

The Distribution of the Surplus in this County.

A few days ago we gave a statement of the amounts credited by the Ontario Government to several of the Municipalities in this County as their share of the surplus. We are now in a position to give more information on this subject, from the revised schedule which has just been issued. In the case of several of the Municipalities, there is quite an increase on the amounts first credited to them, when the scheme for the distribution of the surplus was before the Assembly last year. In order that our readers may see where the increase is made, we give the amounts as originally allotted, and the amounts now credited to these Municipalities according to the revised schedule:—

Table with 2 columns: Municipality, Amount as per first schedule, Amount as per revised schedule. Includes Amaranth, Arthur, Bruce, Guelph Township, Maryboro, Minto, Mount Forest, Nichol, Orangeville, Peel, Preston.

With regard to the increase in the sums credited to Guelph Township and Preston, the difference is accounted for in this wise. These two Municipalities are entitled to interest on their railway allowance for a longer period than that for which interest had been first allowed, viz:—from Decr. 1853, instead of from Sept. 1855.

With respect to Amaranth, Arthur, and Mount Forest, which were omitted altogether in the first schedule, the sums now credited them are allowed in respect of the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway, and the length of the line in respect of which aid is granted has been increased from 48 to 72 miles, which we suppose includes the extensions lately made on that road.

As regards the other Municipalities affected, the explanation of the increased amount put to the credit of these was given in the Legislative Assembly by Mr Crooks on Thursday, when the question of the distribution of the surplus came up for discussion on a return moved for by Mr. Law.

In answer to a question put by Mr. Sinclair, with respect to the amount allotted to the County of Bruce, Mr. Crooks explained that that County had at first been credited with a portion of the surplus to which, on further inquiry, it was not entitled, and which by its own law it was not entitled. He said:—"The County of Bruce, in passing the by-law to aid the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway to the extent of \$250,000, granted that aid in respect, not of the whole undertaking from Guelph to Southampton, but in respect to a portion of it which lay within the County of Bruce. It was, therefore, perfectly plain that the language of the Statute did not allow of the Government carrying out the provisions of the (first) printed schedules, and that the County of Bruce could only participate in the fund to the extent of the railway which was within its own boundaries. If the aid had been given in favour of the whole road from one end to the other, the matter would have been altogether different, but they had said to the company practically that they would aid them to so much a mile within their own county; it was a matter of perfect indifference to them how they got there." This amount, therefore, which was originally credited to Bruce, was afterwards divided among the municipalities in Wellington which aided the W. G. & B. Railway, and hence the increase in the amounts with which they were at first credited.

In this matter the Government have shown an anxious desire to deal justly with all the Municipalities interested, and those included in the above list have every reason to be well satisfied with the way in which the Government have divided the surplus. They have each received increased amounts in proportion to those granted by them in aid of railways, which will go far towards the payment of their railway debts. The balances which they will still owe, after deducting the Government allowance, will in most cases be small, especially when we take into consideration the many advantages which they have secured by railway communication. The amounts given above include railway grants and the capitulations allowance. With respect to the allowances made to the other Municipalities in this County, there are no changes from the sums allotted them—being \$1. per head on population—as given in the original schedules published last year.

It is reported that a protest is to be entered against the return of Mr. Crowell Willson for East Middlesex. The TIMBORNE TRIAL has reached its final stage. The Lord Chief Justice is summing up. The popular feeling in favour of the Claimant is as strong as ever. The following is from the last Gazette—20th Haulton Battalion of Rifles, No. 6 Company, Acton: to be Ensign provisionally, Sergt. John Shaw vice Alex. Brown, Jr., whose resignation is hereby accepted. Great regret is expressed in Ottawa at the retirement of Mr. Blake from the Ministry. His reasons being personal, not political, he will continue to give his earnest and cordial support to the Government.

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Parliament meets. Mr. Layton, the chief compiler, and election agent of the late Government consults his own interests by spinning the work out as long as possible, as he is in receipt of a high salary while it lasts.

The Contest.—There are two returns from Manitoba: Dr. Shultz, who is a supporter of the Government, and Riel, who may be safely classed with the Opposition. The other seat is still in doubt, though the reports indicate the defeat of Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Ryan is, however, also a supporter of the Government. This makes the reckoning—Ministry, 149; Opposition, 41; Independent, 7.

The Globe announces that the Dominion Government have appointed Mr. Edward Jenkins, member for Dundee, their representative in London, in place of the late Mr. Dixon. He will have, however, more extended powers, embracing not only emigration matters, but the transaction of such other business as the Government may require him to attend to.

Sacking a Steamer.

An account is given by a New Orleans paper of a most daring act of piracy which took place a short time since in the Southern States. The steamer Ellen D. had been on a trading expedition, and was tied up at Point Jefferson, on Bonif River, when five strangers came aboard at nearly the same time. Some of them had crossed the river, others had ridden down to the landing by different approaches. They were handsomely dressed, good-looking men in every instance. They seemed to be quite unknown to each other, and only assembled thus by the most unaccountable of accidents. They were sitting or standing about, as all customers on a trade boat are in the habit of doing. Suddenly one of the men cast his eyes around and said, in a low, clear tone, "Shall we?" and instantly the other four started to their feet. "Ready!" they all answered, and quick as thought their pistols were drawn, presented at the heads of the clerk, sailmaker, pilot, and engineer of the hapless boat, and the laconic but suggestive command was given, "Squat." Before the unsuspecting traders quite comprehended the state of things they were tied, blindfolded, and lying helpless on the floor. The five elegant looking gentlemen then proceeded below, where the four deck hands were subjected to a similar operation. It transpired that the five gentlemen knew each other quite intimately, for they laughed and talked in the pleasantest possible way while they went through the safes and stock of goods, taking all the money, about \$1,000, and such of the goods as were at once valuable and portable. After accomplishing all this with a neatness and despatch quite remarkable, the party made off.

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DIED.

RUSSELL.—At Montreal, on the 14th inst., John Russell, aged about 70 years, formerly of Guelph.

The funeral will take place from the Grand Trunk Station on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend.

AT

Day's Bookstore, Guelph

New Valentines, Choice Valentines, Handsome Valentines, Nice Valentines, Ugly Valentines,

All sorts and sizes very cheap, WITH ENVELOPES TO MATCH.

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

See Day's large fine stock before buying.

GUELPH

Marble Works.

The undersigned will furnish Grave Stones, Monuments, Tablets or Posts as cheap as any dealer in the Dominion

Granite Monuments or Headstones

IMPORTED TO ORDER. ALFRED S. FEAST, Woolwich street, above Bruce's Carriage Works Guelph.

GEORGETOWN

ACADEMY

Will reopen after the holidays on the 5th of January, 1874.

Who attend it? Teachers preparing for a certificate. Candidates for Matriculation in Arts, Law, and Medicine, and Commercial Students, Who desire to obtain a knowledge Writing, Book-Keeping, Commercial Arithmetic, etc.

Classes in Telegraphy, Shorthand, French and German. Send for circular. JOHN TAIT, Georgetown, Dec. 11, 1873.

IF YOU WANT

GOOD BREAD

USE THE DIAMOND Yeast Cakes.

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THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING-MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms \$4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in town, by the week, 10 cents.

Rates of advertising—First insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion 3 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Paragraph advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. TERMS:—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.—For transient advertisements 5 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, solid nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement are 40.

Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both at special rates. Contract advertisements changed often than once a month charged extra.

SPECIAL NOTICE. All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

GUELPH COAL DEPOT

Returns thanks for the liberal orders received since he opened his Coal yard, and begs to state that he will always keep on hand

HARD and SOFT COAL OF THE BEST QUALITY At the Lowest Prices.

Coal delivered in any part of the Town. Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory

Orders left at Mr. Horsman's Store will receive prompt attention. Guelph, Nov. 18, 1873. C. KLOEPFER, dsm

JUST RECEIVED AT

G. B. McCullough's DRUG STORE

A LARGE SUPPLY OF "Handy Package Dyes" In all shades, comprising Scarlet, Bismarck, Salmon, Rose, Slate, Blue, Magenta, Brown, Ponceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green, etc.

Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

ALSO, THE Depilatory Powder

Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin. G. B. McCULLOUGH, Dispensing Chemist

No. 3, Day's Block, Next door to J. E. McElherry's and directly opposite John Horsman's.

CATALOGUE OF NEW BOOKS.

Cabinet Portraits, Sketches of Statesmen, 2 25 Town Geology, by Kingsley, 1 50 Greater Britain, by Sir C. Dilke, 1 75 Political Portraits, 1 50 Over Volcanoes, by Kingsman, 1 25 Albert N'Yanza, by Sir E. Baker, 1 25 Inside of Paris During Siege, 1 25 North and South, 1 40 Monasteries of the Levant, 2 25 The Great Lone Land, by Capt. Buller, 1 50 Foods, 1 75 Men of the Third Republic, 1 50 Parisians, by Bulwer Lytton, 1 00

Any of the above forwarded, Post-paid, on receipt of price.

ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore.

East Side Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ont.

GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS

Sent by Mail to all parts of the Dominion.

Our Chromo, "THE LITTLE FLOREST," a beautiful Parlor Picture, 17x 22 inches, is sent free to all who favor us with orders to the amount of FIVE DOLLARS.

Send for CATALOGUE, which we mail gratis to who wish.

CHASE, BROTHERS & BOWMAN, Guelph, Ont.

Jan. 28, 1874.

New Advertisements.

Elephant Clothing Store.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

We are now selling our stock of Ready-made Clothing and Furnishing Goods at COST in order to make room for Spring Stock.

THOSE IN WANT OF CLOTHING SHOULD CALL, FOR THEY WILL SAVE MONEY BY DOING SO.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874.

Remnants, Remnants, Remnants.

The Grand Semi-annual Clearing Sale of Remnants commences on Monday morning, 9th inst., at

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END.

REMNANTS OF PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS REMNANTS OF FRENCH MERINOES, REMNANTS OF BLACK LUSTRES REMNANTS OF COBURGS REMNANTS OF TWEEDS REMNANTS OF COATINGS

REMNANTS OF FULLED CLOTHS REMNANTS OF FLANNELS REMNANTS OF SHIRTINGS REMNANTS OF HOLLANDS REMNANTS OF TOWELLINGS REMNANTS OF TABLE LINENS REMNANTS OF PRINTS REMNANTS OF TICKINGS, &c.

We will also CLEAR OUT 50 pair of Heavy first-class Blankets at \$3.50 per pair, regular price \$5.

We are determined to SELL OFF every Remnant in the store during the next Two Weeks, the price being every a secondary consideration.

A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

We extend the time for receiving payment for Accounts until Saturday, the 21st inst., when all must pay up without fail.

SHAW & MURTON. GUELPH, Feb. 11, 1874.

"Pay as You Go."

Good Doctrine: first rate; Admirable Philosophy: more good sense and economy in these few words than most people are aware of. If you take a paper, pay as you go—your butcher, baker, tailor, shoemaker, pay as you go. It is a philosopher's stone. We wish it was impressed on some people's hearts with a sledge hammer.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A large lot of Ladies', Misses and Children's Prunella's, WHICH WILL BE—

SOLD AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICE.

Purchasers will do well to call and examine our stock and prices, before buying elsewhere.

CUSTOM WORK A SPECIALTY.

All work made in the latest styles. A perfect fit guaranteed. Customers can have a last kept specially for themselves. Repairing done as usual.

Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall. WM. TAWSE & SON. Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874

Co-Operative Store.

The following Goods have been reduced in price in order to effect a Clearance:

FUR MUFFS, FUR SETTS, FUR CAPS, WINTER JACKETS, WINTER SHAWLS, WOOL PANTS, WOOL VESTS, WOOL SHIRTS, WOOL DRAWERS, WOOL HOODS, WOOL CLOUDS, WOOL SCARFS, WOOL GLOVES, WOOL STOCKINGS,

BED BLANKETS, HORSE BLANKETS, HEAVY QUILTS, HEAVY OVERCOATINGS, HEAVY CLOAKINGS, MENS' OVERCOATS, BOYS' OVERCOATS, FELT OVERSHOES, FELT GAITERS, FELT BALMORALS, FELT SLIPPERS, PLAIN WINCEYS, CHECKED WINCEYS, FANCY WINCEYS,

J. C. MACKLIN & Co. GUELPH, Feb. 1874.

ALL READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER

In every Department AN Immense Stock OF NEW GOODS AT WILLIAM STEWART'S, Who is now offering some of

The Cheapest Lines of Goods ever Offered in this Town.

A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from

10 to 15 Cents can be Saved On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, a Markets, and will be sold at the very closest prices.

DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY.

New Flannels, all qualities; 2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels 25c., worth 35c. 475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

In the Cloth Department THE NEWEST

Coatings, Trouserings, and Vestings and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.

WM. STEWART. Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE.

The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the unimproved property, viz: First—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about 130 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also, a Frame Barn 60x30, with eighteen feet posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.

Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Garafraxa Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the Lot.—The Rocky Saugeen River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery.

Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road one mile from Fleeterton Station, in the Township of Arden. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good Saw Log House.

The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indisputable titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown. Possession given 1st April.

For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor. JOHN KAY, Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. 12W-daw.

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NEW GOODS ARRIVED AT J. HUNTER'S

Wholesale and Retail. CALL AND SEE

The Largest Stock, The Greatest Variety, The Best and the Cheapest Goods for the Season Ever exhibited in Guelph

AT J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Toy Store Wyndham Street Guelph.

THOS. WORSWICK MANUFACTURER OF MACHINISTS' TOOLS

Complete, with best modern attachments. STEAM ENGINES

Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and Stationary Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.

Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention. THOS. WORSWICK, Guelph, Ont. Dec. 17, 1873.