Guelph Evening Mercury.

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Business Cards.

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary, &c., Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. dw

WILLIAM HART, Conveyancer, Land and General Agent, Negotiator of Loans, &c. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Office, No. 4, Day's Block. dw

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont.
B. OLIVER, JR. dw A. H. MACDONALD.

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

GEORGE PALMER, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store. Entrance on Macdonnell street. dw

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEPSKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.
Plasterers Hair constantly on hand for sale at MOULTON & BISH.
Guelph, April 19, 1872. dwy

E. H. PASS,
Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger
All orders promptly attended to.
RESIDENCE—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church.
Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 d3m

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO
Guelph, March 1, 1872 dwy

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.
The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.
Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.
CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.
The richest drinks, best table, most comfortable beds, merriest company, and jolliest house in town at Casey's.—The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. do

GUELPH ACADEMY
AND
BOARDING SCHOOL
Opens on Monday, 8th of April.
Particular attention devoted to the English and Commercial Branches.
JOHN MARTIN.
Guelph, March 28, 1872 dwlm

DOMINION SALOON.
Fresh Oysters in every Style
The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1872. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.
Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

SEEDS, SEEDS.
Garden and Field Seeds.
The Subscriber, in thanking his friends and the public for their patronage the past five years, wishes to inform them that he has just received his new stock of Seeds from the most reliable Seed Growers in the country. Also
EARLY SEED POTATOES.
And a very choice collection of House Plants on hand throughout the season.
The favour of the public respectfully solicited. Remember the old stand, next the Methodist Parsonage, Post Market Square.
Apl 4-w1m WILLIAM ATKINSON.

TO MECHANICS AND OTHERS.—The subscriber has about 50 of the best lots in the West Ward, Guelph, which he is prepared to sell cheap and give a good title free from incumbrance.
HENRY HATCH,
Land & Loan Agent.
Mar. 27-tf Guelph.

New Advertisements.

COOK WANTED at the Queen's Hotel. Apply at once. d2

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a good active servant. Apply at this office. 16d

FAMILY CARRIAGE FOR SALE.—Apply to R. S. Brodie, MERCURY office, Guelph. dwtf

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted a good General Female Servant. Must be well recommended. Apply at John A. Wood's. 18d

WANTED A COACHMAN and GARDENER.—Must understand greenhouse, vinery, &c. Married man preferred.
19d6t JOHN HORSMAN.

MAN WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a man who thoroughly understands the care of horses. Apply to Dr. Herod, Quebec Street. 18dtf

FIRST-CLASS SAND FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale, either at the Pit, or delivered when required, First-class Sand suitable for either Builders or Plasterers. Apply to JOHN FORD, Paisley Block Road. m1dw3m

MAN WANTED.
Wanted, a good steady experienced man
Who Understands Farming
and the taking care of stock, to work on and take charge of a farm. Liberal wages will be given. A married man preferred. Apply to Geo. Anderson, Grain Merchant, Guelph. 18d6-w1

MONEY TO LEND
ON REAL ESTATE
IN THE FOLLOWING SUMS:
$ 360
$ 600
$ 500
$ 500
$1000
$1000
$2000
APPLY TO
Lemon & Peterson
SOLICITORS,
GUELPH
Guelph, April 22, 1872 dlw

NEW! NEW!!
Spring Goods.
Splendid Lines of
Trimmings, Ruffles, Braids, Ladies' Under Garments, Children's Clothing, Infants' Robes, &c.
Everything NEW in
Hair Braids, Chignons, Coronets, Switches.
And a splendid line of
REAL THREAD LACE GOODS
☞ Branch of Madame Demorest's Emporium of Fashion. All kinds of Patterns at great reduction in price.
The place for all kinds of
Wools and Fancy Goods, Toys, etc.
JOHN HUNTER.
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Toy Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, April 21, 1872 dw

FOR
Gentlemen's and Boys'
READY-MADE
CLOTHING
AND
Children's Knickerbocker Suits
GALLOWAY'S
Is the Place.

PARKER'S
Carriage Works,
Macdonnell St.,
Near the G. T. R. Station.
Now on hand a splendid assortment of
Carriages, Buggies,
&c., made of first-class material, of the best workmanship, which he will warrant to any purchaser as second to none in the Province.
Repairing, repainting and retrimming as usual, at low prices.
ROBERT PARKER.
Guelph, April 23, 1872. w-6d

SEED POTATOES
NOW IN STOCK.
Garnet Chillis.
Early Rose.
Early Goodrich:
Also, Good Potatoes for table use delivered to any part of the town.
MOULTON & BISH.
No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block
Guelph, April 19, 1872 dwlw

LUMBER FOR SALE.
Dressed Pine, Basswood, Hemlock, Birch, Soft and Hard Maple, Rock Elm and Soft Elm Lumber, cut to order, any size. Joists, Rafters and Scantling cut to the length required. Will be sold at the Mills or delivered on the cars at Godetone station. Also for sale Flour Barrel Staves and Headings. Orders to be filled promptly attended to.
ROBERT McKIM.
April 5, 1872 w4d2w Parker P.O.

FARM FOR SALE.—Lot 11, concession 13, Minto, containing 100 acres, about 40 cleared, well fenced, and in a good state of cultivation. There is an excellent timber lot on it, and the wood purchased on the farm. Minto is situated within 2½ miles of Clifford Station on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, and 7 miles from Harriston on the same line. Good log house and barn, and well watered by a spring. Terms easy. Apply to Wm. McKwan, on the premises, or to Messrs. Shaw & Hamilton, Barristers, Guelph.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mr. John Spiers, V. S. sold his driving horse on Tuesday to Mr. Joseph Jackson, Paisley Block, for $200.

INDUCTION.—On Tuesday afternoon the Rev. J. McColl, late of Dundas, was inducted to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

THE Grand Trunk have granted the nine hours demand to all its employees, and there is great rejoicing amongst them in consequence.

THE official statement of the Bank of Upper Canada was submitted Tuesday afternoon. The total liabilities to 31st March, 1872, were $3,389,782; on 30th June, 1871, $3,384,140.

THE OLD "TYE" FARM, near Galt, has been purchased on behalf of Miss Macpherson for the purpose of establishing a "distributing home" in connection with her mission.

At the great Conservative meeting in Manchester a few days ago, Lord Derby expressed his full confidence in the leadership of Mr. Disraeli. This intimation is of great importance at the present time, as it shows that there exists no rivalry between the two statesmen.

MEDICAL.—We are glad to see that Dr. G. A. Stark, of Nassagaweya, at the late Convocation of McGill University for the Faculty of Medicine, was awarded the Final Prize for the best final examination for the degree of M. D. C. M. We congratulate Dr. Stark on his well won honor, and wish him all success in the practice of his profession.

PERSIA STARVING.—It is sad to read that this terrible calamity in Persia still continues. Famine in that ill-fated country is succeeded by pestilence. Dead bodies fill the streets unburied. Water is wanting as well as bread. A perishing people goes up to heaven for help. The Jews have nobly been foremost in hastening to the relief of their suffering co-religionists.

ERIE AND NIAGARA RAILWAY.—The difficulty alluded to yesterday in the MERCURY, as having occurred between the Great Western of Canada and the Erie and Niagara Railway Company, has been referred to the Court of Chancery for decision. Meantime, pending that decision, the Great Western holds possession, and will run the trains regularly over the road in dispute.

STRANGE AND SUDDEN DEATH. — The Windsor *Record* says:—On Saturday last, Mr. Chas. H. Haggart, grocer, of Sanwich, while amusing his little son by snapping caps on a fowling piece, had a bit of a cap blown into one of his arms. Little thought was given to the circumstance at the moment, but in a short time the wound became painful, and time passed on the pain increased, erysipelas, to which he was predisposed, set in, and on Tuesday the unfortunate man was a corpse—cut down in the prime of life and vigor, by an accident frequently sustained by those given to shooting, without any troublesome consequences.

The Central Exhibition Printing.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR.—In a late number of the Elora *Observer*, in reference to the Central Exhibition Printing, I find the Editor of that paper denies that there was any proviso attached to the notice. Now, sir, for the benefit of that gentleman I copy the paragraph *verbatim*, which was included in the notice sent to him:—"The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender if not otherwise satisfactory." After making so gross a misstatement as the one referred to, I leave the public to judge of many other statements and inuendos contained in his remarks on the subject.

Yours, etc.,
GEORGE MURTON,
Sec. C. E.

Attempt at Rape in Beverly.

On the 26th of March last a man named David Moore (a negro) went to the house of Wm. Craig in Beverly (also coloured). He saw Mrs. Craig at the door, and inquiring for Craig found that he was away from home. He then tied his horse and went into the house, fastened the door behind him, and then made three different attempts to commit the crime of rape, but the woman managed to frighten him, and he left. This happened at about 4 o'clock p. m. The house is a good distance from any other, and although the woman cried out no one could hear her, as Moore put his hand over her mouth to smother her cries. Craig came home about dusk, and his wife at once related her story to him. He at once tried to ascertain which way Moore had gone, but found he had gone, as Craig thought for more genial climes. Craig went to W. McDonald, J. P., at Beckton, and entered the complaint, and had a warrant placed in the hands of Constable Hunter, with the understanding that he was to inform Hunter if Moore returned to the neighborhood. Moore did return, and Mr Hunter got him near Branchton on Monday, and took him before Mr. McDonald. The matter was investigated, and Moore was committed to gaol at Hamilton.

Guelph Cricket Club.

The annual meeting of this Club was was held at the Queen's Hotel on Tuesday evening. Mr. Fitzgerald, Secretary, read the annual report, which was adopted. The following officers were then elected for the year:—President, Arthur Hagar; Vice-Pres. Capt. Geo. Murton, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Fitzgerald; Committee—Messrs. Jas. Mitchell, Geo. Buckless, and R. Oliver.

It must be very gratifying to the members of the Club to learn that after defraying all expenses (particularly heavy as they usually are in the organization of a new Club) that the cricketers of 1872 are free of any pecuniary incumbrances, and that besides there is a small balance to the credit of the Club in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. They have a stock of bats, wickets, etc., almost entirely new wherewith to commence the season, and with a good practice and very little individual expense secure more than double the number of victories held during the season of 1871.

Town Council.

An adjourned meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday evening, His Worship the Mayor in the chair.—Present—Messrs. Synder, Crowe, Bell, Elliott, Kennedy, Howard, Massie, Robertson, Mitchell, Allan, Hogg, Stevenson, Bruce.

The Mayor read an account from J. W. Coulson, constable, of $2 for expenses incurred in making an arrest; also, a communication from Mr. J. C. Chadwick stating that it having came to his knowledge that some of the ratepayers had made some objections to his closing part of Durham and Cork streets that the complaintants be requested to state their objections before he proceeded further with the work of improving the property. Referred.

Mr. Howard read a communication from Mr. G. S. Denroche with regard to the survey of his property. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Mr. Allan read a petition from Daniel Kurnan asking to be appointed night-watchman, accompanied by a large number of signatures, which was laid over for further consideration.

Mr. Massie read the report of the Finance Committee, recommending that the petition of Rev. Mr. Howie for remission of taxes amounting to $13.50 be granted; that Mr Joseph Lynch's petition be not granted as he furnished no proof that he had been over assessed; also recommending that the sum of $25 be placed to the credit of the Tree Planting Committee. With reference to the petition of John Thos. Cunningham, they would state that a detailed statement of the finance for the past year was to be seen at the Clerk's Office, which was open to the inspection of all ratepayers. Report adopted.

Mr. Elliott read the report of the Market House Committee to the effect that they had had under codsideration the petition of Mr. Darby, asking to be appointed inspector of skins and hides, but did not deem such an appointment necessary. They also reported that they had had under consideration a by-law amending and consolidating the present by-law for the government of the public markets. Adopted.

Mr. Mitchell read the report of the Special Committee, to the effect that they did not deem it advisable to grant the petition of Mr. Horsman and others for the appointment of John C. Cox as Chief Constable, further that they did not deem it advisable that any constable, with the exception of the Chief Constable should receive fees for arrests or information, and that it is advisable that the Chief Constable's salary be reduced, but he be allowed to receive the fees permitted in the statutes; also that no Magistrate be allowed to make any renumeration to any constable without the permission of a committee of the Council; also recommending that the License Committee be instructed to prepare a By-law including the second, third and fourth clauses of the report, and for appointing a chief constable and four ward constables, no other persons to be permitted to exercise the functions of a constable except those appointed by the Council.

The Council went into Committee on the report, Mr. Hogg in the chair.

Some discussion rose, and on a motion for the adoption of the clause with reference to the preparing of a By-law, Mr. Elliott moved an amendment, that the words "chief constable" be struck out, and contended that the object of that part of the By-law was to get rid of the present Chief Constable. On the amendment being put it was lost on a vote of 9 to 2, and the Council resumed.

The report was then adopted.

Mr. Elliott moved that leave be granted to introduce a By-law to amend and consolidate all By-laws respecting the public market, and that the same be read a first time. Carried.

It was read accordingly. The By-law referred to the duties of the Market Clerk, described the limits wherein an article of produce or meat might be offered for sale and other matters connected with the government of the public market. It also provided that parties might erect stalls for the sale of meat, outside of the market limits. The object of the By-law is to further protect the interests of both dealer and householder.

On motion the By-law was read a second time, and the Council went into Committee on the third reading, Mr. Massie in the chair. The By-law was voted upon in clauses, and a few amendments were made.

The rule for adjourning was suspended, and the committee continued sitting for some time. They adopted nearly all the Clauses, then rose and asked leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the By-law Committee be instructed to bring in a By-Law at next meeting of the Council to exempt from taxation for a period not exceeding five years, any person or firm who shall commence and carry on any new branch of manufacture.—Carried.

A Gallant Rescue.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

The fearful storm of wind, and rain, and snow which prevailed on Monday lashed Lake Michigan into an awful state of agitation, and before her fury subsided a thrilling incident occurred on the lake shore off Winnetka. At about three o'clock Monday afternoon despatches were received from F. J. Page, of Winnetka, and J. Westerfield, of Evanston, conveying the information that a vessel was stranded off Winnetka, filled with water, her crew perishing in the rigging from cold and exposure, and the signals of distress flying from her mast-head. The news occasioned a lively excitement among the brave sailors of Chicago harbor, and in a short time there was plentiful offers of tugs with which to go to the rescue. The tug *Robert Tarrant*, owned by Captain A. Burton, was selected, and within half an hour from the reception of the dispatch, was steaming out of the harbor, bearing a strong life-boat contributed by the propeller *Canisteo*, and manned by a crew of volunteers.

The *Tarrant* made her way gallantly through the awful sea without disaster, and at five o'clock made Winnetka, where it was found that the schooner *William Jones*, of Chicago, was water-logged and at anchor, and her crew of seven men having been in the rigging for five hours, were already helpless from the cold. It was found impossible to launch the life-boat, but at last the *Tarrant* came alongside, and in a short time the noble crew had rescued from seeming certain death the men on board the *Jones*.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa April 23

Hon. Mr Langevin gave notice that on Thursday next he would move that the House go into Committee on the following day on certain resolutions respecting the improvement and extension of canals.

Sir G. E. Cartier gave notice that on Thursday he would move that the House go into Committee the day following to consider certain resolutions respecting Canadian Pacific Railway; also, that on Friday he would introduce a Bill respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Sir John A. Macdonal laid on the table further correspondence on the Fisheries question, which he said was all the correpondence that could be brought down with a due regard to the public interests.

Hon. Mr Blake call attention to the fact that the papers relating to the Fisheries just brought down were not the return asked for by the House.

Sir John A. Macdonald said that no more papers could be brought down without injury to the public service. It was almost impossible to bring down any more papers.

On the motion of Sir. F. Hincks, the House received the report of the Committee of the Whole upon the resolutions respecting the Government Savings Bank Act.

Sir F. Hincks moved the second reading of resolutions respecting consolidation of Public Debt. Carried.

Sir F. Hincks then introduced a Bill respecting the Government Savings Bank Act; to amend the Banking Act, and to consolidate the Public Debt, and respecting the issue of Dominion Notes.

Sir John A. Macdonald moved the second reading of the Bill for the avoidance of doubts respecting the larceny of stamps. Carried.

Mr. Colby moved the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Insolvency Laws.

After some little debate on the Bill, the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

The Militia Report for 1871.

The report of the Minister of Militia shows the effective strength of the militia, including all ranks, to be 43,174 officers and men. Out of that number, 34,411 were on drill for the year 1871-2; and of that number 22,544 with 1,996 horses were assembled at divisional, or brigade camps of exercise for sixteen days continuous drill, paid, supplied and maintained as if on actual service. Five thousand two hundred and ten officers and men, with 19 horses, were assembled in eight day camps. The remainder of the active militia numbering 8,760 officers and men, performed their annual drill either at the headquarters of the corps, or as in the case of garrison artillery, at forts where gunnery instruction could be given most advantageously. One thousand one hundred and eighty-nine cavalry, and the field artillery consisting of 10 batteries with 42 field guns, have performed their drill in the different camps of exercise. Two new military districts for Manitoba and British Columbia respectively, have been added to the military organization of the Dominion. A Militia Artillery Corps has replaced the regular troops at Quebec, with the exception of two infantry batteries and a few artillery and engineers, all stationed at Halifax. There are now no regular troops in the Dominion. The active force of 43,184 is divided as follows; infantry, 35,573; garrison artillery, 3,844; field artillery, 949; cavalry, 1,571; staff, 64; engineers, 132; marine corps, 174? at schools of gunnery, 290; at infantry schools, 189; force on special service in Manitoba, 318. The reserve militia in 1869 numbered as follows:—Ontario in 1869, 315,352; in 1871, 330,886. Quebec in 1869, 215,216; in 1871, 222,854. New Brunswick in 1869, 55,623; in 1871, 59,923. Nova Scotia in 1869, 69,876; in 1871, 80,345. Total in 1860, 656,066; in 1871, 694,008; total increase in two years, 37,942. It will be seen by this return, therefore, that the Dominion possesses a reserve force for the purposes of defence of nearly 700,000 men.

The Fenian Raid Claims.

Mr. Cartwright has given notice that on Monday next he will move the House in committee to consider the following resolution: 1st, that this House regrets to learn that Her Majesty's advisers have seen fit to assume the responsibility of withdrawing the claims of the Dominion of Canada against the United States for compensation on account of injuries arising from the Fenian raids. 2nd, That this House cannot but feel that the proposal to identify the people of Conada, whether directly or indirectly at the expense of the English taxpayers, for wrongs committed by the subjects of a foreign state is impolitic both in itself and tends to produce dissatisfaction in the mother country, and furthermore that such a course of action is likely to operate as a direct incentive to renewed outrage, inasmuch as it is notorious that the above mentioned raids have arisen rather from feelings of hostility to the Imperial Government as a whole than from any special animosity to the inhabitants of this Dominion. Third, that, taking into consideration the circumstances under which these inroads were committed, this House is apprehensive that the refusal of the British Government to press these claims, is calculated to encourage the people and Government of the United States in the belief that the due discharge of their international obligations towards the Dominion of Canada is a matter of comparative indifference to Her Majesty's Imperial Cabinet.

Inquest at Elora.

(From our own Correspondent).

An inquest was held yesterday by Dr Middleton, coroner, on the body of Henry Kirkland, druggist, who was found dead in his bed at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. From the evidence adduced it appears he had been indulging to excess in the use of ardent spirits, and on Sunday had taken large doses of laudanum for the purpose of allaying the disturbed state of the nervous system under which he then laboured. Medical assistance was called at ten o'clock on Sunday night, and at one yesterday morning his physician left him, considering he was out of danger and it appears allowed him to sleep. His wife also went to sleep and on waking about 3 o'clock found he was dead. The verdict was that the deceased came to his death from the excessive use of alcohol and an over dose of laudanum. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. Much sympathy is felt for her and her friends. He is to be interred to-day at 4 o'clock in the Elora cemetery.

ELORA, April 23rd, 1872.

BY TELEGRAPH
THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Route of the Revolutionists at San Luis.

St. George's Banquet in New York.

Arrival of the Russian Minister

Loss of the "Ispahan."

New York, April 24.—At the annual banquet of St. George's Society, given at Delmonico's last night, Sir Edward Thornton, British Ambassador, delivered a most significant speech in response to the toast of "Her Majesty's Ministers and Representatives in the United States," expressing his regret at not having the satisfaction of meeting his countrymen in America in a social manner more frequently during his residence in this country. He said, "If I have not seen so much of my countrymen here as I could wish; it has certainly been from no want of good will on my part, but rather from force of circumstances and from conscencious devotion to my duty, by the strict performance of which I have felt that I was endeavouring to benefit them as belonging to the country which I have the honour to represent, and cement the bonds of the friendship which it is my ardent ambition should be firmly established between the two nations whose flags I see all around me harmoniously intermingled. It has been labouring to insure this friendship, with what success I hope is not doubtful, that I have been obliged to remain in Washington more constantly than would have been the case if I had been guided solely by my own inclinations. At the time of the conclusion of the Treaty of Washington I was gratified at being one of its signers. I had the firmest faith in the principle of arbitration, and I have still, but no one supposes that the British Commissioners ever had an idea that claims for indirect damages were ever included in the Treaty, and a subsequent examination of its working has not persuaded them to the contrary, but has confirmed their original and publicly proclaimed belief. The Government of the United States declare that they think otherwise, and they undoubtedly have a right to form their own opinion. I can but hope, however, that the present attempt to apply the great principles of arbitration will not fail on account of such a misunderstanding, and the solution seems palpable enough, for whilst it is easy, dignified, generous and magnanimous between two great nations of about equal power for one of them to waiver a claim to which she considers herself entitled, it would be impossible for the other to be bound by a decision that renders her a debtor on account of a claim which she does not even admit that she has ever agreed to submit to arbitration. I am convinced that such a solution of the question would be applauded by every nation in the world, and would do honour to the great Republic of the United States."

It is now believed that the steamer *Ispahan*, which left Bombay in January for this city, and which has not been heard from since leaving Malta on the 13th February, foundered off Brest, France, during a terrific gale. Fifty persons who were on the *Ispahan* are supposed to have gone down with her.

The weather throughout England is fair and favourable to the growing crops.

Matamoras, April 23.—The revolutionists under Gen. Narvey were driven out of the State of San Luis and totally routed.

New York, April 23.—Baron Offenberg, Russian Minister to the United States, has arrived here to-day by the steamer *Cuba*.

Boats in the Ice.

Special to the MERCURY.

Port Colbourne, April 24.

The *City of Concord* and *St. Albans*, bound out, were nearly through the ice this morning. The one coming in has not made much progress during the night. *Prop. Mary Ward*, started out at 8 o'clock this morning.

Wellington Spring Assizes.

April 23.

O'NEIL *vs.* FLEMING.—Action of ejectment to recover possession of lot No. 13, con. B, Peel. Verdict for plaintiff by consent, without costs. Mr. McMillan for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

NEWTON *vs.* GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—An action to recover amount of $2000 Insurance with interest, made by an insolvent, Alex. Todd, shoemaker, Garafraxa, with this company. About a month after the Insurance was made Mr. Todd's premises were burned down. The company put forth several pleas in defence, the principal of which were fraud, collusion and misrepresentation. The case was tried previously, at which time we gave full particulars of the case. Dr. McMichael Q. C. and Mr. D. Guthrie for Plaintiff, Messrs. Miller & McMahon for Defendants.

April 24.

The Court opened this morning at half-past nine o'clock when the case of Newton *vs.* the Gore Insurance Company was resumed. It occupied all the forenoon, and was not finished when we went to press.

List of Civil Cases.

Plaintiff	*Defendant*	*Pltf's Att'y*	*Dft's Atty*
Huron & Erie	Sweeney	Cronyn	Lemon
Byrns	T G & R R	Patullo	Chadwick
Harris	Richardson	Goforth	McCaul
Farrell	Keough	Lemon	Mitchell
Graham	Ash	Goforth	Munro
Huron & Erie	Stewart	Cronyn	Osler
Moore	Preston	Guthrie	Jacob
Kinniston	Long	McCarthy	Guthrie
McMaster	Moore	Jacob	Huggard
Newton	Sweeny	Guthrie	Cross
Lundy	McDonald	McCarthy	Guthrie
Griffith	Spence	Bae	Barret
Smith	McLellan	McDowell	Guthrie
McLellan	Smith	Guthrie	McDowell
Lorson	Atkinson	McCarthy	Jacob
Strabe	Jacob	Jacob	Palmer
Smith	McLellan	McDowell	Guthrie
Dale	Dale	McFadyen	Jacob
McEachren	Brill	Guthrie	Palmer
Finlayson	Scroggie	Jacob	Guthrie
Martin	Gerrie	McCarthy	"
Berry	Moore	McDougall	McDonal
McAlpine	Stephens	Guthrie	F. Osler
Wyllie	Lewis	McDougall	Guthr
Massie	McCrea	Guthrie	A.G.McMill
Petrie	Blakley	McDougall	Jacob
Ash	Ironside	McDougall	Gofor
Rose	Hope	Kennedy	Crerar
McGarrell	McGarrell	O'Connor	Peterso
Watson	Lewis	McDougall	Guth
Neeve	Martin	Guthrie	Biscoe
Hall	Patterson	Hall	Guthri
Tack	Stuckey	Biscoe	Jacob
Michie	Philip	McDougall	Jacob
Evans	Hogg	O'Conner	McMich
Rouse	Green	"	Merrit
McCauley	Lain	Mitchell	Biscoe
Forrester	Philip	McDougall	Kenn