

Business Cards.

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

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

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. REMOVAL OF SURGERY. DR. HEKOD Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual.

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.

W. H. TAYLOR, CARRIAGE SILVER PLATER, Opposite Knox Church, GUELPH.

RIE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. 127 dw

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.

IRON CASTINGS. Of all kinds, made to order at CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.

MONEY TO LEND, On real security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to FRED. BISCOE, Barrister, Guelph.

MONEY TO LEND, In sum to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged. Apply direct to the undersigned, GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, April, 1873. dw

W. M. FOSTER, D.D.S., Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Establishment, 1874. Office next door to the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, 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. MOULTON & BIS H. dw

J. H. ROMAIN & Co., Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants.

References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., bank of Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont. Messrs. Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Miller & Co., commission merchants, Chicago); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Hunter, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; C. Masill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., S. B. Foot, Esq., Toronto.

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. Guelph dw GEO. MURTON, dy

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT. Opposite the Market, Guelph. Openers in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties. GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor, Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dw

New Advertisements.

Important Meeting.

A Meeting of the Manufacturers of Guelph will be held in the Queen's Hotel, at 7 o'clock this (Saturday) evening. A full attendance is requested.

NOTICE.—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. dwtif.

SQUARE UP. 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. dw

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Laundry in connection. my 14 dw JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor.

TENDERS WANTED. Tenders wanted for building a two-story BRICK DWELLING. Plans and specifications may be seen at my office till the first of March. Not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. JOHN MCCREA, Guelph, Feb. 20, 1874. dw

St. Patrick's Society. The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at HEFFERNAN'S ALBION HOTEL, Monday Ev'g next, 23rd inst at 7.30 o'clock. Old and intending members are invited to attend. E. O'CONNOR, Sec. Guelph, Feb. 19th, 1873. dd

Cemetery Land. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 4th MARCH, prox. for five years occupation of the spare lands (about 14 acres) belonging to the Guelph Union Cemetery. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the highest, or any other tender. JAMES HOUGH, Secretary Treasurer, Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874. dw-w2

GAS COMPANY. The annual meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the GUELPH GAS COMPANY will be held in THE TOWN HALL, on the afternoon of Monday, 23rd Feb., 1874.

For the election of Directors, and the transaction of general business. Chair to be taken at 2 o'clock. D. GUTHRIE, President. J. C. McLEAN, Secretary and Treasurer. Guelph, Feb. 7th, 1874. dw-w2

John M. Bond & Co. OFFER FOR SALE. Cut Nails, Wrought Nails, Window Glass, Boiled Linseed Oil, Raw Linseed Oil, Putty in Bladders, White Lead, Dry, White Lead, Paint, Colours of all kinds, and their usual assortment of HARDWARE.

TO BUILDERS. Parties desiring of tendering for three stores to be built on Wyndham Street, Guelph, for John Hogg, may see the plans and specifications on and after 20th February instant at Mr. Hogg's office until Wednesday 25th instant, and at my office after that date until Wednesday, 4th March, ensuing, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. VICTOR STEWART, Architect, Brownlow's Buildings, Guelph, February 13th, 1874. v2db.

NEW Carriage and Waggon Shop! Cork-st., Guelph. The subscriber begs to announce to the public that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr. Wm. Smith, on Cork street, and is prepared to manufacture Carriages, Waggon and Cutters of every description. All kinds of repairing done on the shortest notice. Charges moderate. Having had long experience in the business he is confident that he can give entire satisfaction to those who may favor him with a call. JOHN MCCONNELL, Guelph, Feb. 11, 1874. d2w-w3m

ENGRAVING. Gold and Silver Plating Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Fringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. T. O. OLDHAM, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873. d3m-2wx

NEW GOODS. Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS. BERLIN WOOLS. And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to. MRS. WRIGHT, Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1873. dw

To Business Men.

The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

Guelph Evening Mercury SATURDAY EV'NG, FEB. 21, 1874

Town and County News. Mr. Crooks' Financial Statement is crowded out until Monday, by pressure of local news.

MONEY LOST.—Dropped in the counting room of the Mercury office this (Saturday) forenoon, a bank bill. The owner on proving property can have it returned by applying at this office.

SABBATH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment in connection with the Primitive Methodist Sabbath School will be held on Monday evening the 23rd inst. in the church. An excellent programme is being prepared, consisting of recitations, and sacred music. Doors open at half-past seven, to begin at eight, p.m.

Our Neighbors of the town of Berlin are a sociable people. The masquerade ball is just over, and now we hear that a great Masquerade Skating Carnival will be held at the Berlin Rink on Wednesday evening next, when some rare sport may be anticipated. The Carnival also states that an association has been formed in the town, having two objects in view, the cultivation of music and for mutual improvement; which, it adds, "has long been a desideratum in town, as it will afford young men an opportunity of spending a pleasant and profitable evening in the cultivation of objects that are highly commendable."

CLEVER ARREST.—On Friday night week the premises of Mr. B. Allendorff, at New Hamburg, were burglarized and a quantity of wooden goods stolen therefrom. The matter was placed in the hands of High Constable Klippert, who on Sunday arrested the perpetrator at the village of Hanover in the County of Grey. The prisoner, whose name is Henry Almer, is a man about 45 years of age and a resident of Walkerton. He had disposed of part of the stolen property in Berlin and Baden, and the remainder he had hidden in a swamp near Petersburg. He confessed his guilt. Great praise is due to Constable Klippert, as the prisoner was on his way to "that happy land" whence no thief returns" when arrested.

Local and Other Items. The ordinance of Baptism will be administered in the Baptist Church to-morrow, after the morning service. No other living thing can go so slow as a boy on an errand. A little girl in Des Moines wants to know why there are no he dolls. Why is a person who never lays a wager as bad as a regular gambler? Because he is no better. A New Hampshire town defrayed the expense of providing a municipal hearse by giving a fancy dress ball. When a Milwaukee paper remarked recently "The lilac bushes are budding," a reader said excitedly, "You lilac Satan!" The Burlington (Iowa) Daily speaks of a couple "resolving themselves into a committee of two, with power to increase the number."

A Western paper announces the coming of a star actor who will show "our benighted citizens how Shakespeare ought to be sung."

Colonel Sweet, editor of the San Antonio (Texas) Herald, recently received two Indian seals as a present from an admirer of his paper.

A man was boasting that he had been married for twenty years and had never given his wife a cross word. Those who know him say it is not true.

An evasive newspaper writer desires the School Committee to investigate the school-marm in that town, who allows a young man to sit with his arm around her in school hours.

"What is a more exhilarating sight," asks a Western paper, "than to see eighteen handsome girls sliding down hill on an ox-sled?" "Nineteen," says the experienced editor of the Boston Post.

A TEESWATER lawyer has lately been taken to the stone boarding house at Walkerton to pay an honest debt.

THERE is a great deal of sickness in Teeswater just now, owing no doubt to the changeableness of the weather.

An Irishman newly engaged, presented to his master a pair of new boots, the leg of one was much larger than the other. "How comes it you rascal, those boots are not of the same length?" "I really don't know, sir; but what bothers me most is that the pair don't stairs are in the same fix."

TEESWATER.—Mr. Little will soon commence building a grist mill, which will be a great benefit to the village when completed. We understand that a number of stores and dwellings will also be erected during the coming summer.

BRYEN.—On Friday last, the wife of Mr. Henry Hamilton, McKillop, gave birth to twins, one weighing 10 pounds and the other 12, which leaves Jameson town considerably behind.—Brussels Post.

A SAD ACCIDENT happened to a son of Mr. William Chambers, who resides on the 6th Concession of the Township of Brant, near the Townline of Brant and Greenock. The lad, who is about 15 years of age, had been out in the bush chopping when a limb fell from the tree, the butt end striking him on the front part of the head and fracturing the skull. Dr. Douglas, of Pinkerton, was sent for. The injury to the head was so serious that he desired assistance, and Dr. Weeks, of Walkerton, was called. Several pieces of the broken skull were taken out, and a portion of it which had been depressed was raised. The sufferer was at last pronounced alive, but it is hardly possible for him to recover.—Bruce Herald.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE IMPERIAL MINISTRY.

Disraeli's New Cabinet. London, Feb. 20.—A dense fog prevails here to-day.

London, Feb. 20.—The following list of members of the new Cabinet is official.—First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. Benjamin Disraeli; Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Northcote; First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Geo. Ward Hunt; Secretary of State for the Home Department, Mr. Richard Assheton Cross; Secretary of State for the Foreign Department, the Earl of Derby; Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, the Earl of Carnarvon; Secretary of State for War, Mr. Gathorne Hardy; Secretary of State for India, the Marquis of Salisbury; Lord High Chancellor, Lord Cairns; Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Malmesbury; Lord President of the Council, the Duke of Richmond.

Lord John Manners is appointed Postmaster-General. General Wolseley, Commander of the Ashantee expedition, is a sufferer to a large amount by the destruction of the Pantechnicon.

Shipwrights Discharged. The Philadelphia Strike. 1,300 Free Meals. Volunteers Object to Fight. Troubles in Japan. Opera Singers in Trouble.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Six hundred workmen of the Spanish war emergency were to be discharged from the navy yard to-morrow. The Monitor Canonica goes into commission to-morrow; her destination is supposed to be Key West.

The cotton and woolen mill operatives, at a meeting to-night, resolved to continue the strike until their demands were acceded to. The manufacturers state that the hands have only injured themselves by this action, as most of the mills have now on hand a large stock of manufactured goods, and were only running under the least possible expense, to simply keep going, and give employment to their hands.

New York, Feb. 21.—Thirteen hundred free meals were served by the Howard Relief Association yesterday, at Leonard street police station. Bennett's first shop house opened yesterday, and was besieged all day.

Details of the disturbance in Havana on the evening of the 12th, shows that it was much more serious than hitherto reported. A large body of volunteers assembled in front of the Captain-General's palace and demanded that the recent conscription proclamation should be modified; they were willing to take the field as volunteer organizations, but not willing to be conscripted to serve under Spanish officers. The Captain-General refused to see the delegation appointed to wait upon him, thereupon an insipient riot began, and evidences of outbreaks in various quarters were manifested. The troops fired upon the crowd, killing five persons. Upon the following day Martinez, an editor, and Father Castro, ex-Cure of the cathedral, were arrested, among others, and it is reported that these two are already consigned to death. Americans sent returned from Havana report the city in a very feverish condition.

Nagasaki, Feb. 20.—A serious insurrection has broken out in the district of Fizen. The telegraph lines have been destroyed.

Yedo, Feb. 20.—Political disturbances are apprehended in Japan. Minister Iwa-Kura has tendered his resignation, but the Mikado refuses to accept it. The people clamour for war against the Koreans. This or a civil war is inevitable.

Havana, Feb. 20.—The members of the chorus and orchestra of the Italian opera have sued Lucca, Carina, and Vizzani for their pay and return passage to New York. The defendants have refused, and the court has issued an order prohibiting their departure from the island until the people were paid. Madame Lucca yesterday attempted to leave clandestinely on the steamer Columbus for New York. Her husband, baggage, and servants were on board, and shortly before the sailing of the steamer a lady closely veiled was seen to approach. A committee of the chorus discovered her to be Lucca, and informed the police, who compelled the entire party to return ashore.

West Church, Puslinch. The Rev. John McNabb delivered a lecture in the West Church, Puslinch last Wednesday, on Manitoba, in which Province he laboured for four years as a member of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The lecture was one of the most interesting ever delivered in the place. It embraced both the good and the bad features of the new Province. He minutely explained the fertility of the soil, the vast extent of country available for agricultural purposes, the mineral wealth, together with its present political and ecclesiastical position, and its educational institutions. The lecture was exceedingly interesting, and the audience would have liked to see it in print for future reading. On the conclusion of the lecture, according to previous announcement, the congregation met, and being properly constituted according to the rules of the church, unanimously petitioned the Guelph Presbytery to initiate proceedings to moderate in a call to Mr. McNabb. Commissioners were appointed to appear before the Presbytery at Elora, on Monday 23rd inst., with a petition to this effect. The Rev. Mr. McKay, East Puslinch, who was present, kindly advised by his counsel and advice in the proceedings.—Com.

Mr. S. Koimer, living near Waynesboro, Va., recently ordered an old oak to be cut down, remarking that the entires would find a roek in the body of the tree, which he had put there fifty-four years ago, when he was a little boy returning from school one day. When the tree was cut in the heart of it was found indeed the identical roek which Mr. Koimer had put in the fork of the tree fifty-four years ago.

CONNUBIALITIES.

THE BURGLARS' RAID.

AT WORK IN GUELPH! J. B. Armstrong & Co's. Safe Blown Open.

Toronto, London, and Hamilton have been complaining during the last two weeks of daring and systematic burglaries committed in those cities; and now it is Guelph's turn. During last (Friday) night, some "cracksmen" entered the office of Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co., carriage-makers, through a small, high window that opens on Macdonnell street, and operated on the safe in the office at the rear. It is a Taylor's safe, with an exceedingly small keyhole. The appearance this morning indicates that they dragged it out from the corner of the room towards the centre of the floor, and drilled a hole in the centre of the keyhole; they then filed out a deep slot on each side; leaving an orifice measuring about an inch long by half an inch. Into this orifice a quantity of coarse gunpowder was introduced, and fired with a fuse. Part of the fuse was found this morning, and a few grains of the powder. The two plates of the safe door were blown completely apart. The inner plate was torn away from the connecting rivets, and the outer one, half an inch thick of wrought iron, was bent considerably by the force of the explosion. The lock was shattered, and the fireproof lining lay in large fragments around. The door was the only injured portion of the safe; even the interior woodwork compartments were not blackened. The affair was a terrible sell for the thieves, however, for two or three dollars was the booty they got. Mr. Armstrong had the night before taken \$200 or \$300 from the safe. It is his custom to remove the money from the safe every evening. There was also in the safe a large note, containing notes to the value of \$5,000. These the thieves had taken out of the compartments of the case, except two. Some of them were found folded up and lying on the floor of Mr. Armstrong's private room, but others, to the amount of some \$3,000 or \$4,000, were taken, including one over and therefor valueless note of \$2,000. The window through which entrance was effected opens into this room, and the notes the robbers have taken will be of no use to them, as Mr. Armstrong has stopped payment. A registered letter had been received for one of the workmen by the evening mail, but he happened to be working overtime, and in consequence got the letter, which would otherwise have fallen into the hands of the thieves. The office presented a sad scene of confusion this morning. Desk drawers had been pulled out, and they and their contents pitched hither and thither on the floor. Chairs and stools were overturned, and the floor strewn with stationery and papers. As Mr. Armstrong remarked, the intruders were "great on the chew," and they had sprinkled things liberally with tobacco juice. It is singular that no one heard the explosion.

It is evident from the method of their operations that they were professional burglars. The unusual darkness of the night would greatly favor them. It is probable that they were notified by some accomplices in reference to Mr. Armstrong's office, and that they came into town late and left it early in the morning. Nothing was seen of them at any of the taverns, so far as can be learned, and the night agents at the station know nothing of any suspicious strangers; though it would not be difficult for the fellows to get into a train unnoticed, Chief Kelly is, of course, making all enquiries.

Two More Burglaries. Entries were also effected last night into the planning mill of Mr. Robert Stewart, Upper Wyndham street, and the premises of Mr. Robertson, Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, next door. The burglars opened an unfastened window in the rear of the planning mill, broke open Mr. Stewart's office door, and tried to move the safe out of its position. It is one of Taylor's make. The safe is wedged tightly under the office desk, against the wall, and the thieves apparently could not move it, although they smashed the desk badly in the attempt. Whether from this cause, or because they were disturbed, nothing further was done towards breaking open the safe, which contained about \$25; and nothing was taken.

The feed store was entered by the back door, which had been fastened by a wooden bar and staples. This was broken, as was also the bar-socket on an inner door leading to the front trap. Here the thieves forced open a little money drawer, and took some small silver from it—less than a dollar in all. There was nothing else in the shop that they could carry away.

EAST WINTER ON RAILROADS.—This, up to the present time, been one of the easiest winters on railroads that has been experienced for many years. Neither the Grand Trunk or the Great Western has suffered anything to speak of from snow blockades, besides escaping the large number of breakages that usually occur in extremely cold weather. The floods at various times, however, caused considerable damage to both of our leading roads; but notwithstanding this, we hope the shareholders will have a tangible reason for knowing that there are mild winters in Canada, and the present is not a bad specimen. We do not know that any delay to speak of has occurred on the W. G. & E. B. line since the opening of winter on account of the severity of the weather.—Reporter.

A QUEEN REVENOR.—The Brussels Post says:—A farmer living near Jamestown owns a lot of hens, from which he could not get any eggs, although he was certain they were laying. A few weeks ago he discovered that the fowls had sneaked the eggs as soon as laid, and maddened at this he shoved the hens into a sack, brought them to a blacksmith and had their bills burned off while two of the hens were smothered on the way. A novel procedure, certainly.

A London literary paper says of George Eliot that on her manuscript the tolls tremulously, working on an average six hours a day, and rarely accomplishing in that time more than 300 or 400 words. Her laboring was so arduous that she devoted all the remainder of the time to recreation and sleep.

DIED OF JOY.—The following story comes from Wisconsin: A German for years had struggled with fortune and had so mastered the situation as to be able to offer a home to the girl of his heart, whom he left in the old country, and who was faithfully awaiting the smiles of fortune in the new world to join their hands as well as their hearts. That time had come, and the German sent his affianced the necessary means to reach him, and the very train she was to arrive in was known, and the German and his friends were at the station to give the stranger welcome. As the passengers got out, the recognition between the two was mutual; they clasped each other, and "Fritz" and "Kathrina" were the words they said; but as he, in a moment, turned to present his affianced bride to his friends, her head rested heavily on his breast and his expected bride was a corpse in his arms—dead from joy. The account need not have added that there was not a tearless eye in that station house, as the body was borne out, and the very train she was to arrive in was known, and the German and his friends were at the station to give the stranger welcome. As the passengers got out, the recognition between the two was mutual; they clasped each other, and "Fritz" and "Kathrina" were the words they said; but as he, in a moment, turned to present his affianced bride to his friends, her head rested heavily on his breast and his expected bride was a corpse in his arms—dead from joy. The account need not have added that there was not a tearless eye in that station house, as the body was borne out, and the very train she was to arrive in was known, and the German and his friends were at the station to give the stranger welcome. 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