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## Business Cards

**MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.**  
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the purpose of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.  
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## New Advertisements

**WANTED**—A servant to do general housework. Apply to Mrs. Bischoff, Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ont.

**TO LET**—2 Comfortable Dwelling Houses to let, in eligible localities. Apply to Hart & Spiers, 3d

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY**—At the Cash Store, a few first-class Tailor-esses. Apply to B. Clayton, 1841

**SERVANT WANTED**—Wanted a respectable servant girl, accustomed to do general housework. Apply to Mrs. P. Gow, Boehl Grove, Guelph, Ont.

**HOUSE TO LET**—To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office. Guelph, Dec. 3rd, 1873. dtf

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

**BERKSHIRE BOAR**—The pure Berkshire Boar owned by the subscriber will serve sows this season. Terms 1 cash; credit \$1.50. ALIAN SIMPSON, Guelph, Dec. 3, 1873. 2dwt Blacksmith

**NOTE LOST**—Lost or mislaid, a note of hand given by James Ritchie, of Erin, to John Coghlan, for \$120, payable in five months, dated Oct. 23d, 1872, and payable March 23d, 1873. The finder or returning it to me will be rewarded. The note is not now negotiable, as it has been paid, and any one trying to negotiate will be prosecuted. JOHN COGHLAN, Guelph Township, Dec. 11, 1873. wldz Guelph Township.

**INSOLVENT ACT OF 1866,** AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. In the matter of HENRY METCALF, of Guelph, Saddler, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his store in Guelph, on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Interim Assignee. Dated at Guelph, 24th Dec. 1873. dtw

**BANKRUPT STOCK** OF A GENERAL STORE FOR SALE BY TENDER.

The undersigned will receive tenders until Monday, 15th Dec. inst., for the stock of a general store in Hollis, amounting to about \$1,000, as follows:—Stock of Groceries, Hardware, and other goods, together with the inventory may be seen on application to Mr. George H. McLeod at the village of Hollis. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender. JOHN FAIR, 96 St. Francois Xavier Street, Montreal, Dec. 2, 1873. dtf

**DESIRABLE TOWN RESIDENCE.** On Saturday, the 13th instant, at the Market House, Guelph, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., will offer for sale by public auction lot 1003, Canada Company's Survey, in the Town of Guelph. There is a substantial stone cottage on the property with stable, out-house, pump, soft water cistern, &c. Terms of sale made known on application to MacMILLAN & O'CONNOR, Solicitors, &c. Dec. 10, 73-dtd. Guelph.

**FOR SUPERIOR FAMILY FLOUR,** Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, —and all kinds of— Grain, Chopped Stuff, &c. GO TO THE West End Flour and Feed Store, Next the Wellington Hotel and directly opposite Hazelton's Furniture Store. Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873. JOSEPH RUDY, dtw

**BRITISH WORKMAN** Bound Vols. for 1873, TO HAND AT ANDERSON'S BOOKSTORE.

**NOTICE**—For Cordwood. Take notice that Tenders will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Peace up to 12 o'clock, noon, on WEDNESDAY, 24th of DECEMBER, for the delivery of 175 CORDS OF GOOD SOUND Green Beech and Maple Firewood, and three cords of Dry Cedar, to be piled and measured in the County Jail yard, and paid for on the 1st day of March, 1874. By order. H. W. PATERSON, Clerk of the Peace, County of Wellington, Guelph, Dec. 4th, 1873. 2w

**FOR SALE**—The undersigned has for sale two thoroughbred Durham heifers, both with registered pedigrees and both with calf, one time up to calve on the 15th inst., and the other on the 9th of April. JOHN MOORE, Lot 7, con. 3, Eramosa, near Rockwood, G. T. Station. dtd-wtf

## New Goods

**JNO. A. WOOD'S** 5 boxes Lemons, 5 kegs Grapes, 100 boxes New Figs, 100 dozen Carling's Ale, 100 dozen Sleeman's Ale, 100 dozen Bass, 100 dozen Tenant's, 100 dozen Young's, 100 dozen Guinness' Porter, 100 dozen Bloods, 1 case Real Scotch Liqueur, 2 cases Keillon's Marmalade, 100 Prime Sultion Cheese

**JNO. A. WOOD'S** Guelph Evening Mercury FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 12, 1873

## Town and County News

**Mr. Geo. Jeffrey** announces a clearing sale in his advertisement to-day.

A boy named Richard Farrow, Esq., of Eramosa, has had his arm severely hurt by a horse-power.

Owing to some hitch, the bookstores did not receive their usual copies of the *Globe* this morning. The usual copies were to be hand through the Post office.

Ladies, if you want first-class Bread and Pastry for Christmas try Erb's celebrated Fall Wheat Flour, sold by Robertson Bros., at Red Mill Flour and Feed Store.

The flood washed away a large culvert on the 7th con. of Garafraxa, near Mr. Dye's, and Mr. Snow's horse got into it. It was several hours before the animal was got out. Reeve Gibson has had the culvert repaired.

The *Harrison Tribune* contains along report of the recent complimentary supper to Mr. James Striton at Clifford, from which we see that the affair was a most successful one, and that there were about sixty gentlemen present.

A BLENDER.—We object to the *Harrison Tribune* clipping a column and a half from *The Mercury* and crediting it to the *Herald*. This is what it does with its last County Council report. The Credit Valley Railway discussion was taken from our columns, and the preceding business from our Tory contemporary, to whom the whole is credited.

The workmen on the W. G. & B. Railway under the foremanship of Mr. James Skea, recently gave him and his family a pleasant and agreeable surprise in their new house at Palmerston. Mr. Skea was presented with a beautiful gold Albert chain, and Mrs. Skea with a gold signet ring.

Social.—Several tea-meetings, etc., are coming off "up north." Amongst these are one in the Fergus Wesleyan Church, Christmas Day; in South Luther Presbyterian Church, Christmas Day; Sabbath-School, S. S. No. 3, West Garafraxa, Tuesday Dec. 23; and Fergus Y. M. C. A. soiree, 7 p.m. next Thursday.

FERGUS SCHOOLS.—Mr. Gray has resigned his position as teacher in the Fergus Schools, and is going to St. Mary's, where he is to receive only \$40 more than he was getting at Fergus. Mrs. Bryce has been promoted to Mr. Gray's department, and her salary increased from \$260 to \$360. Miss Slater has been promoted to Mrs. Bryce's department, and her salary increased from \$235 to \$260.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular weekly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in their rooms last evening. Mr. Hall read an essay, "The Material and Moral World," Contrast, conclusion; a very able paper, which was thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded, and called out remarks from some of the members. Mr. A. Ryan read a very fine poem "One of the Crowd," and after enjoying a very pleasant and profitable evening the meeting closed about half-past nine.

A SOCIAL in connection with the Sons of Temperance was held in the Good Templars' Hall on Thursday night. The room was well filled. Songs, duets, recitations, &c. were the order of the evening. Rev. Mr. Howie, amongst other things, discoursed humorously on the interesting topic of "When a Scotchman May be Called Drunk." Amongst the vocalists were Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Webb, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Higham. Recitations were given by Messrs. Coulson, Burns, C. Maddock, &c.

ALTHOUGH the time for holding the municipal elections is close at hand, very little is said upon the subject in this section, either in town or country. Mr. Matthew Anderson is a candidate for the Reerevship of Fergus, and the names of Messrs. Catech and Powney are also mentioned. In West Garafraxa the present Reeve will most likely be elected without opposition. In Nichol it is not probable that any change will be made.—*Fergus News-Record*

## A Letter to the Working Men.

DEAR SIR,—With your permission I desire to make an explanation in regard to a rumour that prevails to a certain extent in town, especially amongst my fellow-workmen, and to my prejudice, to the effect that I, as a member of the firm with which I am connected, had waited on Mr. Raymond and his manager, Mr. Robinson, and urged on them the propriety of united action in reducing our employees' wages. As I wish fair play and a hearing before being condemned, you will pardon me for giving the whole facts connected with the case. Your readers are fully aware that two months ago there was a complete revulsion in the mercantile prosperity of the United States. Strong houses and millions were failing by the dozen every day. Large establishments, employing thousands of employees, were closed without a moment's warning. Hundreds of thousands of mechanics, who had hitherto earned a good wage, were out of employment. This crisis had an effect on our Canadian trade, which, for a period of over twelve months, had been marked by almost unparalleled stringency, so far as the money market was concerned. Failures were occurring; banks refusing discounts; collections becoming almost impossible; and the air full of rumours as to what So-and-so was going to do.

A rumour had obtained currency that a certain sewing machine factory in Hamilton was going to discharge one hundred employees; that others were curtailing, and reducing wages. The fact that every day each establishment in our town was visited by scores in quest of work, clearly proved that there were many mechanics in the county who would work for almost anything during winter rather than be idle. One extensive establishment in town had discharged a number, and re-arranged prices paid. Mr. Raymond had let a few employees go, and it was further reported that he had intended a reduction in wages.

Our company surveyed the whole prospect very carefully, and concluded that "a half loaf" was better than none for our men. We decided on running full time keeping our best men as far as possible, but during the winter season to reduce the wages in some instances from 10 to 15 per cent. The reduction was not a general one, as there are many employed, whose pay varies from \$3.00 per week to \$2.50 per day. This reduction was to come into force on the 1st December, and each employee was notified accordingly.

I think it was on the Tuesday previous to the above date that I met Mr. Leonard going towards the Great Western Station. I accosted him, and after a few generalities as to trade, &c., I said the prospects were on the whole very gloomy, and that so far as we were concerned we had decided to run as close as we could, keep down increasing expenses, and run our stock as low as possible. In short, the object was to get out the greatest number of machines at the least expense. I then stated that we had decided on keeping all our hands on, run full time, and make the reduction as already mentioned. Having previously heard that their establishment was going to be closed for a short time while changing machinery, &c., and the rumors of reduced wages, I said nothing more or less than "What are you going to do?" His reply was "Well, we have told you, every new hand we are putting on is at a reduced rate."

I shall now leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Leonard to say whether or not the conversation as I have repeated it was correct, and the public to judge if my action was anything but candid and devised for the best interests of all parties concerned.

Yours respectfully,  
J. C. MCLAGAN.  
Guelph, Dec. 12, 1873.

The above as relating to the conversation between Mr. McLagan and myself is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
CHAS. F. LEONARD.  
Guelph, Dec. 12, 1873.

## The Herald's Opinion of the Workingmen.

"We admit that workingmen, as a rule, are not very wise in their times and methods of moving, and we cannot expect them to be. Generally unaccustomed to the transaction of public business, or the organization of plans and schemes on a large scale, they are in the habit of looking to others for leadership and guidance. Journalists, politicians and employers should make allowance for their defects of judgment, and not measure them by the severe standard applicable to those of greater experience and better opportunities." [From the *Herald* of Wednesday, on the strike.]

To the Electors of the Town of Guelph GENTLEMEN,—Having been solicited by a large number of the ratepayers to become a candidate for the office of Reeve for the year 1874, I now beg to offer myself for that position.

During the six years I have served you in the Council (half of which term has been as Deputy Reeve) I trust my conduct has been such as to merit your approval, and entitle me to a further expression of your confidence.

Should you honor me by electing me to the Reevevship, I shall, without fear or favor, serve you to the utmost extent of my ability.

I am, gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
GEORGE HOWARD

Day has received the bound volumes for 1873 of the *British Workman*, *British Workwoman*, *Band of Hope*, *Children's Friend*, *Infants' Magazine*, *Friendly Visitor*, *Family Herald*, *British Juvenile*. At Day's Bookstore.

## By TELEGRAPH.

**Increase of U. S. Debt.**  
**Horrible Outrage.**  
New York, Dec. 12.—A Washington despatch says:—The increase of the public debt this month will be fully as large as last, in view of the continued failure of the revenues to meet the expenditures of the Government. Secretary Richardson is anxious to have some additional taxes authorized by Congress before the holiday recess. A re-enactment of the duty on tea and coffee is urged, to take effect immediately. The Secretary also favors an increase of taxes on whiskey and tobacco.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—A horrible story of an outrage has been made public in the town of Warren, twelve miles from Detroit. A year and a half ago one Charles Lewis Alton was employed to teach in a Roman Catholic school at Warren, also to act as sexton of the church. During this period Alton outraged the person of no less than 18 school girls, none of whom were over 14 years of age. It appears the crimes were all committed in the church which adjoins the school house, and that the fiend endeavored in terrifying his victims into silence for over a year. The neighbourhood is settled by Dutch generally, uneducated, and the children were all of that nationality. Alton has escaped.

## County Court and Quarter Sessions.

Wednesday, Dec. 10.  
**CROZIER vs. SMITH.**—Action for the value of the furniture of a tavern, which plaintiff alleged he had sold to defendant. The defendant denied the claim. A number of witnesses were called on both sides. Verdict for plaintiff, damages \$115. Mr. Guthrie for plaintiff, Mr. Drew for defendant.

**KAT vs. CARLWY.**—Action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff. Mr. Guthrie for plaintiff. No one appeared for the defendant.

Thursday, Dec. 11.  
**THE QUEEN vs. FALCONBRIDGE.**—The defendant was indicted for forcible entry upon a dwelling house in Aberfoyle. The defence was that the Sheriff had put the defendant in possession under a writ of execution in an action of ejectment, and that the force used was rendered necessary by the conduct of the prosecutor, John Cross, in resisting the Sheriff. The Judge directed a verdict of not guilty. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Hall for the prosecution, Mr. Guthrie for the defence.

**McWILLIAMS vs. STINSON.**—Action by Miss McWilliams against George Stinson and A. H. Grant to recover the amount of a promissory note for \$150, and interest at ten per cent per annum. The defence was that the note had been paid to Mr. George Palmer, as agent of the plaintiff. The plaintiff denied Mr. Palmer's authority to receive the money, and asserted that she had always kept the note in her own possession. She stated that Mr. Palmer had paid her part of the interest on the note, but none of the principal. The Jury brought in a verdict for the defendants. Messrs. Lemon & Peterson for the plaintiff, and Mr. Guthrie for the defendant.

**MERCHANTS' BANK vs. HEFFERNAN.**—Action on promissory note. The defence was that this note was made to retire another note, and stop a suit which had been brought on it. The plaintiff alleged that the suit was only to be stayed on payment of costs. It was admitted these had not been paid. Verdict for plaintiff. Mr. Oliver for plaintiff, and Mr. Ferguson for defence.

**WORTLEY vs. McINTOSH.**—Action for balance due on note for \$200, and interest at 12 per cent, made by an agent of defendant. Mr. Guthrie, for defendant, contended that the plaintiff was only entitled to 6 per cent, as defendant's agent. Verdict for plaintiff for \$124.35, being balance of note and interest at 6 per cent. Mr. Drew for plaintiff.

Friday, Dec. 12.  
**MANS vs. FLEURY.**—Plaintiff resides in the Township of Wallace, and bought a reaping machine of defendant, who is an agricultural implement manufacturer in Aurora. The action was for fraud, and for breach of warranty. It was alleged that there were defects in the castings, which had been filled up with Babbit metal, and then painted to conceal the patchwork; and that the machine failed to do its work. Mr. Guthrie for plaintiff; Mr. McKenzie, Q.C., and Mr. Macdonald for defendant. After plaintiff's case was heard, Mr. McKenzie moved for a non-suit, and leave was served to move accordingly. The defendant's case is proceeding as we go to press.

**Alex. Logie**, ex-Judge of the Wentworth County Court, died at Hamilton on Wednesday morning.

**THE BRITISH WORKMAN** has long had a reputation for its fine full page engravings. Its 1873 volume, which has been sent us by Mr. John Anderson, fully bears out this reputation. The largeness of the page affords full scope for the artist's pencil and, many of the engravings are very characteristic and striking. There are some illustrated texts, very pretty. The reading matter, also, is of a sound, wholesome character.

**THE BRITISH WORKMAN** for 1873 has been sent us by Mr. Day. It is full of large and excellent engravings, illustrative of the letter-press, which contains some good stories. One of the striking features of the work is the admirable engraving on the cover, vigorously drawn and prettily colored, representing a band of Ethiopian street minstrels in a novel situation. We notice also a fine portrait of the English Lord-Chancellor.

## Our Municipal Elections.

**The Ward Meetings.**  
Ward meetings were held on Thursday night, for the purpose of organization, by those favorable to the election of Mr. Howard as Reeve and Messrs. McLagan and Raymond as Deputy Reeves. The appointed places were the Court House Hotel, for the North Ward; Royal Hotel, for the East; Ellis's Hotel, for the West; and the Red Lion, for the South. The voters' lists were gone through and arrangements made for a vigorous prosecution of the coming campaign.

**THE WEST WARD.**  
The meeting at the West Ward was the largest. Mr. Raymond was moved into the chair, and Mr. Spiers acted as Secretary pro tem.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, reference was made to objections which had been taken against Mr. McLagan by some of the ratepayers. Mr. McLagan was sent for, and proceeded to explain his conduct in relation to the matter. The substance of his remarks will be found in the letter which we publish in another column.

Mr. Hogg addressed the meeting, and moved, seconded by Mr. G. A. Bruce, that Mr. McLagan's explanation be accepted by the meeting as entirely satisfactory. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Speeches in favor of Mr. McLagan were made by Mr. George Skinner, Mr. Rogers and others, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

**MATTERS IN THE SOUTH.**  
At the South Ward there was a "divarshus," emanating from the *Herald* Office. The politicians of that establishment, looking with alarm on the possible result of allowing the supporters of the three candidates to meet uninterrupted, took sweet counsel together, and resolved to strike a crushing blow for Chadwick and his many-toned organ. Accordingly, when the morning's work was over, emissaries went forth, and a drumming up commenced. In hoarse whispers the word was passed round—"To the Red Lion to-night! We will swamp their meetings with an assembly of the faithful; we will sing the praises of our chosen one; and it shall go forth to the world that the Howard meeting has endorsed Chadwick!" Accordingly, at a few minutes past eight, whilst the meeting was quietly proceeding with business, the room was invaded by a noisy crowd, the redoubtable Fahey, of the *Herald*, at their head. Mr. Howard protested against the interruption, and pointed out that the meeting was called for those only who were favorable to the election of the three gentlemen named. Mr. Fahey, however, annihilated Mr. Howard, and by one flashing glance of his eagle eyes, and proceeded to manufacture some flimsy excuses, a branch of production in which he is known to be unrivalled. He himself, he said, was there as reporter; and by way of illustrating this, he proceeded to make a speech to the assembled crowd on behalf of Mr. Chadwick. The original possessors of the room allowed the little farce to go on, and Mr. Fahey to air his eloquence for a while. He remarked that certain Grits dared not look him in the face—the explanation being, probably, that he is either a kind of Moser or a Gorgon whose glance strikes the beholder into stone. After this modest beginning he proceeded to flatten out everybody in general and Messrs. Howard, McLagan and Raymond in particular; made a touching reference to his own personal beauty; and concluded with a grand burst of triumphant harmony. Mr. Howard again remonstrated, and ultimately "the reporter" and his filibustering tail withdrew into the congenial atmosphere of the bar-room, and were made happy by drinks all round, whilst the original meeting proceeded with its interrupted business.

The action of the Manitoba Court is making things decidedly uncomfortable for Riel. At the sitting on Nov. 19th the Sheriff made a return that he was unable to find Louis Riel for whom a Bench warrant had been placed in his hands; whereupon—

The Attorney-General said the first step had now been taken to the end of proclaiming Riel an outlaw. The second step which he now proposed taking was the issue of a writ *capias ad respondendum*. If this did not bring forward the prisoner, outlawry in his case would be proclaimed, and then "he would, *ipso facto*, be convicted; and therefore all that would be necessary would be that immediately upon his arrest he should be taken to the place of execution.—The writ of *capias ad respondendum* was then issued.

After these vigorous proceedings, the outlaw Riel will hardly show his face in Manitoba again as unconcernedly as he has hitherto done.

**VICK'S FLOREAL GUIDE** for 1874 has been sent us by Mr. John Anderson. It is one of the most tastefully compiled works we have seen for some time. At the head of each page is a well-finished engraving of three or four species of flowers, a description of which is given below. A full and exhaustive article on floral decoration is given, containing full instructions for decorating houses, churches, halls, &c., and for making bouquets, rockeries, &c.

National Unification, as it is called—the joining together of the various portions of a race into one compact whole—is one of the favorite political theories of the day, and millions of dollars have been sacrificed in different countries for that object; but whether the result will justify the expenditure, time alone can tell. But this we do know, that the "Canadian Pain Destroyer" is certainly the best medicine for curing colds, rheumatism, neuralgia, summer complaints, &c., can be had for 25 cents per bottle of all Druggists and country dealers.

The Commonwealth Life Insurance Company of the U. S., has made arrangements to close up its business and to have its outstanding policies reinsured in the National Life of America.