

We are now sending out our accounts to all subscribers in arrears. We want them to settle forthwith, without any more delay. Subscription accounts being overdue will positively be put in suit if not paid within a month. We wish all such to remember that this is a final notice, so the sooner they cash up the better.

NOTICE.

Frederick Garrod is no longer authorized to act as Agent for THE MERCURY, or to collect any accounts whatsoever due to this Office.

Proposed Railway from Guelph to Collingwood.

MEETING IN GUELPH.

Any one looking at the map of Ontario, cannot fail to notice that there is a large and important section of country lying between Guelph and Collingwood, in a direct line, which is almost entirely destitute of railway communication and its many advantages. The proposed line from Hamilton to Hog's Bay, on the Georgian Bay, would to some extent benefit the section of country referred to, but its construction would entail a much heavier expense, while it would not receive the same help from the municipalities interested as this new and more direct line would.

Several gentlemen in Guelph have lately had this new project under their serious consideration, and Mr. Massie, immediately after his return from the Bruce railway campaign, called a meeting of the leading business men in town, which was held last (Friday) night in the Queen's Hotel, which was numerously attended. Mr. Massie was called to the chair, and Mr. Guthrie was appointed Secretary. The question was thoroughly discussed in all its bearings, and the many advantages of such a line of railway not only to Hamilton and Guelph, but to the whole section of country through which it would run, were pointed out by the different speakers. It was finally moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. Melvin, and unanimously resolved:—

"That this meeting is of opinion that steps should be taken for the construction of a railway from Guelph to Collingwood, by way of Orangeville, and as it is desirable to obtain the co-operation and assistance of the city of Hamilton, the following gentlemen be a deputation to Hamilton, to confer with its leading citizens, with a view of eliciting their sympathy in this undertaking, and report at an adjourned meeting, at an early date, viz:—The Mayor, Messrs. Massie, Stirton, Allan, Goldie, Raymond, Hogg, Guthrie, Robertson, Howard and Bruce."

The Deputation decided to proceed to Hamilton to-day, to carry out the instructions referred to in the resolution.

This new railway scheme, as explained at the meeting, must commend itself to all interested. In the first place, it would be an inexpensive line inasmuch as the Great Western Railway, between Hamilton and Guelph, could be used as the southern section of the road. The only cost of construction in that case would be between Guelph and Collingwood, a distance of about 70 miles. It is proposed to run the line through Erin, Orangeville, and a part of East Garafraxa, to Orangeville, then through the Townships of Mono, Mulmur and Notawasaga into Collingwood. This would give an almost air-line between Guelph and Collingwood, it would shorten the distance between the latter place and Hamilton by 50 miles, and afford a short and direct route to the east. It would, moreover, secure to Guelph and Hamilton the trade of Erin, Garafraxa, and Townships north of Orangeville. Erin, Garafraxa, and Orangeville naturally belongs to Guelph, and the people in these municipalities heartily desire to continue their connection with us, but unless we make some effort, such as the present, to keep them, other lines of traffic and travel will be opened up, and then they will assuredly be lost to us. To the people of Guelph, therefore, this is a question of the greatest consideration and is closely connected with our future prosperity.

It is believed that all the Municipalities through which the railway is intended to run would vote handsome bonuses to aid its construction, Guelph would require to give a liberal bonus, and no doubt Collingwood would also do all she could, as the line would materially benefit that town, as well as the country surrounding. It is also expected that the Great Western would come forward and aid the Company in the same way as it has done the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway, and that an arrangement would be made for working the line as it does that road, Government aid would also be obtained, and all these together, would it is thought, put the Company in a position to build the line.

With these explanatory remarks, we leave the subject for the present, till we learn the result of the Conference between the Guelph Deputation and the Hamilton people. We have laid the matter before our citizens, and trust they will consider it all its bearings, for on the success or failure of the scheme our interests as a town, and its future will materially depend.

Let on the Thames near Chatham is beginning to move. The jury that indicted Stokes is still on its trial, and the novelty of trying the jury instead of the prisoner is really a credit to an enlightened age.

It is rumored that the object of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia's visit to Rome is to endeavor to establish an alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy.

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A. G. RAMSAY, Manager, 3rd

March 2, 1872.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, of Guelph, An Insolvent.

I, the undersigned, John Garrett, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

JOHN GARRETT, Assignee

Hamilton, 28th Feb., 1872. dtf

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WE beg to call attention to Mr. Horsman's advertisement about Ploughs. The Plough referred to is having a large demand, so great has become that three car loads have been forwarded to Mr. Horsman to supply the farmers in this neighborhood this Spring. All pronounce them the best general purpose Plough made, as a guarantee of this we need only say that they are manufactured at the celebrated Agricultural Works of F. W. Glen, Oshawa. The price it will be observed will be kept at \$13, the old figure, until the 1st of April, when it will be raised to \$15 in consequence of the advance in Iron and Steel. We should therefore recommend our farmer friends to lose no time in procuring one at Mr. John Horsman's, Hardware Merchant of this town.

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AT ANDERSON'S GUELPH AUCTION SALE. Insolvent Act of 1869. In the matter of THOS. W. HUGHES, An Insolvent. The Subscriber has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on the premises known as THE WELLINGTON HOTEL,

On Tuesday, 12th of March, 1872 THE WHOLE OF THE FURNITURE In said Hotel, consisting of Bar-Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Parlor, Sitting, and Reading Rooms, and the Contents of 42 Bed Rooms. DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES will be issued in a few days, and on application to the Auctioneer at his office opposite the market.

Terms, - - - Cash. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a.m., and continue until the whole is disposed of. Feb 28 dtwd THOS. H. TAYLOR, Auctioneer. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. A. H. R. KENNEDY'S Flour and Feed Store. Call and leave your orders with A. H. R. KENNEDY if you want the best Flour, Potatoes and Feed of all kinds, as cheap as any part of the town, and always delivered to any part of the town when required. Also, a fine lot of wheat, oats and peas, for seed. Remember the stand—Anderson's new buildings, next door to Wm. Simley's tinshop, West Market Square. (Feb 25—dtwdm)

HEATHER'S Stove and Plough Depot The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinney'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 in the old fashioned fire-place. Sole agent for Guelph. A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest prices. Corner Woodlrich and Erasmus, Road Guelph, 22nd August, 1871. dw

FARMS, FARMS! Several first-class farms for sale in the vicinity of Guelph. Prices moderate and terms easy. HOUSES, LOTS! A number of Town and Park Lots, with and without houses, in the most eligible localities, some cheap. MONEY, MONEY! In sums from \$100 to \$500, at the lowest rates. Charges moderate. Apply to WILLIAM HART, No. 1, Day's Block, Guelph. Guelph, March 1, 1871. dtwd

New Advertisements. GREAT CLEARING SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES THE Subscriber having decided to remove from Guelph, begs to intimate to the public that before closing his business here, he will sell off the balance of his Stock of BOOTS AND SHOES AT COST PRICE! The Great Sale will commence on THURSDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY, and CONTINUE FOR 30 DAYS During which time the whole of his stock which comprises a good assortment of New and Fresh Goods, will be offered at actual cost price for cash, and cash only. This is a Genuine Clearing Sale, and the public may depend upon getting FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS! N. B.—All parties indebted to the Subscriber, either by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle them at once, as after the 20th inst., all accounts unsettled will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

F. PREST, Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872. dwlm West side Wyndham Street. For Clover and Timothy Seed CHEAP AND GOOD GO TO PERRY'S GROCERY STORE. IN TEAS AND SUGARS Great Bargains are to be had. FISH, FISH, FISH, FISH, Quite a variety suitable for the Season. SALT, SALT, SALT! FOR SALE AT PERRY'S GROCERY STORE! REMNANTS, REMNANTS CLEARING SALE OF REMNANTS COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

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NOW IS THE TIME, LADIES! Every Remnant in the Store must be cleared out previous to stock-taking at the end of the month. Come direct to the Alma Block. Come early. Guelph 9th February. A. O. BUCHAN, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store. THE STOCK OF PRESERVES, JELLIES, CANNED FRUITS, Generally runs low in every household at this season of the year.

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THE Lancashire Insurance Company Capital £2,000,000 Sterling Head office for Ontario Northwest Corner of King and Church Streets, Toronto. General Agents, S. C. DUNCAN-CLARK & Co. Manager, WM. CAMPBELL Agent at Guelph, dtwd JOHN McCREA Nov 27th, 1871

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DAMAGED RAISINS. Special to the Trade. We have another consignment of the Damaged Valencia coming in, which we expect to arrive about the 25th. Some of our friends having been disappointed in not having their orders filled from the former lot, and this being the last lot we will receive, we would intimate that all orders will be filled in the order in which they are received, no precedence being given to any. All therefore who are desirous of securing any would do well to send in their orders early. PATERSON & Co. Guelph, Feb. 21th, 1872. dtwd

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

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