

### Business Cards.

**F. STURDY,**  
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter  
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.  
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS.  
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4 Gordon Street, Day's old block, Guelph.  
Plasterer's Hair constantly on hand for sale at the lowest price.  
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872.

**ROYAL HOTEL, LIVERY STABLE.**  
The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr. Geo. W. Jesson, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able to attend to the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.  
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

**O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,**  
IN THE  
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.  
Fitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phalan Tables.  
DOMINION SALOON.

**Fresh Oysters in every Style**  
The table supplied with all the delicacies of the season in a first-class manner.  
At the Bar will be found the choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.  
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. DENIS BUNYAN, do

**SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.**  
The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffey's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.  
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice. Order stables kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hever's Western Hotel.  
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.  
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street, Oct. 19, 1871. do JOHN SODEN.

**DUIGAN'S PUBLIC CAB.**  
The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service at the most reasonable rates.  
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.  
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.  
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, or at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.  
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGAN.

**HEATHERS**  
Stove and Plough Depot  
The subscriber would call the attention of the public to King's Patent Improvement in Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c., are so constructed that all smoke, smell and steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as the steam from a fire-plate. Ladies, give them a trial.  
Sole agent for Guelph.  
A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLOUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest price.  
W. M. HEATHER.  
Corner Woodwell-st. and Erasmus Road, Guelph, 22nd August, 1871. do

**RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES**  
Family Sewing Machine (single thread).  
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread).  
No. 1, Foot Power.  
No. 2, for heavy work.  
Furnished with clean cabinet, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

**CHARLES RAYMOND,**  
GUELPH, ONT. dtwly  
July 12, 1871

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,**  
Licentiate of Dental Surgery.  
Established 1864.  
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st.  
Residence opposite Mr. Bull's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. Refer to Messrs. Dr. Clarke, Thack, McGairie, Russell, McKeown, and Cowan, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Dr. Elliott & Meyers, Detroit, &c.

**W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,**  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  
Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts, Guelph.  
Lancing gas administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.  
References kindly permitted to Drs. Harold, Clarke, Thack, McGairie, Russell, Cowan, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Dr. Elliott & Meyers, Detroit, &c.

**ELECTRO AND CARRIAGE-PLATING SHOP.**  
The subscriber begs to inform the public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles plated from 15 cents and upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his

**New Machines and Repairing Shop**  
To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.  
JOHN KIRKHAM, dtf  
Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872

**THORP'S LIVERY STABLE**  
SETTLING IN OPERATION  
**CAT THE OLD STAND.**  
First-class horses and vices can be had at all hours by applying at the Stable, opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Station.  
JAMES A. THORP, dtf  
Guelph, April 10th, 1871.

### New Advertisements.

**HOUSE WANTED.**—On or near the Waterloo Road. Address stating particulars, to A. B., Box 53, Guelph P.O. (3-12)

**DOG FOUND.**—Came on the premises of the undersigned, Ontario Hotel, about 5 weeks ago, a Cocker Dog, with collar and name thereon. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take him away. 7-3853 THOS. MERRIHAN.

**BLACKSMITH WANTED IMMEDIATELY.**—Good wages and steady employment to a competent man. Apply to James Laing, Blacksmith, Morrison-st. dw

**TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.**  
The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JOHN CLARKE, Proprietor, Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dtw

**FARM FOR SALE.**—Being the north-west half of Lot 28, Con. C, Township of Minto, containing 50 acres, from 40 to 45 acres cleared. There are two never failing spring creeks crossing the farm. Situated on the gravel road, three miles from the flourishing village of Harrison. For terms, apply to Alex. McKeljohn, Harrison, or the subscriber on the premises. Feb. 5, 1872. dtw MAL. MILLOY.

**BAZAAR PRIZES ON EXHIBITION**  
AT  
**PETRIE'S DRUG STORE.**

**LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.**—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road, of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McKeown and Phillips, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. dtw

**PARKER'S HOTEL,**  
DIRECTLY  
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.  
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.  
THOS. PARKER, Proprietor, Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dtw

**JOBBERS**

**HABERDASHERY**  
—WILL FIND A—

**LARGE STOCK**  
—WITH—

**John Macdonald & Co.**  
TORONTO.

**TO THE TRADE.**

**VALENCIA RAISINS**  
Damaged by Fresh Water.

**1,000 HALF BOXES**  
Just Received, and for sale very cheap.

**Paterson & Co.**  
Guelph, Feb. 2, 1872. dtw

**NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS.**

**MISS ELLIS**  
Begg to inform the public that she has just received a fresh lot of

**MILLINERY GOODS**  
In all the latest styles, and respectfully solicits an early call.  
L. S. One door east of the Royal Hotel, Guelph, Oct. 3, 1871.

**UNDERTAKERS.**

**MITCHELL & TOVELL**  
(Sign of the Hoop.)  
Having on hand a Splendid Horse, Horses &c., kept by strict attention to business to merit 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 the Post Office, and next to D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street.  
JOHN MITCHELL, NATH. TOVELL, Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872. dtw

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### Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 7, 1872

### Railway Time Table

**Grand Trunk Railway**  
Trains leave Guelph as follows:  
4:22 a.m.; 9:50 a.m.; 6 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.;  
To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin, EAST  
9:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.  
The 1:55 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. trains are cancelled.  
**Great Western—Guelph Branch**  
Going South depart at 6:50 a.m., 1:05 p.m. and 4:55 p.m.; also by mixed train every Tuesday and Saturday at 1:40 p.m.  
Going North, depart at 11:45 a.m., 12:55 p.m., and 9:05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:05 p.m.  
Passes leave Harrison every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1:05 p.m. and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 11:45 a.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11:45 a.m. runs every day to Clifton, arriving there at 1:10 p.m. A mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:10 p.m., reaches Clifton at 3:02 p.m.

### Town and County News

**CALL.**—Yesterday the congregations of Doon and Hespeler gave a hearty and unanimous call to Mr. Peter Scott, Probationer, to be their minister.

**BALL AND SUPPER IN PUNTON.**—The Ball and Supper under the auspices of Engine Co. No. 2, Preston, takes place on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Geo. Boos's Hall.

**ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THIBES.**—A special despatch from Paris says that President Thiers was shot at on Monday night, but was not hurt. The assassin escaped.

We are informed that no narrow-gauge engine has been seen about Mount Forest since Friday last. One week without railway accommodation is not a very encouraging prospect. The real feeling of the people there about this railway, we are informed, is that it is not what it is cracked up to be.

**SABOTAGE ACCIDENT BY THE FALLING OF A TREE.**—We regret to learn that Duncan McPherson, a young man about 19 or 20 years old, met with a serious accident at Punton on Monday. He was chopping for Mr. John McParlane, when a tree which he had been cutting in falling struck him on the back and head, and also on one of the legs, the ankle of which was badly broken and crushed. His injuries are of a serious character. Dr. Orton was at once sent for, who did all he could to relieve his sufferings.

**CONCERT IN AMHERST.**—A charity concert will be given in Amherst on Thursday evening the 15th inst. The singers promised are Miss Fraser, Guelph; Miss Black, Dundas; Miss Leslie, Fushinch; Miss Johnston, Galt; Messrs. Taylor and Beaman, Guelph; and McCarlane and Black, Punton. Mr. G. A. Weir, Galt, will give a vocal solo, and Mr. J. B. Bodd will play at the piano. Tickets 25 cents. After the concert there will be a social dance. Tickets including lady and gentleman 50 cents. As the object is a most praiseworthy one, we hope there will be a good attendance.

**GREAT CLEARING SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES.**—We notice with regret in an advertisement in another column that Mr. F. Prest, an old and respected resident of Guelph, is about to give up business in boots and shoes, and is offering a great clearing sale of all his stock at actual cost prices. The public may be well assured that this is no clap-net, but a genuine clearing sale, at which the entire stock will be offered for what it cost, as it must be cleared out within thirty days. This is a chance for bargains which may not occur again for a long time. The stock is all fresh and new, and in good condition. The sale begins to-morrow.

**BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.**—We have received the first number of this journal, edited and published by our old friend Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, late of the Lindsay Post. The publication is an eight-page journal, printed on a double royal sheet, and has a very large amount of reading matter selected from the best of our religious departments. A considerable portion of the paper is devoted to original and contributed articles, which are well written, and deal with subjects of interest to the denomination. This journal fills a hitherto unoccupied field, and we know no man better fitted for publishing it than Mr. Robinson. We wish him and his new enterprise every success.

**CONCERT IN ERIS.**—A concert was held last Friday night in the Drill Shed, Eris Village, the proceeds of which are to be applied in the purchase of instruments for a brass band which is being got up in the village. There was a large attendance not only from the village and neighborhood, but from surrounding villages. The Nerval Band was present and played some pieces in a creditable manner. Miss Jennie Fraser delighted the audience with some of her favourite songs, which she gave with much taste and feeling. Miss Tyler by the way she played showed her talent in an accomplished pianist. The other singers were Messrs. F. O. Smith, Davy, Gordon, Taylor and Jordan, who acquitted themselves admirably. The concert was quite a success, which was due in great part to the excellent management of Mr. Milloy. After the concert there was a social dance.

**THE CANADIAN MONTHLY.**—We have received from the publishers the second number of this Magazine, which presents a very handsome appearance. Mr. Arthur Harvey has an article on the late Canadian census; Mr. Charles Lindsay writes on the recent North American Zollverein; "A By-stander" writes well and tersely on the recent struggle in the Parliament of Ontario; giving an admirable bird's-eye view of the contest, which ended in the defeat of the late Government; Mrs. Corson writes a sensible article on "Modern Dress"; we have a stirring episode of Canadian Life by Mrs. Meacham. Some of the poems are excellent; among the best is "An Address to an Indian Shave" by our old friend Mr. Meacham. The reviews of books and literary notes are well written, and display much critical skill and ability. Altogether the "Monthly" is a very creditable number. For sale at the bookstores.

### NEWS ITEMS.

The Reformers of West Elgin meet in Convention on the 13th of February to choose a candidate for the County.

The Muskoka fever has broken out in Burford, and a number of persons in that locality are determined to try their fortunes in the Free Grant District. They mean to get farms and grow up with the country.

FIBER.—The passenger and freight depot of the Quebec and Ontario Railway was burned on Tuesday morning. Loss about \$30,000. The storehouse of Blackburn & Co. at Sandpoint was burned on Tuesday, along with 8000 bushels of oats, Faunberg's Livery Stable, Belleville, was burned down on Tuesday morning. Loss \$2,000.

We learn that there is some possibility of Nitro Glycerine Works being established in the vicinity of Quebec, during the coming spring. The large demand for this compound necessitates its production in Canada. All that is used here at present is brought from the United States, principally from the Hoosac Tunnel Works at North Adams, Mass.

**SMALL-POX IN BRANT.**—This dread disease, of a most malignant and dangerous type, is making headway in Brant township, several persons having already died from it. The disease made its appearance about two or three weeks ago and is said to have been brought by a German emigrant who came by way of New York. The deaths have as yet been confined entirely to the German population. It now embraces a considerable range extending from the 2nd to the 9th concession in the Eastern part of the Township.

**BOOM ACROSS DETROIT RIVER.**—Detroit papers notice that the construction of the bridge talked of across the Detroit river at Belle Isle, was commenced on Saturday. Navigation has been so seriously impeded this season, on the river, that the Great Western and Michigan Central R.R. way is choked with freight trains, unable to get an outlet through delays in the ferrage. The boom, it is expected, will free the stream from the floating ice which prevents boats from Lakes Huron and St. Clair, and in great measure lessen the difficulties of ferrying.

**CARDWELL.**—The Conservatives of this County held a meeting at Mono Mills last week, when it was decided to hold a convention on the first Tuesday in March, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent the County of Cardwell in the Dominion House of Commons. Tom Ferguson, M. P., was called upon and addressed the meeting at some length. Mr. Fletcher, of Mono Mills, also spoke. Both gentlemen announced themselves as candidates for Cardwell, and a good deal of amusement was caused by Mr. Fletcher charging Mr. Ferguson with having pledged himself to retire in his (Mr. Fletcher's) favor.

**The Rent of the town Hall.**  
To the Editor of the Mercury.  
Sir, I beg to complain through your columns of the way in which I have been charged for the use of the town Hall by "Forster's" saw-mill. The rent is set down at \$6 a night. But I was charged \$8 for the Hall on Tuesday night, \$1 more for extra gas, which I did not use, and another \$1 for putting up the lack seats, which is called by courtesy a gallery. This I consider is very unfair. I know that some other saw-mills were only charged \$6 a night for all, and why should I be charged \$10 for no other reason than that I did not settle the price beforehand, but engaged it by telegraph. The town authorities should not make fish of the one and flesh of the other, but should treat all saw-mills alike, and not charge for extra jobs, such as putting up seats. When they pay for the Hall they expect to get it in good order, and should get it so. Trusting this will be remedied in future,  
I remain yours, &c.,  
C. GARDNER,  
Manager of Amy Lloyd's Troupe,  
Guelph, 7th February.

**Hon. Mr. McKellar's demolition of Lauder** is said to have been one of the best speeches of the session.

Two million gallons of water are wasted in Montreal, without counting what they mix with their whiskey.

Mr. Wicheor, of the Fisheries Department, in a letter to the Times, protests strongly against the injurious effect of Prime's game law.

The infidelity of Massachusetts have subscribed \$20,000 for the erection of a "Paine Memorial Hall," in Boston. Poor Tom! the embalming of his memory is the worst thing that could happen him.

The enterprising firm of A. Harris & Son, of Beauvais, are about to remove their manufacturing business to Brantford, where they are putting up a very extensive establishment.

The pretty sentimental billets of St. Valentine glorify the windows of stationers just now. The comic ones, some of them horrible creations, are also largely shown.

They have queer ways of doing things in Indiana. An Indianapolis newspaper says that a banquet in that city was opened with prayer by the Rev. Emily Hamilton, whiskey-gauger for the Sixteenth District.

We learn from Petrolia that some time ago Mr. Carmichael, of that place, put down a well which appeared to be worthless. Since then he plugged it, it was due to exhaust the water, and it is now pumping oil at the rate of two hundred barrels per day.

The great enterprise of a tunnel from near Dover to a point near Galois is about to be attempted by a corporation called the Channel Tunnel Company. The capital of the Company is \$80,000 which is privately subscribed, with the object of making a trial shaft and driving a driftway on the English side about half a mile below low-water mark, with the view of proving the practicability of tunneling under the Channel. The completion of this work will furnish data for calculating the cost of continuing the driftway from each shore to a junction in mid-Channel, and capital will then be subscribed for that purpose or for enlarging it to the size of an ordinary railway tunnel, as the engineers may deem most expedient.

The London Free Press in a fit of pure desperation has taken to "writing-up" Lauder's whiskers and John Sandfield's shirt collar.

### Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 6.  
Hon. Mr. Scott moved his resolutions recommending in certain cases the reduction in the price of School Lands, which we have already published.

He would postpone any observations on the subject until the House went into Committee on Thursday.

Mr. Blake said he had been desirous by His Excellency to recommend these resolutions to the consideration of the House.

Mr. Blake moved the third reading of the Bill to make further provision touching the appropriation of the railway fund.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

On the order for receiving the report of the committee on the Bill to further secure the Independence of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Blake moved that the report be not received, and that the Bill be referred back to a committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the 3rd clause by adding thereto the words, "But the Executive Council shall not at any time consist of more than six members."

Mr. Cameron moved in amendment, "That in case any member of the Legislative Assembly becomes a member of the Executive Council, his election shall be void and he seat vacated." The object of the amendment was this—that His Excellency might appoint more than six advisers, but the affairs of the country should be governed by five executive officers as before; and that any member of this House who become an Executive Councilor should vacate his seat.

After some discussion the house divided on Mr. Cameron's amendment, when the numbers were—Yeas, 5; nays, 63.

Yeas—Messrs. Calvin, Cameron, Carling, Macdonald, (Leeds) Monteith.

Mr. Cameron moved that the word "five" be substituted for the word "six" in Mr. Blake's amendment. Yeas, 15; nays, 53.

Yeas—Messrs. Boulter, Calvin, Cameron, Carling, Corby, Ferguson, Fitzsimmons, Grange, Lanier, McCallum, Macdonald, (Leeds), Merriek, Monteith, Rykert, Williams (Durham)—15.

Mr. Blake stated that the Treasurer had intended to make his financial statement to-night, but as there had been a delay in the printing, and it was desirable for members to have the estimates in their hands a few hours before the statement was made, he proposed, if it was agreeable to the House, to make the statement to-morrow evening instead.

Mr. Blake's amendment was then carried. Yeas, 48; nays, 20.

Mr. Hodgins withdrew the Bill to amend the law respecting the remuneration of attorneys-at-law, as the Government intended to deal with the whole question.

Mr. Hodgins also withdrew the Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts respecting County Courts, for the same reason.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) enquired of the Government whether it was their intention to bring down a measure during the present session, granting to the municipal councils of townships in which are Clergy Reserve Lands, a portion of the amount paid to the Government for such lands, in the same proportion and for the same purpose as in the distribution of the improvement fund in the case of Crown and soil lands.

Mr. Blake—it is not their intention to bring down such a measure.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) enquired of the Government whether it was their intention to introduce, during the present session, a measure having for its object the establishment in this Province of an asylum for incurables.

Mr. Blake—It is no intention of proposing such a measure this session, though the question is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) enquired of the Government whether they had had under consideration the advisability of the creation of new counties in certain sections of this Province, where the increase of population and distance from the county towns of the outlying townships in existing counties seem to render such a course desirable; and if so, whether they have determined to take early action in