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GUELPH, ONT. CANADA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 1868.

PRICE ONE PENNY

HALIFAX HOTEL, HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S. THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.

DOMINION HOTEL, GUELPH. JOHN BUSTAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONELL-ST., a few doors above Highbottom's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seditors. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to the customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience.

AMERICAN HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS. The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of the most magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entire house has been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly replenished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.

CANADIAN HOUSE, CALEDONIA SPRINGS, Near L'Orignal, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario.—By A. M. F. GIANELLI. This elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every accessory demanded by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly furnished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of all, without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for in-door amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing an excellent Bill Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other requirements. The Saline, White Sulphur, and Gas Springs are but a few yards from the house.

ONE IN TEN. Statistics show that One in every Ten of the entire population meets with an Accident every year.

INSURE AGAINST ACCIDENTS. By taking a yearly Policy in

THE TRAVELLERS INSURANCE CO'Y, OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Cash Assets, over One Million. Has paid \$850,000 in Losses for Death or Injury by Accident.

E. MORRIS, October 20. dim Agent for Guelph.

LAMPS FOR THE MILLION.

MEDICAL HALL! Guelph, Ontario. WYNDHAM STREET.

E. HARVEY & CO. At prices which defy competition. Who will want LIGHT when a first-class COAL OIL LAMP, WICK and CHIMNEY can be obtained at the Medical Hall for the small sum of 25 cents.

SPLendid PARLOUR LAMPS. From 50c. to \$5.

COAL OIL THAT IS COAL OIL. If you want the Pure, Genuine O.C. for family use, procure it at the MEDICAL HALL, where none but the very purest is kept.

E. HARVEY & CO., Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell-Sts. Guelph, October 1st. dw

10. C. & T. MEREDITH. GOOD DRAWING TEA, For 50 cents, worth 65 cents VERY CHOICE HYSOON, For 75 cents, worth 87 cents Very best GREEN or BLACK, For one dollar. All kinds of GROCERIES at very Low Rates.

China, Crockery & Glassware.—A very large stock now on hand. Call and see. N.B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is going off at Great Bargains, so as to clear out the premises for C. & T. M.'s Immense Fall Stock. Guelph, September 23rd. d

DOMINION LIVERY STABLE GUELPH, ONTARIO.

H. MARRIOTT. PLEASURE WAGON! FOR PIC-NICS. Guelph, 19th June. dofm

GASTLE GARDEN SALOON MARKET SQUARE GUELPH, ONT.

THE BAR will be supplied with the best Wines, Liquors & Cigars. And the table with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON! Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME, Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whistly GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph Jan. 29, 1868. do

OATS DOWN TO 55 CENTS. JUST OPENED, OUT AT

FLOUR, - - - \$2.75 POTATOES, - - - 1.00 AT WEBSTER'S MARKET SQUARE, Guelph, Oct. 18th. d

FUNERALS. A Large Assortment of COAL OIL LAMPS, all sizes and kinds, will be sold CHEAP.

No. 1 COAL OIL. A supply of No. 1 COAL OIL KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

A. B. PETRIE, Druggist. Guelph, September 25th. dw

HAIR DRESSING. MRS. E. RILEY, of Galt, begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding townships that she is ready to do all kinds of Hair Dressing on the shortest notice. Also hair washed, Residence, Upper Wyndham Street, four doors above Mr. James Murphy's grocery store. Guelph, Oct. 14. do12

CARD TO THE PUBLIC. THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that on and after this date his business will be conducted strictly on the CASH SYSTEM. No credit will be given to any one. The undersigned hopes by carrying out the above system to be enabled to give his numerous customers Goods at a lower price than they can be bought for elsewhere. He begs to acknowledge past favors, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a still greater share of their patronage.

T. J. DAY, Bookseller, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 13th October. dw

BOYS WANTED. WANTED, several smart, active boys to sell at the EVENING MERCURY. Apply at once Guelph, October 21, 1868.

Singing and Pianoforte. MRS. L. RHEMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road. Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. do 17

Underdesigned having purchased the Speedvale Mills from Mr. James Goldie, will always sell the highest Market price for Wheat at his Mills. BREAD, SHORTS, MIDDINGS and SCARFINGS constantly on hand and will be sold at a reduction on Guelph Prices. JOHN PIPE, Speedvale Mills, Oct. 14. dw

18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68 Wools, FANCY GOODS TOYS, &c. JUST Arrived, an Immense Stock of Berlin, Zephyr, Saxony, Andalusian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American. FINGERING YARNS. A Splendid Assortment of Braids, Frillings, Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods. A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns Ottoman, &c. JET and RUBBER GOODS. Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order. Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery from the Latest Designs.

J. HUNTER, Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St Guelph, September 12th. dw

Anglo-American Hotel FOR SALE. This Hotel is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London. It is 130 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high and of cut stone; 12 and 11 feet between ceilings; cellar full size of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone kitchen, 4 x 24, with a cistern that holds over 1000 barrels of water. It is situated in the best business part of the town, and is directly opposite the proposed site of the new Union Passenger Station of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. It is the only first-class building in town that is capable of doing a first-class business. The hall runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and none in the house dark. The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stable capable of affording accommodation for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to the back street.

A Capital Farm. Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of the size in this county. Three barns and feeding stable and log house are on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs that never fail. The fences are of board and new. The farm is laid out in ten acre fields. All the farm implements are new, and will be sold if desired at valuation.

First-Class LIVERY STABLE. Also, there is in connection with the hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario, of fifteen horses, doing the only first-class business in town and indisputably surpassing all others. As the proprietor is retiring from business he offers to the public a property, the advantages of which are seldom enjoyed by one man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve within three months, either the business separately, or the whole property as may be agreed upon to suit the purchaser. Terms—For the hotel property, half cash down will be required, the remainder to be paid in six yearly instalments, or ten per cent. allowed off the second half, if paid at time of sale. JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor. Guelph, Aug. 29. dawf

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Evening Mercury. OFFICE:.....MACDONELL STREET. WEDNESDAY EVENG, OCT. 21, 1868. Local and Miscellaneous

THE ERIN SHOW.—The exact amount taken at the gates at the Erin Show last week was \$244.85. LONDON SOCIETY, for October, which is always speedy and interesting, is received from the Canadian Agents, Messrs. W. C. Hewitt & Co., Toronto.

Wild strawberries are in flower in the township of Sarawak, says an Owen Sound paper. That is, nothing extraordinary; some parties in this neighbourhood had a second crop of them last fall.

Dr. Parker, we hear, speak a comparatively easy night, and to-day was no worse, which in his circumstances is a favorable report, as it cannot yet be expected that he will be positively convalescing.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—We are requested to announce that a thanksgiving service will take place in the Rev. Mr. Torrance's church to-morrow, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Mr. Mitchell will conduct the services.

The convict Whelan has not seen a ray of light since the sentence was passed on him except the priest and sisters of charity. The report that Lord Cecil had seen him is not correct. He objects to being stared at by the public.

Mason, the notorious, is to be tried today at Aylmer, in the Province of Quebec, for perjury. Some parties against whom he is sworn that he was never in their houses, and hence the prosecutor has become the prosecuted.

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Guelph Markets. From all the large markets come reports of a dull, and in some instances of a drooping business. There appears to be for the present but little outlet for grain, and surprising quantities are stored at some of the principal depots. A comparison of the stores at Chicago on the 10th of Oct. 1868, and the same date last year shows the quantity of wheat to be at present double of what it was then; there is also twice as much barley, and at least seven times as much flour. Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the price of wheat should decline. The quotations in that city are for No. 1, \$1.46, and for No. 2, \$1.34. This is the green-back value, and at the present rate of gold the highest of these figures is but a few cents above what is paid for a first class sample here. If we turn to New York the same report meets us; wheat is drooping, receipts are small, and all other articles of produce are not in active demand. In England there has also been a marked decline within the last few weeks, until in the London market wheat is selling at 4s per quarter lower than it was a month ago. Notwithstanding this Britain requires a pretty large importation, and of course depends on America for a large part of the necessary supply, and the importers are beginning to feel that they must raise prices if they would attract the requisite quantity. There appears to be one consideration operating strongly on British merchants, and influencing them to keep down quotations, that is, they know that the countries from which they expect to draw their stores are in need of money, and that owners have not it in their power to hold back. Again we have a cry of depression nearer home. At a meeting of the Corn Exchange, at Montreal, on Saturday the Secretary read the sixth annual report, which shows that the present has been a year of unexampled dullness, and the most unprosperous one in the experience of the produce trade of any since the establishment of the association. In Toronto the report is moderate, but the market, as in other places, is quiet. Fall wheat is held considerably above the prices that buyers are willing to pay, and spring wheat is offered at \$1.14 without takers. Flour is very dull, No. 1 superfine selling at \$5.10. In London, Ont., the price is little, if any, in excess of what it is in Guelph, with small receipts. What is to be the "future" appears to be undulating. The demand is not keen in Canadian towns and cities, and in Oswego it is coming down rapidly, having fallen fully ten per cent in one day. The light crop produced an abnormal state of the barley market, and while some have made money this season by dealing in it, it is reported that one or two Canadian firms less fortunate have been reduced to the brink of ruin. To come a little closer to the point, our own market partakes of the general dullness. The receipts are very fair for the time of year—nearly 2,000 bushels of wheat, and about as much barley per day—but the price of the former has suffered a considerable, and that of the latter a slight, decline during the past week. In fact there is no alteration, but spring wheat is selling at no more than the round dollar. Scarcely any of it is bought for exportation, the mills in the town and vicinity absorbing it nearly all. Much of the barley that has been purchased here has found its way to Oswego, and of course the change in that market which we have noted above will have a very sensible effect on the price of the grain. It requires but a comparatively small quantity to supply local demands, and in consequence Guelph must be almost entirely ruled by other places. Peas and oats have been unchanged for some weeks. Potatoes are sold to supply local demands, and it is questionable if they will attain a much higher figure, as many have already secured their winter's stock. Butter comes in more freely, probably on account of the showings being over, and partly, no doubt, because the pasture has improved since the cool weather set in. As a matter of course the prices are no longer so high. Eggs are unchanged at 14c. Poultry and sheep prices cannot be very definite, though there is such a wide range in them. There is a moderate supply of hay at old figures.

The rifle match which took place on Tuesday between twelve members of the Rifle Association and twelve of the Artillery Company terminated in favour of the former, who have thus out of four matches contested since spring, beaten their opponent twice, tied them once, and been once defeated. The shooting yesterday was done at targets of two feet centre, with eight inches bullseye. The subjoined score shows that the Association won by nine points.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION. 260 yds. 300 yds. J. Hazelton 33233 32323-17 G. Elliott 03233 23202-19 A. McKenzie 33233 22223-25 J. Stewart 22224 33223-27 J. Hepburn 30323 22322-20 G. Hough 32233 23223-25 Judge Macdonald 22233 43202-23 A. Strowger 33233 33222-23 J. O'Connor 43322 22223-26 W. Sunley 32222 23223-23 E. Newton 33233 40223-23 J. Nichols 22233 23222-24

ARTILLERY COMPANY. 288 2nd Lieut. Bruce 22233 32222-17 Corp. Barrie 22220 20222-17 Corp. Maddock 32222 32222-14 Corp. Holliday 43233 42222-31 Priv. Rudd 22222 22222-22 Priv. Howitt 32222 32222-21 Priv. Ellis 23422 23002-21 Priv. Mansud 22222 22222-18 Priv. Emalie 32233 22222-20 Priv. Masters 33233 32222-25 Priv. Heath 33233 33222-25 Priv. Walker 32222 32222-25

The following English and American magazines, for October, have been received and are for sale at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market, Guelph: Godley's Lady's Book, which may be regarded as the prince of fashion periodicals contains in addition to a splendid steel engraving, a coloured fashion plate for November. It should be read by every lady in the land. Bow Bells is also very attractive, containing elaborate illustrations and gorgeous fashion plates, abounding throughout with reading matter of the most interesting description. Leisure Hour contains many interesting papers for the present month. This magazine being devoted as a family journal to reading of a recreative and instructive character, it will be found highly interesting for the present month, especially as the long winter evenings are now fairly upon us.

The Quiver being published by the eminent London publishers, Cassell, Petter and Colpin, their name is sufficient to commend its perusal by every one. The magazine is illustrated, and devoted to social, intellectual and religious progress. London Society for the present month is peculiarly interesting. The illustrations are very good, while we have a new tale "Married Bachelor," the characters of which promise well. There are also many other interesting sketches.

Massawewa Correspondence. A meeting of the Directors of the Massawewa Agricultural Society was held at Spier's hotel, on Saturday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of arranging a ploughing match. After mature consideration it was resolved to hold the ploughing match on Friday, the 30th of October. It is expected to be a good one, and when we take into consideration that the plough makers of this township have carried off prizes at many of the leading shows held in this part of Canada, we cannot but expect that the work performed will be of a superior character. There will be three distinct classes, 1st class, men.—All those who have taken 1st or 2nd prizes at township or county matches. 2nd class, men.—Other than the above, or boys under twenty-one, who may have taken first prizes. 3rd class.—Boys under eighteen years of age. 1st prize, in the last class, a silver watch, given by Mr. Oakes, of Guelph; 2nd, \$4; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$2; 5th, \$1. The judges selected were Messrs. John Nesbit, Abraham Stark, and Charles McIntosh.

At this stage of the meeting a long discussion arose in reference to members, and even directors showing articles at the Fall Show, that were not their own, and had not even grown on their own farms. Such a course of conduct can only have one effect—that of destroying the show and its good reputation, and this is the view that Directors took of the matter, and passed a resolution commending such a dishonourable practice, and they instructed the Secretary to collect at suit such prizes as were paid under such circumstances.

It is certainly a very creditable thing for anyone to show anything contrary to the rules and regulations of the Society, yet it is a very much greater shame and disgrace for a Director—one who helps to make and adopt the rules etc.—to violate them for a paltry sum. We refrain from sending you the names of those parties guilty of the above, yet they ought to be held up to public contempt in every honest, well directed Society. Next year we hope to see such unworthy conduct will be practised to mar the prosperity of our highly prosperous Agricultural Society. A MEMBER.

SINGULAR DEATH.—A sad occurrence happened in the township of Beverley, on the afternoon of Sunday last, by which death was caused in a remarkable manner. A party of boys were amusing themselves in a blacksmith shop, experimenting with a new pair of bellows that had not yet been set up for use. One of the number, a son of Mr. Joseph Kibby, about ten years of age, placed his mouth over the blow pipe, when another lad compressed the bellows with all his force, sending a powerful draught of air into the lungs of his companion. Young Kibby immediately sank down in a lifeless state, and did not recover his breath again, although medical assistance was soon procured and every effort made to restore him to animation.

The adventures of a dandy clad in a black jacket lined with grey fur furnished the scribes of the Montreal press with an item. She hired as a domestic in several families during the week, and invariably decamped the next day carrying off some articles of value; among others the jacket above-mentioned. The police getting information of the matter, succeeded in tracing her out by means of the remarkable jacket.