,728,000, and in October, \$55,569,000, showing the falling off of \$3,959,000. The discounts for the month of November, 1866, were \$45,599,573. The deposits for the same month, in 1866, were \$25,650,000, and the circulation, \$10,851,100.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

A Bold Thief. Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—An attempt to rob Duhome & Co., jewelers, was made last night, by a man who entered the store and, while selecting some diamonds, threw snuff into the eyes of the clerk and escaped with a tray containing ten thousand dollars worth of diamonds. He was captured, but 15 or 20 valuable diamonds were lost in the street.

Locomotive Exploded. Chicago, Dec. 19.—A locomotive exploded in Hyde Park depot this morning. Four persons injured, none seriously.

The Haytian Rebellion. New York, Dec. 20.—The Herald's Havana special says President Cabral is reported as marching against Hayti at the head of a Dominican army. It was also rumored that he had captured and shot Gen. Suez. Advice are received from Jamaica to the 12th, and from Hayti to the 7th. Report confirms the horrible murder of Gen. Montez in his dungeon at Cape Haytien. Although he had been kept without food four days, the poison that was administered to him proved ineffectual. Salvave finally ordered Delorme to smother him, but in this he was unsuccessful. Having failed in all other plans, he stabbed him in the skull with a chisel. This was done so roughly that Montez suffered the most excruciating tortures. Drink was supplied freely to the people, who kept shouting out that the President of the Caos was dead. Salvave has been successful thus far in putting down the revolutionists at the Cape. The brother of Gen. Montez had been captured and chained down in the bloody bed of the late murdered prisoner. The parents and friends of these men, who are Dominicans, are reported to have been driven to desperation by the fate of these men. Later advice from Mexico state that a band of dissidents had forcibly deposed Gen. Ciguela, governor of Yucatan. There reigned at the capital great excitement over the total withdrawal of the British Legation and Consuls, and the matter was freely commented on by the press. According to instructions, the British Consul is to leave British subjects under protection of Mexico. It was expected all European Legations would follow the example of Great Britain, and leave the United States sole occupant of the diplomatic field in Mexico. Rich mines had been discovered in the State of Vera Cruz, and also in Sonora.

Suicide and Burglary. New York, Dec. 20.—Francis Farrington, alias Hattie Howard, committed suicide last evening. A party of burglars entered the residence of Henry Rogers, in Williamsburg, on Wednesday night, and stole \$15,000 in bonds, stocks and treasury notes.

Murderer Sentenced. New York, Dec. 20th.—Crispin Cadena, a Cuban negro, who murdered his wife in Cuba last year, was yesterday sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The Missing Bridegroom. New York, Dec. 20th.—The Tribune's special says Col. Parker explains his absence from his own wedding, by saying he met one of his tribe of Indians, went to a room in a hotel, took a glass of wine with him, and fell asleep. When he awoke, the Indian was by his side, and said he had been very sick, and gave him some medicine a physician had left for him. He took the medicine and fell fast asleep again. When he awoke, the Indian was gone and it was too late for the wedding. It is supposed the Six Nation Indians, of which Col. Parker is chief, are opposed to his marrying a white girl.—Gen. Grant will investigate the matter.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, Dec. 19, noon.—The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone made a speech to the miners and operatives of Warrington in Chester County yesterday, in the course of which he reviewed the Fenian question. He did not hesitate to ascribe the existence of Fenianism to England's wretched mismanagement and misgovernment of Ireland.

London, Dec. 19.—The report of the revival of negotiations between Prussia and Denmark in regard to Schleswig is doubted, but it is now said that active negotiations will be resumed in January.

Florence, Dec. 19.—The Government has issued orders calling into active service additional military reserves.

London, Dec. 19.—It is reported that a paper has been found in Wolverhampton, which shows that Fenians in England had organized a plot to plunder all the armories of the Militia Forces in England. One of the persons who was injured at the recent explosion at Clerkenwell, died to-day. The explosion of nitro glycerine at Newcastle-on-Tyne, was more serious than first reported. The Sheriff and Town Surveyor who were badly injured have since died of their wounds. Eight persons, all told, lost their lives by the explosion. Mr. Campbell, the broker, who a recently failed and was arrested, on a charge of fraud, was acquitted to-day.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

The COAL OIL at MR. HORSMAN'S is decidedly the Purest and Best that has ever been sold in Town.—Only 15 Cents per Gallon.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—Mr. Marshall is still in the possession of first rate cameras and chemicals, nor has his old artistic skill departed. He is ever able and will ing to take a good picture, and those who require photographs (as who does not at Christmas time) may feel assured that they will get something worth their money from Mr. Marshall, and a bon mot into the bargain.

A superior lot of Axes at John Horsman's. For the best flavored, strongest, finest and cheapest Green, Black and Japan Teas in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

STILTON CHEESE.—Ingersoll Factory Cheese at John A. Wood's.