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 April 1, 1850. 145

REMOVAL.

DR. W. A. LIDDELL
 HAS removed to the house lately occu-
 pied by F. H. KIRKPATRICK, Esq.,
 adjoining the residence of the Rev. A.
 PALMER.

N. B.—Continues to attend patients in
 the country.
 Guelph, June 4, 1850. 154

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

THE Office of the Distributor of Mar-
 riage Licenses is removed to the Store
 of Messrs. BUDD & LYND, corner of
 Weylman street, immediately below Mr.
 Sandilands.

RICHARD FOWLER BUDD,
 Agent for Granting Marriage Licenses.
 Guelph, Oct. 15, 1849. 131-1/2

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 ORNAMENTAL PAINTER & GILDER,
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 most reasonable terms, Banners, Flags, Devices,
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 AND NOTARY PUBLIC,
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Agent for the Canada Company, and Bank
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 JACKSON & Mr. CHAS. DAVIDSON.
 Apply to CHAS. DAVIDSON.
 Guelph, May 27, 1850. 153-1/2

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 Conveyancer, Notary Public,
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GENERAL AGENT,
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 Joiner, Builder & Cabinet Maker,
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MISS MARY CAMPBELL,
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 New York Fashions.
 Residence—First Door West of the
 Wesleyan Chapel.
 Guelph, Feb. 4, 1850. 137-1/2

THOMAS GORDON,
 LAND AND GENERAL AGENT,
OWEN SOUND.

THE COLONIAL
LIFE ASSURANCE Co.
 AGENT FOR GUELPH,
 WILLIAM HEWAT, Esq., District Treasurer.

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 Conveyancer, Accountant, and
 GENERAL AGENT,
 No. 1, MARKET SQUARE,
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MR. J. DAVIS,
 Barrister and Attorney-at-Law
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 Government Agent for the District of
 Wellington,
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ARCHIBALD MACNAB,
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 SYDENHAM VILLAGE,
 OWEN'S SOUND.

JAMES GEDDES,
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 ELORA,
 WELLINGTON DISTRICT.
 February 22, 1849. 36.

THE Undersigned have entered into
 Partnership in the practice of the
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 AND
 General Agent.
 Waterloo County Clerk's Office, Guelph.

Deferred Articles.

AWFUL OCCURRENCE.—Six Children
Burned to Death.—The most heart rend-
 ing calamity that ever occurred in the
 County of Ottawa, happened last week in
 the Township of Bristol, (or Clarendon),
 to a family by the name of Knox. The
 circumstances, as far as we have been able
 to ascertain, are most extraordinary, being
 briefly as follows:—A few days ago, Knox,
 (the father) having visited the village of
 Smith's Falls, was returning home by the
 Rideau Canal, and while upon one of the
 steamers, he was wishing to enter a private
 apartment of the boat, unconsciously,
 it being dark, entered the wheel-house
 and stepped upon one of the paddles of the
 wheel. At this moment, the wheel which
 was motionless when he entered, began to
 move and made several revolutions before
 he was enabled to disengage himself, which
 he only succeeded in doing after several of
 his bones were broken, and otherwise mutilated
 in a most shocking manner. But the most
 lamentable part of our story remains to be
 told. While Knox was being conveyed
 home in this state, and within a short dis-
 tance of his own residence, his wife who
 was at home with seven children, hearing
 of her husband's approach left the house
 with the youngest child in her arms to meet
 him, leaving the other six, (the eldest about
 14 years of age,) at home. During her ab-
 sence the house took fire, and all within it
 was consumed. Nothing was to be seen
 upon the return of the mother, but the
 smoking relics of her late habitation, in
 which were then found the charred re-
 mains of her six unfortunate children.—
 Out of a family of nine, the mother and
 one infant alone remain unhurt; yet what
 must be that mother's anguish? In one
 short day six of her children are taken
 from her, she receives a returning hus-
 band mutilated and almost lifeless, and
 becomes houseless. Such are the details
 of the distressing occurrence so far as we
 have been able to gather them from authen-
 tic sources, and we hope it may never
 again fall to our lot to describe so sad an
 event.—*Ottawa Argus.*

THE STEAMSHIP VICEROY.—This ves-
 sel, which made a very satisfactory trip
 from Galway to New York, and promised
 to be the pioneer of a new line of ocean
 steamers, is likely to prove a total wreck.
 Our readers will recollect that she ran
 to the rocks, in the vicinity of Halifax during
 a fog, and the latest accounts say that she
 has sprung a new leak, and must become
 a complete wreck.—*Spectator.*

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATIONS.—We learn
 that the Bailiff of the Erin Division Court,
 Mr. H. Burgess, was twice shot at, some
 few days since, by some persons in am-
 bush, while riding on horseback. Mr.
 McBane, merchant, of Erin Village, while
 attending to a customer, was also fired at
 from the premises opposite his store.—
 The ball passed within six inches of his
 head and through a pane of glass at the
 other side of him. No clue has yet been
 had to identify the assassins, and no cause
 can be assigned for the attempted murders.
 —*Streetsville Review.*

We learn from the St. Catharines *Con-*
stitutional, that a few days since a young
 man named Jackson, swam across the
 Niagara river under the Falls, and back
 again without stopping to rest, thus swim-
 ming a mile and a half in the most rapid
 river in the world.

The celebration, in the United States,
 of the 4th of July, inst., the anniversary
 of American Independence, was devoid of
 the enthusiasm and pomp with which the
 Yankees always, heretofore, celebrated
 the anniversary of their Independence.

New Governor General.—The follow-
 ing paragraph appears in the New York
 papers. We have little faith in the rum-
 or:—
 "New Governor General of Canada.—
 Port Spain, Trinidad, June 18.—Our
 amiable and good Governor, Lord Harris,
 is to leave this Island in a few days, in
 conformity with orders from the Home
 Government, which has commanded him
 to repair with all possible dispatch to
 Canada, there to assume and exercise
 the ruling power of British North-Amer-
 ica, vice Lord Elgin, recalled. What is
 gloom to this Island will be sunshine to
 the Canadas."—*Cor. Express.*

Lunatic Asylum.—On Wednesday
 evening, a paying inmate of the Asylum
 committed suicide by hanging herself.—
 Several parties complain of a want of pro-
 per attention in restraining lunatics and
 preventing the infliction of self and per-
 sonal injury. Whether this is so or not,
 we cannot say; but this case so soon
 succeeding that of Mr. Wetenhall's, cre-
 ates uneasiness upon the point adverted
 to, even though all necessary precautions
 be taken by the authorities.—*Christian*
Guardian.

A fire occurred at Watertown on the
 night of the 11th inst., entirely consuming
 the woolen factory of Mr. Griffin. The
 loss, over and above the insurance, is
 about £1000.

Mrs. Benjamin Sutton, a resident of
 Stamford, was killed by lightning on Fri-
 day night, the 5th instant, in her own
 dwelling.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

The House went into committee on the post-
 ponement of the Assessment bill.

It was said, it is necessary that these
 clauses should be adopted in order to establish an
 equitable amount of assessment throughout the
 Province. The object was not to increase the
 annual amount of assessment, but to apportion it
 more equally upon the different species of prop-
 erty. He believed that the general principle of
 the bill was understood and approved of by the
 country.

Mr. Smith (Durham) objected to the arbitrary
 power granted to assessors in valuing personal
 property. The arbitrary power which enabled
 those officers to fix the value of property at a
 higher rate than had been stated by the owner,
 together with the clause which compelled the
 latter to take an oath that the assessor had rated
 it too high, were both objectionable, and liable to
 be attacked with injurious consequences. One
 effect would be, that the assessors would thus
 evade their proper share of taxation, which would
 necessarily fall more heavily on the rigidly honest
 man. He also objected to a tax on the incomes
 of professional men, because it would be taxing
 industry; but he thought a tax on fixed salaries
 might justly be levied, and that those under £125
 ought not to be exempted.

Hon. Mr. Hucks was ready to remove the
 last objection made by the hon. member.

Mr. Thompson observed, that while he thought
 the bill, as a whole, was an improvement upon
 former measures, he objected to the clause which
 taxed the incomes of professional men, and of land-
 holders; but he thought a tax on fixed salaries
 might justly be levied, and that those under £125
 ought not to be exempted.

Mr. Smith (Durham) withdrew his sugges-
 tions in amendment, and proposed that the
 bill should be passed in its present shape on the
 administration.

Mr. Perry thought property should be taxed ac-
 cording to its actual, and not its imaginary or arbi-
 trary value. That property situated within the
 limits of the city, should be assessed at the
 same rate as land lying in the back township of
 Georgetown, was obviously ridiculous. He had
 carefully weighed the main objections to the several
 Assesment bills, and he found that the most
 objectionable feature of each, constituted the
 principal cause of opposition. This mode of en-
 quiring into personal affairs, was impracticable,
 and objectionable to the majority of the people.

Mr. H. J. Hamilton offered some general ob-
 jections to the bill. He agreed with the hon. mem-
 ber for East York that all property should be
 taxed according to its actual value. Every kind
 of tangible personal property should be assessed
 according to its actual value, and not according
 to the law as it is. He thought it was impos-
 sible to require the assessor to inquire into the
 actual value of the property, and he thought it
 would be better to leave the assessor to assess
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Mr. Prince said, there was an old saying, *Quem*
Deus vult perdere prius dementat, which, for
 information of the hon. member, he would trans-
 late thus:—Who God would destroy, he first makes mad.
 The hon. Inspector General must have been mad
 when he introduced this bill. He objected more
 particularly to the third clause, which he regarded
 as the most objectionable. He thought it was impos-
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