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Savings Bank.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph on this day. The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 31st of June or 31st of December.

FUNERALS.

WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER. SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Houses in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and meeting the Fair Ground.

FUNERALS.

As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. WM. BROWNLOW, Guelph, March 20 1868. daw y

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP COY.

GUELPH AGENCY. CANADIAN LINE—Quebec to Liverpool every Saturday. GLASGOW LINE—Quebec to Glasgow every Thursday.

CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool, \$79.50 and \$89.50. STEERAGE, do do \$39.50. CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$69.50 and \$49.50. INTERMEDIATE, do do \$45.50. STEERAGE, do do \$29.50. Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends on, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, State-rooms, and every information, apply to GEO. A. ONNARD, Guelph, April 29, 1868. daw ly.

Funerals, Funerals!

NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual. His Steam Planing Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, moulding, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage. NATHAN TOVELL, Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867. Nelson Crescen

PAINTING, GLAZING, &C.

THOMAS BREADON DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH. Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c.

GOOD WORKMANSHIP

Shop, - - Douglas Street, Next door north of Wm. Hoover's Livery Stable, and directly opposite Wm. Brownlow's Undertaking Establishment. When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's. THOS. BREADON, Guelph 1st April, 1868. daw y

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

WITHOUT any exception, the Barclay Sewing Machine, manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Company, AT PARIS, ONTARIO, is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination is merely required, which will be to the advantage of those intending to purchase. All machines warranted. Also, agent for the DE LUXE KNITTING MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market. Apply to MOSES BECHTEL, General Agent for the County of Wellington, Blair Post Office. Agent for Guelph: MRS. HUNTER, Fancy Store, Wyndham St., Guelph, Jan 22, 1868. dw

1868. Liverpool & London & Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company has been in existence thirty-two years, and during that period has paid Losses exceeding Five and a half million Pounds Sterling. The disbursement of this enormous sum over a wide area, has without doubt contributed to the establishment of this Institution, in the confidence of Public Corporations, Merchants, Household-ers and Business men generally, wherever it is represented. In its 1st year, 1836, the Fire Premiums alone amounted to £ 9,750. In its 10th year, 1846, £ 47,500. In its 20th year, 1856, £ 222,279. In its 30th year, 1866, £ 739,332. One year later, 1867, £ 818,055. The Fire Reserve Fund is now \$4,727,464. The Life Reserve Fund is now \$9,292,468. The Company is represented throughout Ontario and Quebec by influential Agents, to whom application for Insurance may be made. G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary, Montreal.

T. W. SAUNDERS, Guelph, Guelph, 12th Feb. 1868. 747-1

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.

No. 4, Day Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 31 1868 dw D. MOLTON

Fire Crackers.

THE best Fire Crackers that can be got for sale wholesale and retail at the

Dominion Store!

Upper Wyndham Street, next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph.

FISHING GEAR

of all kinds for sale. MRS. ROBINSON, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph, 8th May 1868. daw

SUMMER DRINKS.

JAMES McCULLOCH, Importer of the best Soda Water, Lemonade, Sarsaparilla, Ginger Ale and Ginger Beer.

Spring Brewery Depot

GORDON STREET, GUELPH. All kinds of Summer Drinks, such as Soda Water, Lemonade, Sarsaparilla, Ginger Ale and Ginger Beer. Also a superior quality of Champagne and BOTTLED CIDER in quarts or gallons, which has been tested and highly recommended for years.

STANDARD Life Assurance Company

(Established 1825.) Accumulated Fund £3,700,005 1s. 4d. Stg. DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Agents at Guelph

THE STANDARD strongly advocates the Bill now before the House under which Insurance Companies are required to make certain deposits with the Government. The STANDARD is ready and willing to make any deposit required, thus guaranteeing to the fullest extent the Policy Holders. Every information to those desirous of insuring will be given at the office of DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph, 18th April, 1868. dw

Medical Dispensary

USE HARVEY'S PECTORAL BALSAM. A most speedy, safe and effectual preparation for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, &c. PRICE, - - 25c. per Bottle. Prepared and for sale only by E. HARVEY, Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St., Guelph, May 26. daw lf

AMPHION;

Four, Five & Six-Part Songs For Male Voices. WORDS chiefly by H. A. CLARKE. Music selected and arranged by J. E. GOULD, Editor of "The Opera Chorus Book," "Sacred Chorus Book," &c. Complete in Five Books.—Piano Score, 25c. per part.

BARAINS CHEAP BOOKS

HAVING purchased the Stock of M. Shewan, the subscriber is prepared to sell it off at once at the cheapest possible rates to make room for a new and large assortment of Family and Pocket Bibles, Congregational and Wesleyan Hymns, Pew Bibles, Pocket Testaments, Albums, Stationery, &c. that are on their way to his store. My arrangements with publishers and manufacturing establishments enable me to supply all kinds of Books, Newspapers and periodicals on the most reasonable terms. Law Forms of every kind always on hand, and I got up to order at the shortest notice. Fancy Goods, Window Shades, and a large lot of Paper Hangings on hand.

GUELPH BOOKBINDERY!

In the Binding department I would invite the attention of intending purchasers to the specimens on hand, or that which has been executed for many of the Registry Offices and Division Courts. A large assortment of School Books just arrived. Price Framing done on the premises promptly and in the neatest style. W. J. MCCURRY, Guelph, 26th May, 1868. daw

BOARDERS.

PARTIES requiring board with a large and pleasant household, can be accommodated by applying at MISS CARDS', "The Grove," Quebec Street, Guelph, 20th May. 46

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their charges for the EVENING MERCURY are handed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be inserted until the following day. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. FRIDAY EV'NG, MAY 29, 1868.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Blackwood's Magazine for May contains so many articles of interest, that we feel bound to call the attention of our readers to it with more than usual earnestness. For some time past we have read each number as it appeared, with just a shade of disappointment, and quietly let it slide; but the May number has made such an impression upon us that we shall not be disposed to part company with it readily, even though we are impatient for its successor. If we may draw an analogy of the future, we should say that the Magazine is about to recover all the freshness of its early days. We hope that our anticipations will be realized, and that the promise of the present number will be fulfilled by those that are to follow. A glance even at a part of the contents will be sufficient to show that there is attraction for every reader. The first article is an historical sketch—"Lord Chesterfield, the Man of the World." Many have heard of Chesterfield's Letters, but few know anything of the man. The present biographical sketch is very readable and will give a more correct opinion of him than is likely to be formed from reading his book. "Horseflesh" contains a few hints to those who are making up their minds to introduce a new article of diet. "Unlucky Tom Griffin, his Love and his Luck," is the commencement of a new and lively story, which will cause the number to be much craved for, and we advise every one hesitating about subscribing to hesitate no longer. An article on the Odes of Horace appeared in the April number, and in the present issue the subject is continued, and illustrated with numerous translations and running notes on the best Odes. Every classical scholar will be delighted with this article. We will notice only one more article—"Cornwall's O' Dowd" has a couple of papers in his usual style. It is difficult to characterize this series, opinions are so diverse upon its merits; an intelligent friend of ours styles it "unwarranted trash," another equally intelligent calls it "immortal." Perhaps it is a little of both. Published by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 140 Fulton Street, New York. For sale at the bookstores in town. Our Young Folks.—Messrs Ticknor & Fields, Boston, have sent us the June No. of their popular magazine, it contains Part X. of "Round the World Joe," and continuations of "William Henry's Letters to his Grandmother," and "Cast away in the Cold." "The Story of the Great Charter," is the narration of a historical event in language peculiarly fitted to convey to juvenile minds a perfect understanding of the privileges won by the barons from the fears of the pusillanimous King John. "The Wrens of North America," is a very attractive looking and fully descriptive article of different families of the species. The number contains besides some very well-written poetry. For sale at the Bookstores. A Lost Name.—We have received from Messrs Tur's & Co., Clifton, a novel bearing the above title. That it finds a place in Harper's Library of Select Novels is a good deal for its merits. The author is J. Sheridan Le Fanu, who has already written several splendid works of fiction, among others "The Tenant of Malinbeg," "In a Lost Name" the writer will be found to have lost none of his vigorous style, none of his power to interest by the production of incident or the manner of laying and working out his plot. For sale at Day's bookstore. Demerol's Young America.—The June number of this favorite of the little people has been received. It contains reading matter in both prose and verse which will make it attractive and useful to children. For sale at the bookstores. The Readings of Charles Dickens.—Messrs Ticknor & Fields, Boston, have issued in the form of a well-printed and elegantly bound book, the selections that Mr Dickens read in the United States during his recent visit. There are ten extracts, and it is unnecessary to say that these are the brightest gems in the works from which they have been selected. Each extract has an accompanying illustration. Mr Cuthbert, to whom we are indebted for a copy of the book, has a large stock on hand cheap at his Bookstore, Wyndham street. THE LIFE OF HON. MR. MCGEE.—The enterprising Canadian publisher, John Love, of Montreal, has issued, in a very handsome form a biography of the late Hon. T. D. McGee, from the pen of Mr Fenning Taylor, author of Sketches of British Americans. The work contains a true life-like photograph, by Notman, of the murdered Statesman, and embraces all the principal incidents in his career, the speeches made in the House of Commons on the day succeeding his assassination and the sermon preached on the occasion of his funeral. The books are for sale cheap at Cuthbert's bookstore.

Local and Miscellaneous

FIRE IN ST. MARY'S.—A blacksmith shop was burned in St. Marys on Thursday night of last week, and a new pump factory adjoining was saved with difficulty.

PRESENTATION.—Rev. Mr. Inglis of the West C. P. Church, Kincardine, was presented on the 23rd inst. by some of the members and adherents of his congregation with a handsome carriage.

ACCIDENT.—A young man employed in the chair factory of Mr. Wegensat, of Waterloo, had his thumb and two or three fingers cut off by a circular saw on Tuesday last.

Sergeant-Major Lyden was presented with a handsome sword by the St. Mary's Infantry Company on Thursday evening last, at Oddy's Hotel, for his indefatigable efforts to make the company efficient in drill.

Bad whiskey at Stratford had its effect on the Queen's Birthday. A good many fights took place during the day, and we learn that some of the officers of the regulars stationed there were attacked, and one of them seriously injured.

BURGLARY IN ACTON.—On Thursday morning last between one and two o'clock an attempt was made to rob Mr. Clark's hotel, Acton. The burglar was detected in the act of climbing through the window. He was caught and found to be a next door neighbor, named Clifford. He was sent to Milton to stand his trial. This is the second case of the kind during this month.

CULPABLE CARELESSNESS.—A man named McPhoe, of No. 7, Manby, had been witness of the sports in Mount Forest on the 25th, and when crossing the street to get in a waggon to go home, some half drunken fool drove down upon him, the horses throwing him down, and trampling him under their feet, while the wheels of the vehicle also passed over his body. He received severe wounds in his head and legs, and his shoulder blade was broken. His condition is critical, but it is thought he may recover.

FIRE AT CLINTON.—About 5:30 on Thursday afternoon a fire broke out in Mr. Racey's hardware store, spread rapidly and consumed Mr. Lee's saddle shop, Mr. Fullerton's photographic gallery, Mr. H. Norworthy's fruit store, Corlander & Elder's dry goods store, Lewis & H. L. G. in's ditto, Mr. N. Robson's grocery store and Mr. Steep's shoe store. The fire also consumed a number of outbuildings rear of the above named buildings. During the removal of Racey's goods a keg of powder exploded, blowing off a man's arm. Loss estimated at \$25,000. The fire was caused by coal oil catching fire in Racey's building.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.—On Tuesday morning, when the express train east reached Paris station, the wheel examiner on his round, discovered a man lying under the wheel, with one leg torn off at the knee, and the other foot severed at the ankle. The unfortunate proved to be a track laborer, named Michael Gratton, who resided near the station. He was conveyed to his house, but died shortly afterward, as he had almost perished from loss of blood when his condition was discovered. Deceased had been enjoying the holiday at Paris, had taken too much liquor, lain down on the track, gone to sleep, and met his death.

TAIL TROTTING.—It may be interesting to some of our readers to learn what sort of horses were put upon the course at Chatham, on the 25th inst. Two horses were entered for the ten mile trot. The winner did the first mile in 3:37, the 8th in 3:12, the 9th in half a second less, and the 10th in 3:19. The whole time occupied by the winning horse in trotting the ten miles was 33 minutes 25 1/2 seconds, and his opponent was only 25 1/2 seconds behind him. Most interesting, however, attached to a pacific race, best 3 in 5, for which there was a number of entries, but from which all competitors soon dropped off except two—Gipsee and Gay Decoler. The former won the first heat, then they made three dead heats; in the fifth and sixth Decoler was the winner; in the seventh success was on the side of Gipsee—and it was then too dark to finish, so the horses were walked around the track and the prizes equally divided. The best time was 2:41.

AN UPSET.—A grey horse that almost every person in town may have noticed drawing sand, had to-day the task assigned him of drawing earth to fill up the excavation at the spot where the Market Clerk's office stood until a day or two since. In the process of dumping the cart was backed rather close, the ground gave way, the cart went into the cavity and threw the old grey on his back. After a few minutes assistance came, the horse was released and set right end up, and nothing was broken. Altogether it was not an extraordinary event, but it was about the only local event of the day.

In the British House of Commons on the 11th inst., Mr. Corry explained the navy estimates at considerable length. The total amount required is £11,177,890. This is only 2 3/8 per cent of the commerce which it protects. The cost of maintaining the French navy is less in amount, but is 6 3/8 per cent of the commerce of the French Empire.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. FRIDAY, May 29.—Mrs. Jane Morrill was charged by Mrs. Davis, who keeps a small grocery on Upper Wyndham-st., with the larceny of a bed quilt. Prisoner has not been married long, but it appears that when she and her husband first went to housekeeping, they rented a part of the house Mrs. Davis occupied, where they have since remained, and also purchased from her some bedding—three quilts being among the articles. The prosecution had been on visiting terms with the Morrills for some time, but by and bye all intercourse ceased, and the door between the apartments of the two families was irrevocably shut. She had missed a quilt for some time, and a few days ago in looking through an aperture in the partition she discovered the lost quilt on Morrill's bed. A search was then brought it into Court this morning, and Mrs. Morrill was compelled to accompany it. Mr. McCurry, who appeared for the prisoner, had but small chance of showing that it might possibly be one of the three which were bought and sold, but he did his "level best" to show that it might possibly have been left in prisoner's apartment, for Mrs. Davis had at one time been taken ill, when on a friendly footing with the Morrills, and having no work, went in and lay down by their stove, a girl who was in the house with her having brought in a quilt to throw over her. But the girl swore positively that she took the quilt back, and so there was nothing to be gained on that tack. Mrs. Morrill was committed for trial, the Magistrate offering to accept \$1 for her appearance, herself in \$300 and two sureties in \$150 each.

A second charge—that of stealing firewood—was preferred against Mrs. Morrill by Mrs. Davis, but the case was remanded until to-morrow.

Board of Public Instruction.

The following are the names of those to whom certificates were granted at the half-yearly examination of Teachers for the South Riding of Wellington, last week:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Term. Includes Alex. P., Wm. J. Kilgour, Robert Tovell, Daniel Talbot, Eliz. Kernaghan, John Jas. Potter, Phoebe Hindley, Donald Thomson, Richard Harold, John Ireland, Mary Chisholm, Catharine Lasby, Isabella Young, Ann J. McKinnon, Sarah Morrell, John Farr, Mrs. M. Heritage, John Flewelling, Samuel Chisholm, Grace McMurphy, Catharine Collins.

THE GREAT DISSOLVER.—The Times suggests that as Mr. Disraeli has surpassed the expectations of friends and foes in the lengths to which he has gone on the franchise, perhaps he may, in a less direct and conscious way, land us all in the trial—not to say annual—parliament. As this is now the third time his party has graciously waived the right of dissolution in the space of two years, it is only an inference from the doctrine of chances that at least once a year for the future the possessors of power will find it equally convenient to make a fresh appeal to the constituency. That frequent dissolutions would lead to nothing more than annual inconvenience, one can scarcely hope. They would land us before long at some point far beyond our present ken, and the House of Commons would not find itself the stronger from always consisting of young and raw material. It was but the other day Disraeli reminded us that Cromwell had conquered the House of Commons, and ordered that 'hauble' to be taken away. Does Mr. Disraeli wish us to regard himself as always meditating the exercise of a power for which he evidently sees such continual reason? At any rate he will have followers and imitators who will find more encouragement in the language he has just used than he would wish them on better acquaintance. His doctrine of "dissolution" will be quoted with unctious by statesmen whom he would hardly like to have for his own colleagues, and in behalf of the last measure he would wish to help on. Could he not guard his doctrine a little more; and release us from the almost servile terror of the fatal stroke in which it seems to put this free Legislature?

GROWTH OF AN AUSTRALIAN COLONY.—Although the first rush to the new Australian colony of Queensland, which was erected as an independent settlement on the 10th December, 1859, met with some check in 1866, and the country seems also to have been subjected to drawbacks from the fact that the settlers are such as usually throng to a new district—about five per cent. of the entire population being annually taken into custody—the progress of the colony has been remarkable. According to a despatch from the Governor, Sir G. F. Brown, just published, the European population since the date of its establishment has increased from less than 25,000 to nearly 100,000; while the revenue and the trade including exports and imports have been almost trebled. The other chief elements of prosperity have advanced in a nearly equal proportion. During the same seven years cotton and sugar have been added to the list of staple products; a line of new ports has been opened along the eastern seaboard from Keppel Bay to Cape York, a distance of 1,000 miles; and settlements have been formed around the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria on the northern coast of the Australian continent and a distance of 1,500 miles from the seat of government to Brisbane. Moreover, during the same period, pastoral occupation has spread over the greater portion of the interior of Queensland, that is, over an additional area of at least four times larger than the area of the United Kingdom. In 1859 the pioneer settlers had scarcely advanced beyond the Darling Downs to the west, or beyond Rockhampton to the north. Now there are stations more than 700 miles to the north and north-west of Rockhampton.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Queenstown, May 28.—The steamer City of Cork has returned with a broken shaft. The Siberia is also in port with her screw broke. London, May 28.—The Daily News thinks that Mr. Johnson has accepted, and has, in fact, not been, quitted. The writer does not think that the strength of the Radicals has been materially impaired by the failure to convict. The Morning Post thinks that the radicals themselves ought to be pleased at their own defeat, and predicts that the time is not far distant when they will. The Daily Telegraph cites the division in the Republican rank, and agrees from that that the case was above partisanship, and hence the verdict was a true one.

Paris, May 28.—All the leading journals in this city have editorials on the result of the impeachment of the President of the United States. The Morning Star says the Radical party has ground without gaining the end which it proposed. The Presse thinks the result is not final, and believes the nation will decide the issue in the coming Presidential election. L'Opinion regrets the vote of the seven Republican Senators for acquittal, and attributes their action to fears that the conviction of the President might precipitate a crisis.

American Despatches

Cincinnati, May 28.—Coburn and McCool both plead guilty to charge violation of the laws of Indiana, and Judge Wilson, in passing sentence of 40 days imprisonment on them, expressed his regret that the Statutes of the State did not allow infliction of higher penalty. Both parties will have to serve their forty days in the Lawrenceburg jail.

New York, May 29.—A Committee of the Common Council are hearing the proposition to widen Broadway from 17th to 59th streets. It is said the job will cost from 14 to 20 million dollars.

The Fenians had a grand picnic at the Bellevue Gardens yesterday. The attendance was numerous and selected and about 1 p.m. the 40th Regiment of the Irish Republican Army assembled in Washington square, and were in full force, numbering about 600 men.—Col. J. Whitehead, late of Mount Joy Life Brigade, was in command. The Tribune special says it is generally believed that the Committee appointed under Mr. Ross's resolution to investigate the charges of bribery will confine their examinations principally to journalists, and seek to elicit from them the grounds on which editorial articles and despatches in reference to these charges have been based. The Committee of the Chicago Convention, with a record of the proceedings, have arrived in the city, and to-day present them to General Grant and speaker Colfax, asking their acceptance of the nominations. The nomination of Gen. Schofield to Secretary of War was taken up in the Senate to-day, but not acted on. General Grant and Speaker Colfax will, it is announced, start about 1st July for Colorado, and expect to be gone two months. Their trip is solely for purpose of recuperating their health.

The Herald special says the President neither denies nor admits the threat is to be a change in his Cabinet.

INTERESTING TO CRICKETERS.—The Amateur, Captain Williams, is daily expected to arrive from Sydney with the Aboriginal Black Eleven from Australia. Before sailing the Black Eleven played a match with an eleven of the Army and Navy, with Caffyn in, in the presence of his Royal Highness Prince Alfred, and though the match was not played on the blacks had much the best of it, having scored in their first innings 237 runs against 64 on the part of their antagonists. The names of the Aborigines are Bullock, Tiger, Red Cap, Mullagh, Cuzens, King Cole, Dick-a-Dick, Peter, Twopenny, Jim Crow, and Lawrence. At the conclusion of the Navy Eleven, the blacks displayed their athletic powers to Prince Alfred. Mullagh jumped 57 ft. in running an Cuzens 47 ft. in standing. Dick-a-Dick threw a cricket ball 117 yards, and the exhibited marvellous dexterity in defending himself against numerous expert throwers, who pelted him with cricket balls at a range of but twenty yards, in his defence, we are told, only a small shield and "a hangle"—whatever they may be. The Aboriginal Black Eleven are to play the first public match at the Oval ground on Monday and Tuesday in the Derby week.

FUSION OF COURTS.—A short time ago a Royal Commission was appointed in England for the purpose of enquiring into the propriety and feasibility of uniting the courts of equity and law. The opinions of numerous leading solicitors have been taken and they are unanimously in favor of the proposed fusion. It is therefore almost certain that the commission will report favorably. The same question has been discussed in this country, and there appears to be a strong desire to unite the court of chancery with the courts of common law. The feasibility of the project has been doubted by some, but if the complicated machinery of the English court of chancery can be united with the common law courts, surely it is not impossible to effect a similar union in this country.

TREE PLANTING.—If a farmer in Wisconsin plants a row of trees along the road, he is exempt from working on the road. Whoever hurts one of these trees is fined \$5; and the State Horticultural Society offers a premium of \$100 for the best ten acres of forest trees, and \$50 for the second best. The plan does honor to Wisconsin, and we can't see why some thing of the same kind should not be adopted in Canada. The last issue of the Fenian in Buffalo is very wrothy over the signing of one of the Fenian prisoners to Provincial Penitentiary, and says that down draught when we [the Fenians] shall teach the Canadian Government they shall treat a prisoner of war.