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October 29, 1867. daw-1f.

FURS, FURS, FURS.

WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

F. GARLAND, Market Square, GUELPH.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. 8sd w732

Excellent Farm

For Sale in Eramosa.

FOR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 28, 3rd Concession, Eramosa.

One Hundred Acres!

with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good

Two Storey Stone House

containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house.

The building is nearly new. There is also a large

FRUIT HOUSE nearly new, and a thriving young orchard of the best grafted fruit. This property will be sold cheap. For terms and particulars apply to

HENRY HATCH, Guelph, Guelph, 10th December, 1867. w3m

AUCTION SALE

OF LAND IN ERIN.

FOR sale that farm, being composed of part of Lot number 24, in the 9th Concession by Erin, containing by admeasurement 20 acres, of the same more or less, being the south corner

of Lot 24, in the 8th Concession of Erin, all of which will be sold by public auction, on

Thursday, 2nd January, 1868, at 8 o'clock p. m., in Hillsburg, opposite Samuel Leeson's hotel. Title indisputable. Terms cash. Hillsburg, 4th Dec, 1867. w4

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also Straw for beds

TERMS CASH. JOHN WEST. Guelph, July 22. daw-1f

To the Public.

WE take this early opportunity of returning our sincere thanks to all those who kindly rendered their valuable assistance in saving Stock from the late fire at Alma Block.

JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 16th December, 1867. d

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JOHN OWENS, Lot 28, 1st Con, Div. D. Guelph Township, Guelph, 10th December, 1867. w3

MONDAY, 16th INSTANT,

until the 1st March next, at 6 o'clock p. m., and on Saturday evenings at 9 p. m.

JOHN McNEILL, J. CRIBBOLD, PREST & HEPBURN, Dec. 11, 1867. d

STAR SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine.

J. E. SPAFFORD, Pansoby P. O. or Box 466, Toronto

CHRISTMAS HO!

Wholesale, Wholesale!

CONFECTIONERY.

DEALERS buy your confectionery from the undersigned, who has reduced his prices as low as any house in the Dominion.

H. BERRY, Guelph, 6th December, 1867. dw

FANCY GOODS!

A large lot of Fancy Goods on hand, and a lot daily expected direct from Paris.

H. BERRY, Wholesale Agent for Putney's celebrated Corn Candy. Guelph, 6th December, 1867. dw

REMOVAL.

Military Tailor

J. JONES, Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment,

has been removed from Nottingham-st. to Upper Wyndham-st, next door to Hazelton's Furniture Store, where he will be happy to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilian's Clothing,

in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

Guelph, 24th Nov, 1867. dw

CORDWOOD 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. dw

Pocket Diaries

FOR 1868.

The Largest, Cheapest and Best Assortment of Coal Oil Lamps in Town, at MR. HORSMAN'S.

SOIREE in MIMOSA.—A Soiree will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Mimosa, on the evening of Friday the 27th inst. for the purpose of assisting in paying for the Manse. Tea served at six o'clock p. m. The following have been invited to address the audience:—Rev. Messrs. Barrie, Eramosa; Thonell, Fergus; Milligan, Douglas; Smolin, Erin; Cameron, Acton; Little, Nassagaweya; Cook, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. Tickets 25c each. Children under 12 years of age half price.

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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

Valuable Building Lots for Sale

IN EVERTON.

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NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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WEDNESDAY EV'G, DECEMBER 18.

Local News.

The Pure White Coal Oil at MR. HORSMAN'S Gives the most Brilliant LIGHT, and does not Smoke the Chimney.

NEW ACADEMY.—We understand that Mr. C. Walker, of the County Grammar School intends shortly to open an Academy in the large building on the corner of Gordon and Essex sts., which will be fitted up in a suitable manner for the accommodation of pupils.

Mr. Walker's ability and long experience give every reason to anticipate that the Academy will be very successful.

THE WATERLOO BREWERY FRAUDS.—The evidence in the Waterloo enquiry has been laid before the House. The Commissioners reported that no fraud by the Waterloo brewers had been established, and the Collector Nelles has not been guilty of irregularities in accepting returns not sworn to. Eckhardt's evidence does not amount to much. His statements to the Editor of the Times, went far beyond what was sworn to.

CURLING CLUB BALL AT MORRISTON.—The Morrision Curling Club intend to give a grand ball in the Town Hall there on Friday evening the 20th inst. The Hespeler Quadrille Band has been engaged. The supper will take place at Tyrrell's Hotel, an efficient committee have the arrangements in hand, and the ball promises to be a brilliant and successful one.

CHEAP PHOTOGRAPHS.—We direct attention to the advertisement of Mr. W. Burgess, who is now ready to supply beautiful and finely finished photographs to all callers. A nice, handsomely mounted photograph is about the most appropriate present parties could make to their friends at this festive season, and as Mr. Burgess is noted for the beautiful pictures he makes, those who want a "speaking likeness" of themselves should not fail to call at once and give him a sitting.

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Soiree and Presentation in Morriston.

From our Correspondent.

The annual Tea Meeting of the Union Sunday School came off last Friday evening in the Town Hall, Morriston, and was in every respect a complete success.

The tea tables literally groaned under the abundance of good things provided by the friends of the school for the occasion, and all present did ample justice to the tempting viands so liberally spread for them.

After tea had been served, the Superintendent, Mr. Atkins, took the chair, and gave a pleasing and earnest address. Unfortunately, owing to delicate health and the inclement state of the weather, several of the speakers advertised were unable to come, but those present, rising with the emergency, delivered forcible and impressive addresses, and succeeded in interesting and chaining the attention of the audience more completely, perhaps, than had all the big guns been on hand.

The children, under Mr. McFarlane's careful training, even exceeded their efforts of other years, but it would be invidious to particularize any by name, when all did so well. The choir, too, led by the same gentleman, sang several anthems and quartettes in fine style, and were applauded to the echo. But the most pleasing and noticeable part of the programme was the presentation of Bancroft's and Prescott's Histories and several poetical works to our worthy and respected teacher, accompanied with the following address, read by Mr. Wm. Nicol:

ADDRESS: To Mr. David McFarlane:

DEAR SIR,—My fellow teachers in the Sunday School have kindly deputed me to read this address and present a testimonial to you, in their name, and also in behalf of many other friends of yours in this section, as a slight mark of the esteem and regard in which they hold you as a friend, a teacher, and a man—but especially as a recognition of the services you have for many years rendered the Sunday School, in preparing the children to take part in our Anniversary Celebrations. The efficiency displayed by them on such occasions, both in singing and reciting, has been a marked feature in our entertainments, and shown a useful and energy and perseverance on your part, in bringing them to such perfection. Nor must we omit to notice the trouble you have annually taken to train a choir for the same object. All this you have done cheerfully and assiduously, and without the smallest recompense, further than the satisfaction you have had in laboring for a good cause. We would also take this opportunity of assuring you that much of the success that has attended our meetings is in a great measure attributable to your careful training of the children and choir, and we felt that it would be an injustice to you to allow this occasion to pass without making a public acknowledgment of services so cheerfully rendered on our behalf. And knowing how desirous you are of adding standard works to your library, we considered that such works as these might prove as useful and acceptable a present as we could make. It is not, however, for their intrinsic value we offer them (which is comparatively small), but merely as a slight expression of appreciation, and the warm feeling that exists amongst us towards you. We cannot allow this opportunity to escape without assuring you of the confidence all classes in this section have in you as a teacher, and the respect they entertain for you personally. We can offer no better evidence of this than the fact that you have held the same position among us for twelve consecutive years, having taught longer, we think, in the same school than any other teacher in the Riding. And we hope that the expiring of a connection so enduring, pleasing, and valuable, may yet be far distant. We also hope that you will receive this small but voluntary gift in the same spirit in which it is offered, and that these works may be instrumental in adding to your already well-stored mind.

Be pleased to convey our well wishes to your amiable partner and family, and we hope that you may be long spared to each other and to the world, and that when Providence sees fit to remove us hence, we may all meet in that land where even our imperfect labors in behalf of God's cause in the Sunday School will be rewarded.

Mr. McFarlane made the following reply:—

SIR,—Through you I return my most sincere thanks to the teachers of the Sunday School, and to the inhabitants of this Section generally, for their expression of esteem to me as a man, and for this appreciative testimony of my labors as a teacher.

Since I first came among you, some twelve years ago, it has been my earnest endeavor to perform the duties incumbent upon me as a teacher, and to comport myself as became a citizen of our now great and noble Dominion; and that I have succeeded at least so far the present occasion bears evident testimony. And I may safely say that such gratifying expression of esteem on your part for my past labors will give greater zest to them in the future.

I have always taken a lively interest in our annual tea-meeting, and if the children have been instrumental through my training in enlightening them I am doubly repaid, for it is always pleasant to me to see their sparkling eyes and smiling faces when I inform them that we are once more to practise for the Tea-meeting.—Our singing made the hours slip lightly past, roused to energy the listless and laggard, and would even calm the ruffled temper of the teacher. The evenings spent as a teacher, and to comport myself as became a citizen of our now great and noble Dominion; and that I have succeeded at least so far the present occasion bears evident testimony. And I may safely say that such gratifying expression of esteem on your part for my past labors will give greater zest to them in the future.

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Thanking you, then, for your expression of gratitude for myself and family, and cheerfully accepting of your gift as a testimony of your appreciation of my labors amongst you, I heartily wish God's blessing rest on you all, and long may we be able and willing to assist one another in our journey through life.

Altogether it was one of the most pleasant meetings we have had for some

realized with which it is intended to purchase books for the library and prizes for the children.

At the close of the votes of thanks were passed to the young ladies for their valuable assistance in serving the refreshments, also to the choir and chairman, after which Rev. Mr. McDonald pronounced the benediction, and all dispersed to their homes after spending a pleasant and profitable evening. Arrangements, we believe, are being made to have a soiree in the church some time in January, which we have no doubt will be equally successful.

No other House in Town has one-quarter the Stock of COAL OIL LAMPS that Mr. HORSMAN has.

MOUNT FOREST RAILWAY BONUS.—The By-law to subscribe the sum of \$10,000, by way of bonus to the W. G. & B. Railway was voted on by the ratepayers of Mount Forest, on Monday last, and carried by a vote of fifty one to five.

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

N. W. TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of this association was held at Kidd's school house on Saturday the 7th. The attendance was small. Three new members were received. In the afternoon Mr. Miner read an excellent essay on the English language. The subject of Grammar and Composition were then warmly and intelligently discussed. The next meeting will take place on the 2nd March 1868, at Elora. Mr. Kidd is expected to read an essay.—

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

The NEW BURNER at MR. HORSMAN'S saves one-third Oil, and gives a Light Clear, White, and Cheerful.

SCARCITY OF WATER.—CONSEQUENT RISE OF LIQUOR.—A meeting of the hotel-keepers of Guelph was convened at the Bay Horse on Tuesday night last to deplore the scarcity of water in the Town, and to draw up a resolution that in consequence of the water having to be drawn from the Speed, liquors must hereafter be paid for at the rate of ten cents a glass. How the old soakers prayed for a thaw this morning, when the announcement was telegraphed from one thirsty mouth to another. They would not have minded a sharp attack of rheumatism from the effects of a drenching rain, if it had only filled the wells and helped to soften the hotel-keepers. Ten cents a glass! Just Nemesis! Were the men perfect barbarians, that they should thus desire to deprive drouthy practitioners at the bar of the only little comfort the world afforded them? Yes it was even so. The tariff had been raised, and the man who can afford only five cents for a drink will have to content himself with cold forty-rod whiskey, or cold beer. Nothing hot, unless the "drunkist" carries water enough in his hat to fill up his glass, chips enough in his pocket to boil the kettle, and molasses enough somewhere about his person to sweeten it. It was further resolved by the hotel-keepers, that the man mean enough to act in the manner described should be compelled to stir his toddy with either his finger or the boot-lace. Let us hope that we may soon again live under the good old regime when whiskey and potatoes will be the same price—60 cents a bag—and when there will be fewer lower jaws apparently out of joint than there were this morning; when rain will descend copiously to fill the ram-barrels and gin-bottles, and when a man will not have to shut his eyes on entering a hotel lest he should happen to see a friend as thirsty as himself.

If you want Wine, Brandy, Rum, Gin, Extra Old Rye, Malt, Scotch Family Whiskies, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

THE NEW BURNER.—We have to thank Mr. John Horsman for the receipt of a hand-lamp fitted with the new sun burner. This is a great improvement on the old burner, for it saves oil, gives a clearer light, and the chimney can be removed at any time without burning the fingers. It can be fitted on to any lamp, and as the cost is a mere trifle, and the saving very great, those wishing a handy lamp, and light at the cheapest rate, should not fail to get these burners and try them. For sale at Mr. Horsman's.

Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

To the farmer, mechanic and laborer: Spend your hard earned money where you can get the most General Groceries for the holidays at the lowest prices. This is Geo. Wilkinson's, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

CONCERT AT MISS WHITE'S SEMINARY.

We are requested to state that on account of the sickness of Miss White and some of her pupils, the concert which was to come off to-morrow evening has been postponed till after the New Year. Due notice of when it will be held will be given.

The best brands of Smoking and Cheiving Tobaccos are kept at Geo. Wilkinson's.

CASE AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES.—This is the title of a new book published and sold by Samuel Rose, of the Wesleyan book room, Toronto. The Rev. John Carroll, late of Guelph, is the author. It gives a very graphic, interesting and entertaining account of the origin and early history of the Methodist Church in Canada, including many personal sketches, and adventures of thrilling interest connected with the heroic and laborious lives of the early pioneers in that cause to which, the Hon. W. H. Merritt said, "Canada owes more than to any other agency whatever."

If you appreciate a good article in Briar Root Pipes, at a low figure, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

The Alabama Claims.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Official correspondence between Mr Adams and Secretary Seward, regarding the Alabama claims, is published. Mr Seward rejects the proposition of Lord Stowley for arbitration, and all negotiations on the subject are closed.

Murdered by a Negro.

Memphis, Dec. 18.—Benjamin Banch, an old and highly esteemed planter of Wolf River, was fatally stabbed by a negro named Adam. The Grand Jury and citizens of Nicol county, Ark., have requested Gen. Ord to station troops there to protect them and their stock against the negroes. The accounts of destruction of stock by the negroes is distressing, and great uneasiness is felt by the whites all consequence of an anticipation insurance. Col. Jaques, who is now planting in Arkansas, passed through this city yesterday for Washington, to represent matters to the government. He says no man's life is safe, no matter from whence he hails.

Affairs at St. Thomas.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Herald's special says our last advices from St. Thomas are to the 7th instant. The ceremony of transferring the island to the U. S. will probably place on New Year's day. The government architects are examining all the buildings that were shaken by the late earthquake, and have ordered the demolition of all considered dangerous. Up to Dec. 7th, the number of shocks felt was five hundred. Divers are busily engaged raising the cargo of the British steamer Columbia, sunk Oct. 29th. They bring up daily about 200 packages merchandise. Business continues, and the failures have ceased. Rents are enormous.

From St. Domingo.