

New Advertisements.

BOOK-KEEPER WANTED.—Wanted an experienced Book-keeper. Address Box 20, P.O.
TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED.—As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office.
CORN FOR SALE.—For sale, 10,000 bushels of corn. Apply to R. DAVIES, On the Market.
MEN WANTED.—Wanted a few good laboring men to work at a Saw Mill and Stave Factory. Steady employment and good wages. Apply to Robert McKim, Parker, Peel Township.
NO LET.—The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall, suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Enquire at the Mercury Office.
NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—All parties indebted to the subscriber by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle up on or before the 31st inst.
NOTICE.—All parties indebted to the undersigned are requested to pay up in full before the 24th inst. All accounts unpaid after that date will be placed in Court for collection. CHARLES FIRESTONE, Guelph, Dec. 22nd 1872.
NEW BUTCHER SHOP.—The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned will open a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, on Saturday (Saturday) and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town. CHAS. FENNELL, Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872.
CITY WOOD YARD.—The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard, next to the new English Church, where he will keep at all times, and for sale, cut and split, and deliver in quantities to suit purchasers, in any part of the town. Orders can be left at Mrs. Ferguson's shop, opposite Chase's Hotel, Cork st. HAY and straw kept on hand. GUELPH, Nov. 29, 1872.
NOTICE.—The subscriber has placed his accounts in the hands of Messrs. Hart & Spiers, who are empowered to collect the same and give receipts therefor. All parties owing will please call at their office, No. 4, Day's Block, and settle at once. DR. L. BROCK, Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1872.
THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE WEST WARD.—The undersigned has been requested by a number of influential taxpayers to offer himself for the Office of Councillor. He would therefore respectfully solicit the suffrages of the Voters at the ensuing election. Dec. 21st, 1872. JOHN TRIGON, Guelph.
FUNERAL NOTICE.—The subscribers being about to dissolve partnership, beg to notify all parties indebted to them that the amounts due must be paid to them on or before the 24th inst., as the business of the firm must be settled by that date; otherwise they will have to be paid into Court with costs. All parties owing to the firm will please call and get their money at once. JOHN HARVEY & STEWART, Guelph, Dec. 9, 1872.
HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—For sale the house and lot next to the residence of Mr. William Allan's residence, and lot of the ordinary size, and in the garden a number of fruit trees. The house is of stone, containing rooms, kitchen, cellar and pantry with waterless floor, stable and woodshed, 1 1/2 acres of land, 24 feet square, now used for a carpenter's shop. It is only five minutes walk from the Main House. For terms and other particulars, apply to JAS. DOBBIE, on the premises. Dec. 18, 72.
CLARK TAKER For Steam Fire Engine.—Wanted, a steady, competent man, to take charge of and run the Steam Fire Engine. Also, to light and manage the lamps in two wards. Applications to be sent in to the undersigned, on or before the 20th inst. JOHN HARVEY, Guelph, Dec. 17, 1872.
TOWN OF GUELPH. Notice About Accounts.—All parties having claims against the Corporation are notified to send in the same to the undersigned, on or before the 26th inst. GUELPH, Dec. 17, 1872.
DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as Produce Dealers, Commission Merchants, &c., under the name and style of James Hewer & Co., was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Isaac B. Shantz retiring from the firm. All debts due to the firm will be collected by James Hewer, Jr., who will discharge all the liabilities of the firm. JAMES HEWER, JR., ISAAC B. SHANTZ, Witnesses—John Trigon, Guelph, Dec. 16, 1872.
HOTEL CARD.—The Right Man in the Right Place.—THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office. THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel) Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 16th, 1872.
The Municipal Electors of the Town of Guelph, and the County of Wellington. GENTLEMEN.—The time is near when you will elect your respective Municipal Councils. Universal experience proves that where places are they taverns, saloons or groceries for the sale of intoxicating drinks are numerous, there is interference, with its result. The Legislature having vested in the Mayor and Clerk of Towns, and in the Mayor and Clerk of Townships, authority to grant licenses, and in the Councils to determine how many places may be licensed in our several municipalities, also to exercise supervision over the Liquor Traffic therein; and the election of those who will compose your Council being in your hands, the Committee of the Guelph Temperance Society would respectfully but earnestly urge that you select men for your respective Municipal Councils who will do their best to diminish the number of places where intoxicating drinks may be sold. J. RYAN, Secretary. Guelph, Dec. 13, 72.
STRAYED STEEL.—Came into the premises of the subscriber, about a month ago, a Steer rising three years old. The owner, on having property and owing expenses, can take him away. DAVID DAW, lot 10th and Brantmore.
RAILWAY TIME TABLE.—Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 15th November. Grand Trunk Railway. Trains leave Guelph as follows: WEST 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:33 p.m. To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin, EAST 3:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m. Great Western—Guelph Branch. Going South—6:30 a.m.; 12:35 p.m. 1:05 p.m. for Hamilton; 4:50 p.m. Going North—11:45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Clifford; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 8:05 p.m. for Fergus. Guelph Evening Mercury. TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1872. BIBLES.—ANDERSON, as usual, at this Season of the Year, has in stock a large assortment of Cheap Bibles, Family and Pocket Bibles, Prayer Books, Testaments, Pocket Testaments, Family Bibles, Hymn Books, Church Services in English and Irish, and Prayer Books for the use of the Poor. All the above have been imported direct, and customers are to have a benefit during this week. Don't wait until the end of the week, as the best will be sure to be gone. THE MAYORALTY. Mr. Robertson's Ward Committees. The different Ward Committees will meet at the following places: This (Tuesday) Evening, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK. All favorable to Mr. Robertson are requested to attend the meetings in their own wards. West Ward—ELLIS'S HOTEL. South Ward—RED LION HOTEL. North Ward—COURT HOUSE HOTEL. East Ward—ROYAL HOTEL. Town and County News. CHRISTMAS. To-morrow being Christmas Day, no paper will be issued from this office. To-morrow being Christmas Day, religious services will be held in the Episcopal, Methodist and Catholic Churches. Mr. GOLDIE DECLINES.—Mr. Jas. Goldie requests us to say that he positively declines to run for Reeve, or for Councillor for the North Ward. Post Office.—To-morrow being Christmas Day the Post Office will be open for the delivery of letters from 10 to 11 o'clock only, and all mails will close at the latter hour. The members of Guelph Masonic Lodge intend celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist's day, which falls on Friday next, the 27th inst., by a social supper at the Queen's Hotel. The brethren will no doubt have a pleasant time. TORONTO MEAT MARKET.—We notice in the Toronto papers that Guelph contributors to the Christmas Bill of Fare come out prominently, as usual, in the various butchers' stalls of that city, and have no doubt the good people of that city will be happy in consequence during the coming festivities. CHANGE OF NAME.—We have received information from the Postmaster that the name of the Post Office formerly known as Dingle, in the County of Grey, has been changed, since the 20th inst., to Brussels, and also that it becomes an incorporated village from that date. ITEMS FROM ELORA.—The chess-match between Belleville and Elora was won by Belleville. Board No. 1 resigned after the twenty-eighth move. Board No. 2 resigned after the seventh move. On Saturday Mr. H. Connell, of Elora, got his hands so badly frozen that he will lose all his fingers. Mr. James Craven, of Elora, an old soldier, died suddenly from drink. He had not been sober since the 24th of May last. CHRISTMAS MEAT MARKET.—The butchers have completed their work of decoration, and the visitors are fairly delighted with the taste and skill displayed in the process of ornamentation of the various carcases. The market has been largely visited and extensively patronized with orders, and we heard nothing but loud and unanimous praise of the style and quality with which the Guelph purveyors have provided for the Christmas carcases of the citizens. INSANITY AND STABBING.—A man named Isaac Bradley, residing in the Township of Augusta, while labouring under a fit of temporary insanity on Monday morning, stabbed his mother in three places, inflicting dangerous wounds. He then stabbed his brother, the knife entering one of his lungs. It is more than probable that the latter would prove fatal. Bradley was arrested at his brother's house in Prescott, and conveyed to the lock-up. TRAIN SNOWED UP ON THE W. G. & B. R.—The passenger train got stuck in a snow drift on Saturday night about ten o'clock, three miles south of Port Elgin. The engine and locomotive had to be pulled out and the train and passengers were brought to the station. It was blowing a fearful gale, and some of the passengers had their faces frozen. They got the train through to Southampton on Monday morning about two o'clock. THE INGERSOLL CHRONICLE, referring to the reported withdrawal of Mr. Brydges from the management of the Grand Trunk Railway, says it has heard that Mr. W. K. Muir, of the Great Western, is to be called to the position when Mr. Brydges retires. Another paper gives currency to a rumour that Mr. Brydges is to take the place of Sir Francis Hincks as Finance Minister. THE CONTEST FOR MAYOR. MEETING OF MR. ROBERTSON'S SUPPORTERS. A large and enthusiastic meeting of Mr. Robertson's supporters was held on Monday night in Parker's Hotel, when arrangements were made for a thorough and vigorous canvass of the Town in his interest. Ward committees were appointed to hold this (Tuesday) evening (see notice in another column) to which Mr. Robertson's friends in the different wards are cordially invited. Let there be a full muster of all those favourable to Mr. Robertson's election for Mayor. Township Nominations. GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—James Laidlaw Reeve; Geo. H. Darby, Deputy, Councillors, Wm. Barnham, Jr., M. Sweetman and John Hayes—all by acclamation. This is the third year of the same Council. PRESIDENT.—Wm. Leslie, Reeve; Wm. Nichol, Deputy—both by acclamation. Councillors, Alex. Smith, Jas. Canfield, W. Sprunhan, C. G. Cookburn and P. Mahood. NIENON.—John Muir, Reeve; by acclamation; for Deputy, John Broadfoot and Wm. Dow; for Councillors W. Wilson, J. R. Wisler, T. Pritchard and A. McDonald. MOUNT FOREST.—Thomas Swan and Robt. Kilgour for Reeve; Jas. M. Crawford, Jno. Ross, Dr. Eroyd, Henry Yarrow, H. H. Stovel and T. H. Yeomans for Councillors. FERGUSSON.—For Reeve, Henry Michie, Matthew Anderson and Jas. Cattanaeh; for Councillors, Messrs. D. Ramore, T. Milne, C. Fowney, Robt. Johnston, Jas. Cattanaeh, Alex. Forbes, John Mennie, Geo. Anderson, John Moffatt, Dr. Munro and Henry Webster. ENAMOSA TOWNSHIP.—The following are the nominations in this Township:—For Reeve, John Rea and John Duffield; for Deputy Reeve, William Duffield, Alex. McQueen, John McKelvie and Lazarus Parkinson; for Councillors, John R. Harris, John Dickieson, William Tolson, sen., David Rea, jun., and Henry Dunbar. Board of School Trustees. The Board met on Monday night. Present Mr. Raymond, chairman pro tem, Messrs. Knowles, Newton, Harvey, Inglis, Armstrong, McKenzie, Stevenson and Dr. McGuire. The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Black, assistant teacher of the High School, asking for an increase of salary to \$600 per annum; also a communication from Messrs. Cullen, Hutton, Ferguson and Anderson and Misses Smith, Holmwood and Auld, asking for an increase of salary. The Secretary tabled a number of accounts against the Board. The Secretary read a communication from the Board of Public Instruction, to the effect that additional appointment to the High School for the last half year of \$22.50 will be paid in conformity with the increased attendance. The Secretary submitted the half-yearly report of the High School, for transmission to the Board of Public Instruction. The Secretary submitted his report of his quarterly examination of the Public Schools. The petitions from the teachers for increase of salaries were referred to the School Management Committee, the accounts to the Finance Committee. Miss Howe having sent in her resignation it was accepted. The Secretary read an application from Mrs. F. Black to be appointed head teacher in the Senior Girls' School. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for a head teacher for the Senior Girls' School. The Secretary reported that he had advertised for three female teachers to fill the places of Misses Goodvee, Heather and Henderson, and read applications from the following:—Miss Agnes McLagan for Miss Goodvee's place; from Miss Maddock for teacher in first class; from Miss M. Hutchison for teacher in first class. Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Dr. McGuire, that Miss McLagan be proposed to take charge of the school formerly taught by Miss Goodvee, that Miss Maddock be engaged to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Henderson's resignation, and that Miss Hutchison be engaged to take charge of the school heretofore taught by Miss McLagan. Carried. The Board then adjourned to meet on the 3rd January. THE LONDON REFINERIES.—In a recent issue, the London Advertiser published a description of the petroleum refinery works at that city. Messrs. Englehart & Co. are now prepared to make at the "Baltic works" 4,000 bbls. per week of refined oil for export, and 2,000 bbls. at the "Atlantic works;" T. & J. Millar's capacity is 900 bbls.; Messrs. Boreford, 600 bbls.; W. Spencer & Son, 800 bbls.; S. A. Adams & Co., 600 bbls.; J. V. Thompson & Co., 400 bbls.; F. A. Fitzgerald & Co. will soon be in a position to work off 1,200 bbls. per week. Besides these are Messrs. Duffield, J. D. Stedwell, R. Billson, A. M. Ross & Co. and F. D. Hodgins, for whom no figures are given. The aggregate working capacity of all the stills has been doubled during the past year; it seems that the difficulty in getting crude from the wells is the chief drawback to the refiners operations. The recklessness of those rash persons who, in case of fire, throw mirrors and fragile crockery out of fourth story windows has frequently been commented upon. There is said to be a woman in Wiseburg, Virginia, who has surpassed the best effort in this line that has yet been made. Her house took fire the other day, and she, therefore, threw her baby out of the second story window. The baby, it so happened, was not broken to pieces, but that happy result was purely accidental. A canny Scot of St Catharines invested ten dollars in a lottery ticket, and has drawn \$600. He says it was his first try, and that he will stop now, as he might lose next time.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Burning of a Public School. Meeting of Cardinals. Execution in Paris. Reported Loss of the "Germany." Committed Suicide. Barnum's Menagerie Burned.

New Books.

The Wandering Heir; a Christmas story, by Charles Reade; Toronto, Hunter, Rose & Co. This is a lively, well written story by Charles Reade, the well-known novelist. It smacks of his peculiar style, but interests the reader from the very beginning, and he follows the "Wandering Heir" through all the vicissitudes of fortune. The adventures are well told, and the story altogether is one of the best we have read this season. The book is nicely printed, handsomely bound, and forms a valuable addition to the list of Canadian Copyright Editions of British Books, which Messrs. Hunter & Rose have issued, and for which they merit the thanks of the Canadian public. The "Wandering Heir" can be obtained of the booksellers in town. "That Bowl of Punch;" six stories by Bernard Bigsby; Toronto, Hunter, Rose & Co. This is the copyright edition of six Christmas stories, bearing the above title. They are short, contain a considerable amount of interest, and are very readable. For sale at the bookstores. "Lampy's Magazine"—This first-class magazine has been received from the publishers. It contains as usual a great variety of reading matter on topics of more or less interest, and the illustrations are numerous and admirably done. The contents are—Locomotion, past and present; The Old Roman at Home; The Sailor's Song Harbor; The British Museum and its Reading-Room; Where is the Child; Christmas through Christendom; Recollections of an Old Stager; Continuations of the serial tales of Miss Thackeray, Charles Reade and William Collins, several pieces of poetry, the editor's easy chair and drawer, and his literary, scientific and historical record. For sale at the bookstores.

Social Meeting and Agreeable Surprise.

A social meeting of a very agreeable nature took place on Friday evening last, the 20th inst., at Janeland, the residence of Mr. Thomas McCrae, that gentleman having invited all the employees of the firm of Armstrong, McCrae & Co., of the Woolen Factory, their wives included, to a social gathering. Sleights were kindly provided for all by their thoughtful entertainer. On the arrival of the party, fifty-six in all, they were conducted to the dining room, where all partook right heartily of a splendid supper. The inner man being satisfied, the company adjourned to the parlour, and all being comfortably seated, Mr. McCrae rose and explained his reason for bringing them together. First, to meet together for a few hours' social intercourse and amusement; second, to exchange ideas about their mutual interests and plans for the future; and third, to lay before them a plan which had occupied his mind for some time, and which he thought would secure more harmony and unity between employers and employed, namely, that all should share in the profits of the business by receiving yearly a percentage on their gross earnings. He gave it as his opinion that such a course would tend to lessen, if not altogether do away with, those disputes, contentions and heartburnings which have so long existed in some trades between the employers and employed, to the mutual loss of both. He considered it wrong for employers to look upon their work-people as mere machines, from whom the greatest amount of labour was to be extracted for the smallest possible pay; and that it was as far wrong for the work-people to look upon their employers as men from whom the greatest amount of money was to be extracted for the smallest possible amount of labour. He considered that all were equal in the sight of God, and that as all were journeying together through the path of life, it became them to take an interest in each other's welfare, both temporal and spiritual. Mr. McCrae then stated that himself and partners had agreed to allow each person who had been in their employment for the last twelve months a share in the profits for that period. The books were made up, and each one would receive an envelope with a correct account of his earnings, with interest at the rate of one and a-half per cent. added. Thus each one who had been employed in the factory for the last twelve months found himself entitled next day to draw from \$4 to \$12 more than they had earned or expected, a very handsome Christmas box indeed. The faces of the company showed how well this plan was received, and when Mr. McCrae had finished his remarks were greeted with great applause. Mr. Wm. Epper in a few well-chosen remarks thanked the employers on behalf of his fellow-workmen, and expressed it as his firm conviction that the plan explained by Mr. McCrae would succeed, and be a great benefit to both parties. Mr. Henderson also expressed himself to the same effect. Mr. Geo. Murray, an invited guest, also spoke highly in favour of the new scheme. Mr. McCrae was then called on to preside, and the rest of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner. Antiphons and glees were sung by Messrs. G. Warren, Wm. Roper, Mrs. Currie and Mrs. Roper; songs were given by Messrs. John Oliver, John Spaulding, George Warren, T. Brown, J. Hudson, Wm. Roper, Mrs. Hudson, John Anderson, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Mackenzie, and recitations by Messrs. Anderson, Murray and Wm. McCrae. Mr. Thos. Warren also played on the concertina. Later in the evening the young people adjourned to the dining-room, and commenced to trip the "light fantastic toe." There was the utmost freedom and sociability during the evening. Some danced, some sat and enjoyed a quiet chat, some amused themselves with card tables, while others feasted their minds on Mr. McCrae's fine library. After a bountiful supper had been partaken of, the company gathered together and joined in the usual devotional exercises of the household, all singing with hearty good will the beautiful psalm: "Behold how good is the thing it is, And how becoming it is, Together such as brethren are In unity to dwell." Thus ended a very happy meeting. We may add that no intoxicating liquors were used. All were conveyed home in safety, well pleased with the evening's proceedings, and feeling convinced that there's was indeed a model firm.

Waterloo County Court.

THE DODDS INSOLVENT CASE. On Thursday the case was argued before Judge Miller, by Mr. Bowby, attorney for George Dodds, an Insolvent at present confined in Berlin, Gaol, whereby application was made that the said Insolvent Dodds should be brought before the Court for examination, the pliff's attorney contending that the said Insolvent had been guilty of no fraud in the disposal of his assets, and that having made an assignment of all his property, and an assignee having been appointed, that therefore there was no good reason why the said Dodds should longer be detained in custody. Mr. Edward Blaine, Q. C. appeared for the creditors of the estate of said Dodds, and argued that by the Act the pliff in this case had not properly complied with the terms of the Act, and that therefore His Honor could not give an order for the production of Dodds for his appearance and examination this day. His Honor ruled that he could not grant an order for examination to-day, as it was not a fit time or place. The law also stated it lay with the Judge to appoint the day for an Insolvent's examination, and not with the attorney of the said Insolvent. After said appointment by the Judge, of time and place of examination, then the law required that the pliff's attorney should thereupon after the fixing of such time and place, give to the creditors of the said insolvent seven days' clear notice of such examination. The Act was vague, but the interpretation taken of it by His Honor was that under the present circumstances he could not grant an order for Dodds' examination. The understanding was that the matter was merely postponed for a short time.—Waterloo Chronicle.

Local and Other Items.

A woman named Nancy Brooke was frozen to death on Sunday morning in a field in rear of Trinity College, Toronto. Bass, the brewer, has given \$25,000 to found a Free Library in the town of Derby, England, and has also given \$2,500 worth of books. Dr. Livingston is sixty years old—but, as Ulysses remarks, in Mr. Tennyson's poem, "This too late to seek a new world." OLE BILL lately devoted the receipts at one of his concerts to the purchase of 400 Norwegian books for the University of Wisconsin. WHEN MEN attempt suicide in Canada the authorities publish them for the offense, but in France, when a man tries to shoot himself in the presence of a lady the latter is usually expelled from the country. On Saturday a gentleman farmer named Lemoine was frozen to death on the road through the bush to his home, back of Kingston. He was thrown from his cutter and stung. The Ottawa Citizen in closing an elaborate review of the political situation, which is written in a semi-official tone, says: "It is obvious that the head of the Government may be called upon at any moment to re-confront the Cabinet." "That Mr. Howe will very soon be made Lieutenant-Governor of his native Province and that his place will be filled by Mr. Archibald; that M. Langevin is most capable of leading the French Canadian supporters of the Government, instead of Sir George; and as for the other vacancies that may arise they may be safely left to the astute," etc., etc., who leads the Government.

The Wood Rack Question Again.

To the Editor of The Mercury. Sir, I see that the town fathers, not satisfied with charging 10 cents a load for cordwood, have now passed a by-law to prevent farmers selling in the market, except in straight racks, thus causing the present racks to be useless. I think this is carrying things with a high hand, and an expecting next to have to bring our beef for sale in a butcher's cart and eggs and butter in a spring wagon. Things it appears must be done stylish in Guelph. Guelph has been prosperous of late years, but let her not forget that her prosperity is owing in a great measure to the farmers in her vicinity. Let her not trample on them too much lest they may rebel, and take their produce to some of the neighbouring villages, where they can get as honest dealings, as good money, and as much of it as in Guelph. If farmers are ground down this way they will retaliate, and refuse to buy in Guelph. If the by-law is ever put into force, farmers will have to contest it in court of law, and if we are forced to submit, let us put our wood on the railroad where good prices can be obtained, no market fee required, and where you can use any rack you please. Yours truly, CORNWALL RACK, Eramosa, Dec. 21, 1872. A Telegram from Milwaukee states that the weather all over the North-West is the severest known for years. The mercury at Fort Garry, Manitoba, indicated 42 degrees below zero on Saturday, and at Milwaukee 30 degrees.