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PRICE ONE PENNY

**ALBION HOTEL,**  
St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.  
MR. DECKER would say that having been in the management of the ALBION HOTEL, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 15 years.  
30th March, 1868. L. W. DECKER.

**HALIFAX HOTEL,**  
HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.  
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.  
HENRY HESSLEIN, Proprietor  
Halifax, 12th August. dwim

**DOMINION HOTEL,**  
GUELPH.  
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST., a few doors above Higginbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharp's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best off-icers and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates.  
Guelph, July 18th. dwiy

**AMERICAN HOUSE,**  
BOSTON, MASS.  
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached to each of the magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, convey guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entire house thoroughly re-furnished and carpeted, and the billiard room re-placed and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Room and Cafe on the first floor.  
Aug 15 do 6m LEWIS RICE & SON, Prop'rs

**CANADA HOUSE,**  
CALEDONIA SPRINGS,  
Near L'Orignal, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario.—By A. M. F. GIANELLI.  
THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodations of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every necessary demanded by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly finished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Water Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of all, without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for in-door amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Billiard Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other requirements. The Saloon, White Surrybar, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.  
Charges uniformly moderate.  
For further information, please address  
A. M. F. GIANELLI, Proprietor, Montreal  
Montreal, 30th April. dwim

**SPECIAL ATTENTION.**  
The Highest Market Price paid for  
Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Catskins, and  
Wool Pickings,  
At No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street,  
Guelph, July 28. dw  
C. M. OLTON.

**BILLIARD HALL!**  
Adjoining Couslon's Hotel,  
GUELPH, ONT.  
Four New Belgian Standard American Tables.  
W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor.  
Guelph, June 24. dw

**How to Cool Off.**  
Gentlemen, come to the  
**DOMINION SALOON**  
If you like a FANCY DRINK of any kind, got up in first-class style.  
Pilgrims' celebrated Plain Soda and Ginger Ale received daily from Hamilton.  
DENIS BUNYAN,  
Guelph July 18, 1867. dwiy

**FOR SALE.**  
SODA ASH—Gambles'.  
CAUSTIC SODA—Gambles'. 'Wildnes',  
'Alkali Comp'y', 'Garrett's'.  
SAL. SODA.  
CHLORIDE OF LIME.  
PALM OIL.  
W. T. BENSON,  
37 St. Peter Street, Montreal  
Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-6m

**CASTLE GARDEN SALOON**  
MARKET SQUARE,  
GUELPH, ONT.  
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.  
**THE BAR**  
will be supplied with the best  
Wines, Liquors & Cigars  
And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.  
**LUNCHEON!**  
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.  
**OYSTERS AND GAME,**  
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.  
JOHN MILLER,  
Proprietor.  
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitty  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.  
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do tf

**Dissolution of Co-Partnership.**  
THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as Brewers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All claims owing by the late firm, will be settled by Mr. Geo. Sleeman, and all notes and accounts due the firm must be paid to him.  
Witness: } JOHN SLEEMAN,  
A. M. JACKSON, } GEORGE SLEEMAN,  
Silver Creek Brewery,  
Guelph, August 12, 1868. daw 1m

**NOTICE.**  
MR. FRANCIS SMALL is no longer connected with the firm of Messrs. Gowdy & Stewart as their Agent in the lumbering business. All accounts due the said firm must be paid to themselves personally, as no other person is authorized after this date to receive money or grant receipts.  
GOWDY & STEWART  
Guelph, 11th August, 1868. dwif

**GOOD**  
**Pure CIDER VINEGAR**  
25 cents per gallon.  
**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

**NEW AND OLD**  
**FACTORY AND DAIRY CHEESE,**  
Wholesale and Retail,  
**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

**Good Young Hyson Tea, 50c**  
**Good Congou Tea, - - 50c**  
**At John A. Wood's.**

**Fresh ROASTED JAVA COFFEE**  
**At JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

**MEDICAL HALL!**  
Wyndham Street,  
Ontario, Guelph,  
**E. HARVEY & CO.**

**DYE STUFFS!**  
THE Subscribers desire to draw attention to the largest and best assorted stock of Dye Stuffs ever imported into the Town of Guelph, including—  
Logwood, Chip & Ext. Brazil Wood,  
Camwood, Nic Wood,  
Peach Wood, Hypenic Wood.  
Madder & Madder Compound  
Indigo and Indigo Compound,  
Flavine, Tin Crystals,  
Red Sanders Wood,  
Cochineal, Quercetion,  
Alum, Copperas,  
Blue Vitriol, &c. &c  
Also, all the ANALINE DYES, by the ounce or quantity.  
**E. HARVEY & CO.,**  
Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell-Sts. Guelph.  
Guelph, August 17. daw tf

**Special Notice**  
TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.  
**E. CARROLL & CO.**  
BEG to notify that they are now receiving a large lot of NEW CHOP  
**TEAS**  
which they intend to sell cheaper than any house in Guelph. Examine OUR PRICES and judge for yourselves.  
Young Hyson per lb. 75c. worth \$1 00  
Old Hyson " 50 " 0 75  
Gunpowder " 87 " 1 00  
Japan " 62 " 0 75  
Congou " 50 " 0 62  
Souchong " 62 " 0 75  
And all other Goods equally low at  
**No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK.**  
Guelph, August 12. daw tf

**FRIEND,**  
WHERE can I get good, sound first-class  
**Bacon,**  
**Hams and**  
**Shoulders?**  
**AT WILKINSON'S**  
He has the best in town. The most, cheapest and best assortment of  
**BRIAR ROOT AND**  
**FANCY PIPES**  
IS AT  
**GEO. WILKINSON.**  
Guelph, August 3. daw tf

**Evening Mercury.**  
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET  
FRIDAY EV'NG, AUGUST 28, 1868.

**Local News.**  
Toronto post office employs 34 people.  
A \$2,000 fire occurred in Chatham on Tuesday night. No insurance.  
The discount movement ceased at Belleville on Thursday night.  
Drayton is firm on the silver discount movement.  
The total school expenses of St. Mary's for the year will amount to \$4,900.  
Mr. Minor, Principal of the Fergus Grammar School, has tendered his resignation. He proposes studying medicine.

**DISGRACEFUL.**—The last number of the *Herald* contains no less than seven articles directed at the *Beacon*, the longest of which contains two hundred and thirty lines! Really the *Herald's* readers must have a queer taste for literature.  
John Cotton, of Westminster, who, we mentioned some time ago, was shot at a house of ill repute in Westminster, will be completely blind from his injuries. He is only 27 years of age, and may live long denied the enjoyment of the light of nature.

**LACROSSE MATCH.**—It may not be out of place to remind our readers of the lacrosse match which will take place between the Indians and the Guelph Club on Monday, beginning at half past two o'clock. The Battalion Band will be on the ground. The match has excited the interest of the Elora players, as one of the papers published there says that a number of them intend being present.

**BRUTAL ATTACK.**—Mr. Kastner, of Downie, was the subject of a brutal attack on Monday last. He lent a horse to a poor widow in Ellice, who disposed of it to a resident at Baden. Hearing of its whereabouts, he went with constable T. McCarthy to recover it, and was knocked down and beaten savagely with stones. The assailant was brought before the magistrates in Berlin, and committed for trial. Mr. Kastner returned with a badly bruised head, and without his horse.

**GUELPH AND ELMIRA ROAD.**—Mr. Lake has given up his contract for the finishing of six sections of this road, between the Guelph and Pilkington town-line and Elmira. More or less work has been done on the entire length of road mentioned in the contract, but none of it is yet in a completed state. The directors have given the contract of finishing a certain part of what Mr. Lake left undone and it is expected that an agreement or agreement for the completion of the whole will be consummated in a few few days.

**THE NOTMAN CASE.**—The *Daily News* understands that Notman's counsel intend obtaining the signatures of the leading members of the legal profession to a petition setting forth the facts already produced before the law officers of the Province, namely, that the jury after they had heard the judges charge were furnished with a copy of the *Herald*, containing the evidence in an imperfect form; and an opinion that there was a failure of justice. A petition of this nature will bring the entire subject before Sir J. A. Macdonald, as Minister of Justice. He has no power to order a new trial of his own mere motion; but he can, if he sees fit, advise the pardon of the prisoner.

**CRICKET.**—The return match between the Guelph and Dundas Cricket clubs took place on the grounds of the former club in this town, yesterday, resulting in the defeat of the Dundas club with two wickets to go down. Capt. Hogge, Mr. T. Grange and Mr. Winks, of Dundas, acted as umpires, and their decisions gave general satisfaction. At the conclusion of the game, the clubs adjourned to Mr. Miller's Saloon, where a good time was enjoyed, Mr. T. C. Chadwick in the chair. Mr. A. Sharpe, Secretary, acting as vice-chairman. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts, as well as the healths of the Dundas, Hamilton and Guelph clubs, were proposed and duly responded to. Songs and speeches, interspersed with racy anecdotes, followed each other in quick succession during the evening.

**SILVER IN STRATFORD.**—The merchants of Stratford held a meeting on Thursday for the exchange of congratulations on the success which attends the collection of discount in that town. At the meeting an extract of some interest was read from a private letter received by a Stratford merchant from a merchant in Hamilton. It was as follows: "The silver question worked first-rate here (Hamilton), but the grocers would not come into the movement; so the firm of Lawson Brothers (dry goods) would not stick to it, and the movement had to fall through. Previous to this we got nearly all bills; now we cannot get a bill without paying the discount on it; and what is worse still, nearly all the money we see now is in small silver, and the brokers are sticking the dry goods men most unmercifully, charging them 7 per cent and 8 per cent discount for bills, so that already the parties who were the most anxious to break through are now the most sorry for what they have done."

**THE SCHOOL QUESTION.**  
To the Editor of the Mercury.  
SIR,—In a discussion on school matters a few words from one of the teachers cannot be out of place. I have been much astonished to see the word "expensive" applied to the school management in Guelph. Since I have known anything about it, I have thought the trustees were most rigid economists, sometimes even forgetting the excellent adage, "Penny wise and pound foolish." A School Board ought to be composed of the representatives of the children, and the representatives of those property-holders who have no children; since the majority of our trustees represent the latter class, we have the greatest security for having the system inexpensive. A few more gentlemen with children in the schools would, I think, increase the efficiency of the Board. If the system is expensive I am sure it is not rendered so by the salaries paid to the teachers. During the last year each child in the North and South Ward schools cost for teaching two and three quarters cents a day. In the West Ward three cents. In the East Ward Senior Primary and Senior Girls' school, five cents. To meet this we have money from the pupils, from the Government, and from the Town. If to the quarter dollars paid monthly by the pupils, be added payment from the free scholars, and the grant from the Government, it will be found that the teachers in the North and South Wards cost the Town nothing, and that all the expense for teaching in those institutions is the small salary of \$150 paid to the assistants. As similar remarks are applicable to the other schools, how can they be termed "expensive"? Something has been said on improvement in the grading of pupils; this can easily be effected. The present programme of gradation was issued in 1856. Since that time new books and new methods of instruction have been introduced; and all that is required is that the programme be altered to meet this new state of things. If very young children be excluded from those primary schools that have no assistants, which have assistants, it will be an improvement easily effected. During the last eighteen months improvements have been made in the school-houses of the North and South Wards, so that all the buildings with the exception of the East Ward school house are no discredit to a Town of the size of Guelph. But the East Ward school with its approaches, or rather its ward approach, is really too bad. It would discourage the bravest teacher. Would it not be better to do away with that school altogether, and tell the people of the East Ward that you are going to do something wonderful some day, and in the meantime they must do without a school rather than put up with such a miserable apology.

**THE CATTLE DISEASE.**  
The Commission appointed by the Board of Agriculture to visit the Western States, and report upon the cattle disease, have returned. So soon as they are able to prepare their report, which will contain a good deal of information on the subject, a meeting of the Board will be called. This cannot, however, take place before a week or two. In the meantime we have obtained from Mr. Smith, Veterinary Surgeon, who was one of the commission, a general statement as to the result of this visit. He informs us that very effective measures have been taken to "stamp out" the disease in Chicago, and that the good effects can be seen in the constantly decreasing number of diseased cattle in the yards of that city. On the other hand, the disease is spreading in Champeagne county and other parts of the Western and South-western Illinois. The transport of cattle from Texas and other Southern points is, however, being stopped as largely as possible. Mr. Smith's observations go to show that the native cattle which have taken the disease are those which have passed over the trail of the Texas cattle, as we have stated some days since; but whilst the belief is pretty general that native cattle do not impart the disease to each other he does not regard the evidence as efficiently strong just now to place this beyond dispute.

The commission did not stop at Paris, where it was stated, the "Texan fever" had broken out. We have seen nothing whatever to change the opinion expressed in these columns some days since, but on the contrary much to confirm it, that the disease has not extended to Ontario.—**Leader.**  
The population of Galt is steadily increasing. In 1845 it numbered 1,000 inhabitants; in 1851 it had increased to 1,730; ten years afterwards it was 3,074; and it is now nearly, if not quite, four thousand.  
On Monday last a reward of \$50 was offered for the apprehension of the parties who abstracted the organ from the Presbyterian Church in St. Mary's, and on Tuesday morning it was found at the church door. Another instrument of the same kind had taken its place in the interim.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—The *Stratford Beacon* gives the particulars of an accident by which Mr. John Weir, of Mornington, lost his life, on Tuesday last. He and his wife started in the evening for Ayr, having with them in the wagon the horse power of a thrashing machine. One of the horses was a young animal, and when making a sharp turn in the road, the horses shied off towards the fence, upsetting the wagon—one of the wheels of which was smashed by the violence of the concussion—and throwing the horse power out with great force upon Mr. Weir. Mrs. Weir escaped with a few bruises, and hastened as quickly as her frightened nerves would permit, to the nearest dwelling, about 30 rods distant, for assistance. The horse power was then removed from off the unfortunate man, but alas! the vital spark had fled.

**THE RAILWAY DEPUTATION.**—The railway deputation in the interest of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, passed through Guelph to-day, (Saturday) at noon en route for Normanby, where they will hold meetings during next week. The deputation consists of Messrs. Clark (Mayor of Hamilton), Miles O'Reilly, J. C.; Bowman, Thos. White, jr., of the *Spectator*, and Dr. McKelcan all of Hamilton. Mr. Wm Osborne, of Galt, and Mr. Thomas Robertson, of Dundas. Adam Brown, Esq., President of the W. G. & B. Railway Co., passed through Guelph on Wednesday for the same place, and will meet the deputation at Mount Forest, where they will also be joined by the Guelph delegation, consisting of the Mayor, Mr. P. Gow, M. P., Mr. McCurry, chairman of the Railway Committee, Mr. Jas. Massie, and Dr. Parker, M. P.

**FIRES IN THE COUNTRY.**—We have heard that extensive fires are sweeping through portions of Puslinch and Nassegaweya, and carrying destruction in their course. Six weeks or two months ago a conflagration occurred in a swamp on the 10th con. of the first named township, which was at the time subdued, by the owner of the property, Mr. D. Watt, but it was not completely quenched, and on Thursday it broke out again with terrible violence. From Mr. Watt's farm it spread to Mr. A. Laing and Mr. Mulroney's woods, and a quantity of cordwood therein was removed with difficulty. Suddenly the wind veered round, and carried the fire through Mr. Laing's clearing, burning fences, stubble and everything consumable that was in the way. The buildings were saved with some trouble. Thence the flames pursued their course into a swamp belonging in part to Mr. Lamb, and in part to Mr. Alex. Campbell sr. So near did they approach the house of the former that all the furniture was taken out to the road. About a mile from the scene of this fire, another which had been smouldering for some time in a swamp belonging to Mr. Benjamin Taylor, of Nassegaweya, has also broken out, and is doing much damage. It burnt a stock of hay belonging to Mr. Taylor, and so rapidly did it spread, that he had to drive his cattle a considerable distance from his own farm for security. Mr. Hunt lost nineteen loads of hay, and Messrs. D. Easton and W. Laing saved theirs by a hard struggle.—They also had their furniture removed from their houses. It is said the women are working with untiring energy and perseverance. Both fires are still unquenched.

**ANOTHER FIRE.**—The barn of Mr. Thos. Mannel, of Maryboro, with its contents was totally consumed on Monday afternoon last. The crop, &c., is estimated at over \$200. The barn and contents were insured for \$400. Cause of the fire unknown.

**FENIANISM IN NEW ZEALAND.**—There have been trials for Fenianism in New Zealand. In March last the Irish in the Hokitika District got up a funeral procession in imitation of the absurd displays of the same kind elsewhere. The Government forbade the procession, but it took place notwithstanding, and there was some rioting. Five of the ringleaders were arrested, together with a man named Manning and a Priest named Father Larkin, who were connected with a seditious paper named the *Cent.* The whole of these prisoners have been brought to trial, and the last mail brings news of their conviction. Manning and Father Larkin were each sentenced to a month's imprisonment. The other five were simply fined 20s. each. The Judge, in inflicting this fine, spoke of it as a "ridiculously light" punishment.

**BY TELEGRAPH**

**Despatches to the Evening Mercury**

(BY CABLE AND STEAMER.)  
London, August 28.—Later from Japan say the country is still in an unsettled condition. Mikado had driven the rebels north. Foreign troops were still guarding the city of Yokohama.

Brussels, August 28.—The wife of Viet-Hugo died in this city the day before yesterday.

Constantinople, August 28.—The Sultan yesterday visited Farragut, on board the flag-ship Franklin. International civilities were exchanged, and much good feeling manifested.

Berlin, August 28.—King William has returned from his visit to Potsdam.

London, Aug. 28.—The coroner's inquest upon the remains of the victims of the recent terrible railroad calamity at Abergele, Wales, was commenced in that town to-day. A woman named Dickens, living near the spot where the disaster occurred, and who saw the accident, deposed that she went to assist the persons on the burning cars, and that some might have been saved, but for the fact that aid was refused. Mr. Luttler, the company's agent, discredited the statement of the witness. He thought it was impossible for any one to go near the fire. He asked the issuance of writs to bring Castlerose and others who were on board the train to testify before the jury, which were granted. Mr. Townsend and Mr. Hone, who were passengers on the train, testified that at the time they thought the fire broke out in the goods van they were unable to see a yard ahead, and that they left the scene unaware that any deaths had occurred. The inquest was then adjourned until to-morrow.

An immense meeting of cabmen was held to-night, but few are to be seen on the streets. The meeting resolved to issue a protest against the conduct of the railway companies, and that a partial strike should begin at once, which is to become general if the terms demanded are not granted in a week.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—Official advices from Bokhara state that the Emir has made a treaty with the Russian commander, accepting the terms offered by the Imperial government, and the Russian forces have evacuated Samarcand.

Paris, Aug. 28.—M. Henri Rochefort, the editor of the *La Librete*, has been condemned to thirteen months' imprisonment in jail, and a fine of ten thousand francs in the second action brought against him for violation of the press law.

Munich, Aug. 28.—The new army law of Bavaria has been put into practical operation. The Landwehr were out to-day for drill.

New York, Aug. 29.—The steamer, City of Paris from Europe has arrived.

**The Sun Eclipsed for Nearly Seven Minutes.**  
An eclipse of the sun, visible only in part of the eastern hemisphere, took place on the 18th, of greater magnitude than has been seen for many hundred years. According to astronomical calculations, a similar one will not take place again for centuries to come. A number of favourable circumstances have combined to render this one of the most remarkable astronomical events of the century, and an intellectual treat to man of science, such as is rarely accorded to him. On the 1st of July, the sun was in its greatest apogee, and if during the weeks that have intervened the apogee has somewhat lessened, it is still so great as to make the sun's diameter appear comparatively small. About midnight of the 18th, in consequence of the moon's position, which was at its greatest perigee, which makes its diameter appear extraordinarily large. The new moon took place six hours afterwards, and, in addition to this unusual coincidence, the moon being in the ascending node of its course threw its shadow over the equator, so that the eclipse not only covered the greatest possible space on the earth, but in those places where it took place at noon the diameter of the moon appeared still larger, by which means the duration of the eclipse was prolonged, while the surface of the earth, which here reaches its greatest speed of linear rotation, and following the disk of the moon's shadow with greater velocity than at any other point, must have prolonged the whole phenomenon considerably. In consequence of so many combining circumstances, the zone of the total eclipse covered an area of nearly 2,000 miles in length, and 30 miles in width. In places where the phenomenon reached its highest point the duration of the eclipse was six minutes and fifty seconds.

On the island of Perim and in Aden, the total eclipse began shortly after sunrise; passing through the eastern part of India during the morning, it reached Tenasserim at noon, and was visible during the afternoon, first in Annam, then on the islands of Borneo and Celebes, and on many islands of the Molucca group, and toward evening in New Guinea. It is thus apparent that for the purpose of a close observation of the physical construction of the sun, which science has not yet been able to determine, a number of different points of observation offered themselves, and with this view some of the European Governments fitted out expeditions in order that the result of their several observations might be compared.

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