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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)

**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, Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

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

**THORP'S HOTEL,** GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. May 14 dwtw JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

**WILLIAM J. PATTERSON,**  
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.  
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. (dw)

**D. BROOK,**  
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE  
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church,  
QUEBEC STREET. (dw)

**LEMON & PETERSON,**  
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, 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, WATT, & CUTTEN,  
Guelph, March 1, 1871. (dw)

**IRON CASTINGS**  
Of all kinds, made to order at  
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

**CROWE'S IRON WORKS,**  
Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
154w JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

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

**BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES BY THE MESSRS. HILBERT.** Terms: Board, instruction in English, Math, and French, and Fancy Needle work, \$20 per term of eleven weeks. Drawing, French and Latin, extra if required. The school will open on the 25th of August. The books used by the different classes can be rented by those not wishing to purchase them. Address: Corner of Smith and St. Elmo. (dw)

**O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,**  
IN THE  
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET  
Refrain in the latest fashion. Finest table style-Phelan Tables. (dw)

**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.  
Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872. G. O. MERTON. (dw)

**SEED GRAIN FOR SALE.**  
Farmers and others desiring to buy Seed Grain will find it to their advantage to call  
At Jas. Merlihan's  
Before purchasing, and examine his choice stock of Peas, Oats and Barley, which he will sell cheaply.  
He also pays the highest price for Produce, Wool, Hides and Skins.  
Remember the place. Day's old block, below the G. T. R. Crossing, next to Mr. A. Brill's warehouse, Gordon Street, Guelph. (dw)

**ROBERT CRAWFORD,**  
WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER, JEWELLER,  
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.  
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plate and Device Work, Clocks and Time Pieces repaired and made to order. Fine Jewellery in variety. (dw)

**JOHN SPIERS,**  
VETERINARY SURGEON,  
M. O. V. C. T.  
At the earnest solicitation of his numerous friends and patrons in Guelph, and surrounding vicinity, has been prevailed upon to continue his residence here, where, as usual, he will attend to all calls in the Veterinary art, with promptness and satisfaction.  
Office at Campbell's Union Hotel, Macdonnell street, Guelph. (dw)

**J. MARRIOTT,**  
VETERINARY SURGEON,  
M. O. V. C. T., R. P. V. M. A.  
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or at R. A. Kirk's, 17, Railway Street, or at Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.  
Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. (dw)

**PARKER'S 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 Gysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.  
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.  
Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873. (dw)

## New Advertisements.

**TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED**—As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. (dw)

**POCKET BOOK LOST.**—Lost, on Thursday, a dark brown large pocket book, containing a sum of money, about \$30, and several papers. The finder will be liberally rewarded for leaving it at this office. (dw)

**BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE** WANTED. Wanted immediately, a Journeyman Blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the Blacksmith business. Apply at once to Jas. Laing, Morrison St. (dw)

**INVOICE OR JUNIOR CLERK WANTED.**—Must be well educated, quiet, and a good writer. Apply, with references, stating age, salary required, &c., to box 143, Guelph. (dw)

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.**—For sale, the Wheeler, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Enquire at the Mercury Office. (dw)

**TO LET**—With immediate possession, the stone cellars, rooms, offices, and upper story in Brownlow's buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Horne, or William Day. (dw)

**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 Coffey. (dw)

**DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE.**—The subscriber offers for sale a Brick Dwelling House, containing seven rooms, with all necessary outbuildings, well supplied with heat and soft water. Apply to D. Kennedy, builder, Guelph. (dw)

**NOTICE.**—Notice is hereby given that six blank Promissory Notes, stolen from the Queen's Hotel, to which the name of W. A. Bookless is signed, are forbidden to be paid or otherwise negotiated by any person, as no value has been received for the same. GEORGE BOOKLESS, Guelph, Feb. 24, 1873. (dw)

**TENDERS WANTED.**  
Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to FRIDAY, the 28th inst., for Mason's and Bricklayers' Work, Carpenters and Joiners, Plasterers, Painters and Plumbers Work, for building an addition to a Brick Dwelling house, on Woolwich street, for E. Morris. (dw)

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing and carried on by Thomas Dobbie and John Pattison, as Builders and Quarrymen, under the firm of Dobbie & Pattison, at the Town of Guelph, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will from henceforth be carried on by Thomas Dobbie only, he being authorized to discharge all debts, and to receive all credits on account of the said partnership. (dw)

**THOMAS DOBBIE,**  
JOHN PATTISON,  
Witnesses: George W. Day, J. W. Day.  
Dated at Guelph, the 19th February, A. D. 1873. (dw)

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS.**  
INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.  
In the matter of John A. McMillan, an Insolvent.  
All parties indebted to the Insolvent Estate of John A. McMillan, either by note or book account are required to pay the same to the Assignee's agent, at the residence of the Insolvent in Guelph, within 30 days from date, otherwise their accounts will be put in suit for collection. (dw)

**WM. McLAREN,**  
Assignee.  
Guelph, Feb. 24th, 1873. (dw)

**RESIDENCE IN GUELPH FOR SALE.**—First-class Stone house, having eight rooms, also wash house, stable, shed, &c., about 1/2 acre of land, with water, with 1/2 acre of land, stocked with choice young fruit trees. Terms easy. Furniture can be had at a valuation. Also, a milk cow, and sufficient feed for winter. Apply to A. G. Thorburn, Guelph. (dw)

**AUCTION SALE**  
Farm Stock and Implements.  
The undersigned has instructed Mr. W. S. G. Knowles to sell by public auction, at his farm, adjoining the Victoria Bridge, York Road, in the Township of Guelph, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of MARCH, the following valuable live stock and farming implements, viz: 1 pair of good working mares, 1 young Chestnut mare in foal to C. Buckland's Imported Horse "Briton," 1 young cow in calf, 2 farrow cows, 1 fine Hereford heifer, 3 two year old steers, 1 yearling steer, 1 yearling heifer, 7 fine three year old ewes in lamb, 3 do lambs, 1 superior Classed pig, 1 pig, 1 horse power in capital order, 1 chaff-cutting machine, 1 horse power, 1 horse power, 1 Star seed drill, 1 horse rake, 1 scythe, 1 iron plough, 2 good wheelbarrows, 1 pair of iron harrows, 1 hand roller, 1 hand mill, 1 turnip cutter, 2 double sets harness, whippersnaps, neck yokes, chains, forks, shovels, 1 crowbar, 1 ox yoke, with various other articles. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, noon. No reserve, as the proprietor is giving up farming.  
Terms—Ten dollars and under, cash; over that amount nine months credit on approved endorsed notes.  
H. J. SANDERS,  
Feb. 22, 1873. (dw)

**HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.**  
W. S. G. Knowles will offer for sale by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 25th inst., at the residence of R. S. Brodie, Esq., Glasgow Street, Guelph, in rear of the Catholic Hill, a valuable assortment of Household Furniture, comprising: 2 chairs, Tables, (dresses, Sofas, Wardrobes, Bureaus, Cooking and Iron Stoves, Patent "Drum" and excellent carpeting or floor cloth, and various articles, all in good order.  
Sale at one o'clock. Terms cash.  
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.  
Guelph, Feb. 25, 1873. (dw)

**THE CANADIAN PATENT OFFICE RECORD AND MECHANICS' MAGAZINE.**—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Geo. E. Deslaurats, of Montreal, the prospectus of the above Magazine, which will be published monthly. The official portion will cover from 16 to 32 pages, comprising from 100 to 240 patent claims, specifications and diagrams. As the publication will commence with the patents issued under the new Act, which came into operation September 1st, 1872, the first four issues will contain 240 patents each, and each successive number will contain the patents issued during the preceding month. The unofficial portion, or Mechanics' Magazine, will give in each number thirty-two pages of carefully selected articles and items, gleaned from the very best technical papers. Every branch of engineering, mechanics and manufactures will be treated, especially such as have a practical application in Canada. The Magazine will be published at \$1.50 per annum. The first issue will appear on the 1st of March.

**PETTY LARCENY.**—An exchange says, with a good deal of truth, that there is a practice of the Post Office Department which we can characterize by no other name than that which heads this article. We refer to the mean swindle by which a party receiving an unpaid letter is charged nearly double postage and also where a letter is insufficiently prepaid, where the double rate is exacted, and no credit given for what is prepaid. This a person may send a letter on which he should pay two cents, as it is a trifle over accurate scales he may judge that fifteen cents is enough. The letter arrives at its destination, the Post Office Department gets the benefit of the fifteen cents prepaid, which it commutes, and charges the receiver of the letter thirty cents, thus clearing the difference between forty-five and eighteen cents. The just way would be to charge the three cents unpaid to the receiver, and there let the transaction end. The Government get all they are entitled to, viz., eighteen cents, fifteen in advance and three on delivery. This matter should be attended to next session, as no injustice, however small, should be allowed to continue.

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## 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—6:20 a.m., 12:35 p.m. 1:05 p.m. for Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.  
Going North—11:45 a.m. for Cliffland; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Cliffland; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 3:05 p.m. for Fergus.

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## Town and County News.

**CONCERT TO-NIGHT.**—The concert to be given this evening in the Town Hall, by the Venturi Horn Band, promises to be a very successful affair. Secure your seats early.

**EMIGRATION.**—Remember the meeting in the Council Chamber this (Tuesday) evening, at seven o'clock, for the encouragement of the emigration of farm laborers.

**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES** could not meet on Monday night, as the Council Chamber was occupied for other purposes. Some of the members who came, and were obliged to go home again, were not very well pleased.

**MADE AN ARRANGEMENT.**—We understand that John A. McMillan, who was arrested on Thursday last for concealing his assets, has effected an arrangement by which the estate will pay all claims in full with perhaps a handsome surplus over.

**"MAZZERA."**—The Hamilton Standard says this fine trotting horse which did a mile in 2 min. 29 seconds at the late Toronto races, was sold on Friday to Mr. Mitchell, of Guelph, brother-in-law of the owner, Mr. McElroy, of that town, for \$800. She was sold by a bailiff under a chattel mortgage now overdue, amounting to \$1,100.

**GRAND ORANGE LODGE.**—The following is a list of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year elected at the annual meeting held at Orangeville on Tuesday last:—D'Arcy Boulton, W.G.M.; Wm. Parkhill, 4th Deputy; James Bennet, 2nd do.; Rev. John Cary, G.C.; Thos. Ross, G.S.; Jas. H. Bessey, G.T.; John Orr, D.G.S.; James McClure, G.L.; Thos. R. Brownlee, G.D.C.

**THE ROARING GAME.**—On Monday a point game was played in the covered rink here, twenty-five members of the Club taking part in it, for a handsome album, the gift of Mr. John Anderson, bookseller, and other presents from Messrs. Roper and Anderson, of the woolen mill. Play commenced at one p.m. and closed at five. The ice was in good order, and some excellent playing was the result. The highest number of points, nine, was made by Mr. A. Congalton, who secured the album. Mr. R. Emslie, second prize, 7 points. Messrs. D. Kennedy, W. T. Hepburn, James and Thomas Dobbie were ties at six points. The first four issues will contain 240 patents each, and each successive number will contain the patents issued during the preceding month. The unofficial portion, or Mechanics' Magazine, will give in each number thirty-two pages of carefully selected articles and items, gleaned from the very best technical papers. Every branch of engineering, mechanics and manufactures will be treated, especially such as have a practical application in Canada. The Magazine will be published at \$1.50 per annum. The first issue will appear on the 1st of March.

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## Local and Other Items.

We regret to learn of the death of Mayor Archibald Douglas, for many years a resident of Ottawa, and one of the staff of the Ottawa Custom's House. Mayor Douglas' death occurred on the sixth inst., at Glasgow.

**TESTIMONIAL TO DR. PUNSHON.**—The Westlons of Nanapan, in conjunction with their brethren throughout Canada, are preparing a money testimonial to present to the Rev. Dr. Punshon at his final departure from the Canadian Conference.

**POOR FELLOW.**—The bones which were lately announced as having been brought from the Arctic regions by an American explorer are believed to be the remains of Lieut. Le Visconte, one of Franklin's officers. They are to be immediately interred in the mausoleum of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich.

**THOUSANDS OF ACRES** of land in Michigan are covered with a growth of sweet fern, which has hitherto been supposed to be worthless, but it has been found that for tanning purposes it is unequalled, and that it yields forty per cent of tannin, while hemlock yields but fourteen. It promises to be very valuable.

**PRICES OF POTTERY.**—Prices of china and earthenware of every description have advanced during the past twelve months. China is 15 to 25 per cent. higher at the potteries in England, and earthenware 20 to 45 per cent. This is caused by a simultaneous advance in every article used in the manufacture of these goods.

**THE ST. CATHARINES NEWS** says:—Mr. John McMillan, of Niagara, the Ontario Emigration Agent to the North of Ireland, has been writing to a friend here, and gives a glowing account of his success there, and says that he is sure to bring out several hundreds of his hard working countrymen in the spring, "to assist in building up our Dominion."

**A YOUNG LADY KILLED AT A FUNERAL.**—On Saturday, the 15th inst., Miss Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. John Smith, living a few miles from Morpeth, in the Township of Howard, met her death in the following manner: The unfortunate young lady was seated in a buggy forming part of the funeral procession of the late Mr. Adair, and the horse having been started by the sudden halting of the carriage proceeding, made a jump to one side, whereby she was thrown out upon the frozen ground. Miss Smith was taken up insensible, and the sad accident terminated fatally in about ten hours afterwards.

**DISASTROUS FIRE.**—About nine o'clock on Monday morning a fire broke out in the Dominion Hotel, Listowel, owned by Geo. Zellax, from a defective flue. The wind being high the fire speedily spread Mitchell's and Winter's groceries, which soon burned to the ground. The W. G. & B. Railway office was also burned, and much of their property destroyed. In a short time Hogan's and Harvey's stores were also consumed. The Montreal Telegraph office was saved with great difficulty, as was also Zink's general store. Water could hardly be obtained. The loss is about \$18,000, with very small insurance.

**A WOMAN NEARLY BURNED TO DEATH.**—On Friday afternoon, in Buffalo, as Mrs. McGowan, a wet nurse at Mrs. Wm. T. Fargo, jr's, was rekindling a fire, the fragment of a lighted paper fell unperceived upon the skirt of her dress and immediately set fire to her clothes. She rushed to the bath-room, where Mrs. Fargo's mother turned on both streams of water, and also tried to smother the flames with a blanket, but all to no avail. The flames soon enveloped her and were remorselessly eating their way into her lungs, shoulders and body. In her struggles she freed herself from the bath tub and fell lifeless upon the floor. The flames soon communicated to the room, and it was with great difficulty that Mrs. Fargo and the twin babies were removed and the fire extinguished.

**DIX GOATS.**—The Montreal Witness of the 21st inst., says that travellers continue to report pretty heavy stocks held in the country, but are receiving fair orders, not so heavy perhaps as usual in staples, but about equal to other seasons in style and fancy goods. Importations are now arriving freely, and in about two weeks stocks will be pretty complete. There is nothing now to note in prices.

**LINENS** are perhaps a shade easier than last year. Cotton goods without change, and woollens firm with respect of any lower prices in any line; collections are rather irregular, some houses reporting an improvement during the last two weeks, others the reverse. In Canadian woollens a fair trade has been done so far, but some think it will close earlier than usual. In fancy dry goods the fine weather has caused some enquiry, but nothing has been done yet. Travellers will start out during the coming week. In fancy goods business is quiet; much delay will be caused in this line by the steamer *Hedaway*, of the London line, having to put back to Plymouth, on account of the loss of her rudder, as she had a large cargo of fancy goods on board. She is not expected until about the middle of next month. In clothing, trade is very good, and few orders coming in for spring lines are quite up to the average.

**"CANADIAN FARMER."**—This periodical which has proved so valuable to the farming and gardening community, is to be hereafter published twice a month. The old staff of editors, with several additions have been re-engaged. It is to be illustrated with cuts, and will be a most interesting and valuable work.

**JOHN BRIGHT** took his seat in the Commons last night, for the first time since his illness.

## THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Return of the Austrian Ambassador.

Opposition to the Ministerial Education Bill.

The Strike in South Wales.

Death of Rev. Thos. Guthrie.

Industrial Home Burned.

Loss of the Steamship Glasgow.

Prince Alphonso for the Throne of Spain.

Reconciliation of two "Old" Families.

The Ballot Bill.

Ontario Legislature.

Attorney-General Mowat introduced a Bill to amend the Act respecting the registration of co-partnership and other business firms.

A number of private bills were advanced a stage.

Mr. Cameron moved for a copy of the Order in Council passed on the 24th day of June, 1872, authorizing the sale of timber on the North Shore of Lake Superior at fifty cents per acre.

Mr. Rykert moved for a return showing—

1. The names of all townships in which reductions have been made, in either the principal or interest due on Crown, Clergy, or Grammar School lands since February 15, 1871.

2. The date of such reductions.

3. The names of all persons to whom the reductions have been made.

4. The price originally agreed to be paid upon each lot.

5. The amount of reduction for principal interest respectively.

6. The price at which the several lots were valued by the Government Inspector.

7. Copies of all Orders in Council respecting said reductions.

Hon. Mr. Scott said that his hon. member's motion was in substance the amount of work which his motion involved. It would involve the employment of ten or twelve clerks, or all the business in the Department would have to be stopped for some ten weeks. He pointed in detail the reasons for this statement.

Quite a discussion took place, after which Mr. Rykert's motion was lost only 10 voting for, and 44 against it.

The debate on Mr. Macdonald's resolution in reference to the Law and Usage of Parliament was resumed, after which the Attorney-General moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. Cameron complained that the measures relating to the disposal of the surplus fund and the Municipality Loan Fund debt, the Agricultural College, the establishment of Normal Schools, had not yet been brought down, though promised some time ago. He complained of the delay on the part of the Government, and was afraid the session would pass without the settlement of these questions.

Attorney-General Mowat blamed the Opposition for taking up so much time in useless discussions. He assured the House that these questions would be settled this session.

Sir Francis Hincks' resignation has been accepted. Mr. Tilley will be sworn in as Finance Minister in his stead. Dr. Tupper will succeed to the office of Minister of Customs.

The public dinner by the citizens of Montreal to Sir Hugh Allan, on the occasion of his departure for England in the interests of the Canada Pacific and Montreal Northern Colonization Railway, took place Monday night in the St. Lawrence Hall.

## Prince Edward Island.

Hon. Messrs. Haythorn and Laird had an audience with His Excellency the Governor-General, at Ottawa, on Monday, in reference to the Island of Prince Edward being admitted into the Union. In a few days some further light may be thrown on the question. The issue is purely one of material business arrangement: the question upon which the negotiations were before broken off will be the leading one now to be discussed. The land tenure of the Island is in an unsatisfactory state, the whole of the lands being held in large blocks by non-residents, who, through their impracticable policy, make the condition of the holders, and their relation to the country, in effect not unlike the state of things created by the seigniorial tenure of Lower Canada. About \$800,000, it is estimated, will be required to extinguish this objectionable tenure, after legislation to compel the proprietors to come to reasonable terms has been passed. The other point upon which an understanding must be arrived at is furnished by the public works of the Island being wholly isolated from the Dominion. They contend that they can have no direct benefit from the extensive public works of the Dominion, to which, as a member of the Confederacy, they will be called upon to contribute. As a set off to their liability for the public works of the Dominion, they will propose that the latter should assume their public works, of which a railway now being constructed is the principal item. The total debt which they will propose the Dominion should assume will be about \$3,000,000. They do not object that it should be understood, while they are not suing to be admitted into the Confederacy, and while they have no idea of sacrificing any interests of theirs for the mere sentiment of union, that they are anxious to unite with the Dominion upon equitable terms.

The meeting of the Conservative leaders, which was announced to take place on Saturday last, for a lengthy sitting, came to a unanimous determination to oppose the Ministerial Education Bill. The course to be pursued in carrying on the Opposition to the Government was not definitely decided on.

The strike of the South Wales miners will probably be brought to an end by a compromise to-day. It is thought that 60,000 of the strikers will return to the mines to-morrow.

Rev. Thos. Guthrie, the English author, is dead.

Washington, Feb. 24.—In the House to-day the Speaker laid before the House a message from the President, reminding Congress of that portion of his annual message which recommended legislation to bring into operation articles of the Treaty of Washington of May 8th, 1871, relating to the fisheries and other matters touching the relation of the United States with the British North American possessions, and calling attention urgently to the importance of that legislation.

Columbus, Feb. 24.—The Industrial Home for girls, at White Sulphur Springs, Delaware County, was burned yesterday. Much of the furniture destroyed. Loss not stated.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—Despatches from Bayou, Louisiana, reports the sinking of the steamer *Glasgow*, and says she will be a total loss. Cargo valued at \$75,000.

New York, Feb. 24.—A special from London says an agreement has been made between the Duke de Montpensier, and the adherents of ex-Queen Isabella, to place Prince Alphonso upon the throne of Spain. The Duke to be regent during the Ministry of Prince Alphonso, and the latter to marry the youngest daughter of the Duke. Isabella accepts the programme, and two important parties therefore, will act together in the present crisis.

We copy the following editorial remarks from the *Ontario Workman* of the 20th inst., together with a letter from Mr. Clarke, member for Centre Wellington:—

"We have very much pleasure in publishing the communication from Mr. Clarke, M. P. P. We certainly did not wish to attach any unworthy motives to Mr. Clarke in his withdrawing the Ballot Bill. What we considered objectionable was, that when the principle of the measure was so unmistakably approved, the time for its adoption was considered inconvenient. Workingmen believe in the saying 'strike the iron when it's hot.' They believe also in the Ballot, and consider the time ripe for its adoption in Canada. However, if the delay for a session will result in a more comprehensive measure, they will be quite willing to wait; all that is desired is that the measure should not be lost sight of altogether."

(To the Editor of the *Ontario Workman*.)

Sir.—In the issue of your useful periodical dated yesterday, I observe a brief notice of the second reading of the Ballot Bill introduced by me in the Ontario Assembly, and withdrawn after a short expression of opinion in its favour. I cannot help thinking you have unintentionally done me injustice by conveying to your readers the idea that from improper motive, I abandoned the measure for this Session. Permit me to assure you that after advocating the adoption of the Ballot, when every opportunity offered, during the last quarter of a century, I did not prepare the measure merely for the purpose of casting it aside when its success seemed certain. The discussion which preceded the second reading not only elicited the views of the representatives of nearly every section of Ontario, but pledged the Government to the introduction of the measure, through the reform of our electoral machinery, with the use of the ballot instead of the open vote; and solely because I felt sure that the Attorney-General would bring a more comprehensive measure next Session, extending the ballot to Municipal as well as Parliamentary elections, did I consent to waive the prosecution of my bill this year. Legislation in 1871 will be in ample time for the next general election, which will take place in 1875; and I believe that the cause of secret voting has gained rather than lost by a delay, which cannot, under the circumstances, be productive of injury.

Hoping that you will find room for this brief explanation in your next issue, I have the honour to be,  
Your obedient servant,  
CHARLES CLARKE,  
Toronto, Feb. 14th 1873.