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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.

NEW Paint Shop, The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, near Fenwick's Furniture Shop.

New Advertisements.

WANTED - A Cook, Apply to Mrs. Lemon, 17-dft

WANTED - To rent, by Sept. 1st, a new Cottage, 5 rooms, West Ward street, Guelph. Apply at this office, 114 1/2

TWO ASSISTANT MILLINERS WANTED IMMEDIATELY at the Fashionable West End. Must be well. Apply to A. O. BUCHAN, 114 1/2

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TWO SOFT WATER TANKS FOR sale, lined with lead. Size, 6 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in. depth, 4 ft. 6 in. and 4 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in. depth. Apply to B. CRAWFORD, 114 1/2

GARDENING, The subscriber is prepared to attend to all kinds of GARDEN WORK, Laying out and keeping in order Flower Gardens, Pleasure Grounds, &c.

N.B. - Particular attention given to MAKING CROQUET GROUNDS, Orders may be left at the Mercury office.

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MONEY TO LEND ON FARMERS' SECURITY, The undersigned has \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, at 7 1/2 per cent. interest.

PRESTON Mineral Baths, -AND- SUMMER RESORT, NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON

This favorite resort is now open for the season. The hotel has been thoroughly fitted, repaired, and refurnished to the comfort of guests.

LONDON AND CANADIAN LOAN AGENCY COMPANY, This company has opened a Branch Office

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Brass Castings, MADE TO ORDER BY HARLEY & HEATHER, IRON FOUNDERS,

TO BUILDERS, The subscribers have on hand and will continue to keep

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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1874.

Town and County News

REMEMBER the tea meeting to-night in the B. M. E. Church, Essex street.

DISTRICT MEETING, -The Guelph District meeting of the Wesleyan Church opens here to-morrow. About sixty ministry and laymen will be present.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, -At the quarterly official meeting, held on Thursday evening last, it was unanimously decided to have a second minister this coming year.

ALLEN TBA SOCIETY, -On Thursday evening an after tea social will be held in the Baptist Church. The entertainment will consist of Readings, Recitations, Music, &c. Admission free.

BIG TROUT, -On Saturday last, a trout named William Tovell caught a trout which weighed two pounds and three quarters. This catch - which we believe is the largest yet - was made in the river about a mile above Armstrong's mill.

HILLIEN'S CASE, -The examination of Benjamin Hillien is being proceeded with at the Police Court to-day (Tuesday). The proceedings are of a strictly private nature, being carried on within closed doors, and we are not at liberty to publish the evidence. Mr. Sweetnam, Post office Inspector, is present.

SOCIAL, -On Thursday evening a social will be held in the Wesleyan Church, by the Young People's Aid Society. The entertainment will consist of Readings, Recitations, Music, &c., and promises to be more than usually interesting.

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS, -The Hotel and Mineral Baths at Preston are now open for the season. The house has recently been entirely refurnished, and is a model of neatness and comfort.

THE WALLACE SISTERS, -Speaking of this company, who are to visit us on Friday, 22nd inst., the Portland Argus says: "These very charming young ladies, the Wallace Sisters, appeared at the Music Hall last evening, supported by a capital company for the business business. The Wallaces are very pretty, sing fairly, dance finely, and have a nameless wit in their ways. The orchestra is especially excellent."

HANDSOME SIDEBOARD, -We saw to-day in the Organ Factory of Messrs. Wm. Bell & Co. a very handsome sideboard, which was made in the factory for Mr. Wm. Dell. It is of black walnut. The design is very neat and chaste, and the carving on the panels and the other parts, representing foxes and other heads, trusses of game and fishes, is exquisite, and a perfect model of the carver's art.

GOOD TEMPLARS' ENTERTAINMENT, -The entertainment in the Good Templars' Hall last night, as usual, turned out a decided success, the large hall being filled to the door. Mr. Sole occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting threw out a few practical remarks, which were well received.

FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT, -Your Committee have paid James Laird \$75 for injury to his horse. They also have paid the accounts of Thos. W. Cooper \$5, for attending court, and James Davidson \$5 for advertising, and paid. They think Wm. Horning's account should be referred to the Market Committee.

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Town Council.

The Council met on Monday evening, all the members present, except Mr. McCrea. The Clerk reported the voting on the Market By-law on Monday 4th, as given in the Mercury of the 6th.

The motion passed by the Board of Education requesting the Council to provide \$100 for refreshments: the scholars of the town schools, on the 25th May, was read.

A petition defining the streets which were to be watered in accordance with the verbal arrangement with Messrs. Eberston & Cull, was read, as no contract had been entered into, and proper action could not be taken without the streets being named. The matter was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Mr. Petrie, seconded by Mr. Heffernan, moved that \$125 be granted to the scholars for the Queen's Birthday; \$100 to the common, and \$25 to the separate school.

Mr. Howard did not see the necessity of giving more than the Board of Education had asked for.

Mr. Heffernan explained that formerly the separate school had joined with the others, but as the practice had been discontinued it was but right that the money contributed by all denominations should be equally divided.

Mr. Howard hoped the time had passed when denominational questions were to be argued here. This matter, in his mind, took the shape of special pleading.

Mr. Raymond said that the number in attendance at the Separate School was obtained by the Committee last year and a proportionate sum - \$20 - was handed over.

Mr. Petrie had thought there was something wanting in the request of the Board, but would have pleasure, as he understood the matter now, in striking the additional sum of his motion.

The motion, granting the different schools in the town the sum of \$100 as stated, was carried.

Mr. Elliott read a petition from Wm. Corbett and others praying for a sidewalk through St. George's Square. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Mr. Harvey requested on behalf of the 30th Battalion, the use of the Central Exhibition Grounds. The Battalion would be in camp for annual drill about the 21st June.

Mr. Davidson read a petition from John Gunn for license for Grand Trunk Hotel, granted; also from M. J. Doran and others for tree planting on the Fair Grounds. Referred to the Committee on Parks and Gardens.

Mr. Coffee read a petition from Patrick Coghlan, an invalid, asking for aid. Referred to the Relief Committee.

Mr. Petrie read a complaint from Edward T. Richards and others, against the conduct of the loafers who congregated around Hall's corner and used obscene language; also a petition from the Committee of St. Joseph's Hospital for the use of the Central Exhibition Grounds on the 24th June for the holding of their annual picnic.

Mr. Harvey moved, seconded by Mr. Raymond, that the petition of the 30th Battalion be granted.

Mr. Elliott thought this matter should go to the Exhibition Committee, so that it might be arranged that the accommodation and the picnic would not clash.

The motion was then carried.

Mr. Petrie, seconded by Mr. Bruce, moved that the petition for the use of the Exhibition Grounds and buildings for the picnic in connection with St. Joseph's Hospital, be granted, on condition that Colonel Clarke give his consent for their use on that day if the Battalion are in possession of the Grounds at that time.

The motion against the loafers on Hall's corner was referred to the Chief of Police.

Mr. Elliott read the fourth report of the Committee on FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.

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Redemption of Debentures and interest

on by-law No. 97, \$7,190; by-law No. 236, \$1,728.49; by-law No. 235, less interest to be charged Public School, (\$700 \$1,750; Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, \$5,583.70) - Total, \$64,656.94.

RECEIPTS - Balance on hand \$232.94; Licenses, \$2,200; Market fees and rents, \$4,840; Legislative School Grants, \$650; non-resident taxes, \$500; police fines and fees, \$550; statute labor and dog tax, \$300 - Total, \$9,883.94. Balance to be provided, \$45,294.74.

The report was received and adopted. Mr. Coffee presented the 7th report of the ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

They recommended that the petition of Susan Hollingshead and others be left for consideration; that the petition of Francis McQuillan be not granted; that an appropriation is recommended for the streets named in the petition of J. P. McMillan and others; that the petition of Francis Evans and others be referred to Ward Councilors. Your Committee would refer the petition of J. Norris and others for street lamps on Dublin street, to the Fire and Water Committee; your Committee recommend that the Town Solicitor's opinion be obtained on the nuisance complained of by Alexander McKenzie and others, so as to know whether the petitioners or the town are responsible for the nuisance.

The report was passed. Mr. Harvey read the following report from the MARKET COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have found the office of the Market Clerk in a very bad state of repair, and recommend that it be generally refitted. Your Committee considered the petition of J. Schofield and others in reference to the changing of the hours set by by-law at which hucksters and other dealers may purchase on the market. From the fact that your Committee have not had any complaints from the outside general public, who are the parties most interested in a by-law such as this one, your Committee cannot recommend any change at present.

Your Committee would again bring before your notice the urgent necessity for increased market and hall accommodation. From the fact that the former by-law was defeated only by a very small majority, and that a great many of the ratepayers have since stated their wish for such increased accommodation if it can be procured for a reasonable outlay, and as our market fees are now daily increasing, your Committee would recommend the introduction of a by-law for such a purpose, to be placed before the ratepayers for their sanction; the amount for which such a by-law is to be issued to exceed the sum of \$20,000.

Mr. Robertson read the report of the Committee on the CENTRAL EXHIBITION.

The Committee recommend that the tender of Ormond & Elgin for altering and extending ticket office be accepted, being the lowest, the amount being \$425.75; also that the tender of Michael Chambers for the forming of the driveway be accepted, being the lowest, the price being 50 cents per rod and 20 cents per cubic yard if required at cuttings.

Mr. Elliott, as chairman of the Special Committee on the organization of the POLICE FORCE, read the following report: -

The Committee recommend that the Police Force terminate and can be at any time changed by the Council when the by-law assuming control is passed, your Committee consider that it would be proper as soon as practicable to pass a by-law to organize the Police Force, and define their duties, and for their compensation, and recommend that the Committee be appointed for that purpose.

Report received and adopted.

The Council went into Committee on the report of the Market Committee, and entered into a warm discussion on the last clause referring to the new Market Building.

Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Hood, moved the adoption of the report.

For amendment, Messrs. Howard, Raymond, Hall, Bruce, Crowe, Mills - 6. The by-law for the carrying out of the recommendation in the report of Special Police Committee, was then read and passed, and numbered 245.

On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Elliott, Messrs. Robertson, Elliott, Davidson and Heffernan were appointed to prepare a by-law for regulating the Police Force and for defining the duties of the members of the said force.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Howard, leave was granted to introduce a by-law for the remuneration of officers, and it was read a first time.

In Committee, the blanks in the by-law were filled up as follows: - Deputy Market Clerk, \$450; Superintendent of Roads, \$412; Collector, 1/2 per cent. on amount collected.

In Council, the by-law was read the third time and passed, and numbered 246.

Mr. Howard moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce, that the Market Committee be requested to bring down at next meeting an abstract statement of the expense of the plan of the new town hall and market; also for the addition to the present building, together with cost of advertising the by-law and taking the vote of the ratepayers. Carried.

The Council adjourned as the clock struck twelve.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Massachusetts Disaster.

Fearful Loss of Life.

The Destitution Diminishing.

Scenes in the Deluged Towns.

Benevolence of the Cities.

New York, May 18. - From the excellent account of the flood in the New York World the following is taken: A. M. Graves, whose great black horse is the pride of Williamsburg, set off in front of the flood at an awful pace, swinging his arms, and shouting from the horse. Skinnerville is the nearest village, nearly a mile away, and it has only five houses left out of thirty. Skinner's factory girls had just got to work when they saw Graves coming, and heard the flood behind him. The factory bell rang out the alarm, and the building was empty just one minute before it was utterly swept away. Skinner's house was on high ground; one end of the verandah was torn down, but the house escaped. Here the flood, with Graves whirling down ahead on his great black horse, was cramped by a bend in the course of the Mill river, and immediately raised a wall of timbers and stones which drove, now perpendicularly, now broken and swinging straight over broad and level valleys. Millions of tons that torrent weighed, and nothing could resist it. Great boulders, sticks of timber, and dead human bodies too many, were driven down the stream headlong, and then came the great crash at Haydensville, where disaster was piled on disaster.

The half of Hayden's brass works was washed out of the framework, and the boilers were carried down the stream. The cotton mill lower down stood, but the dam was broken. A great tree trunk was driven through a dwelling-house on the east bank, and brought along the wrecked frame-work to its branches. In the bend of the river south of Hayden's, was a cluster of two dozen houses, of which no trace of the foundation is left. As the torrent reached Leeds, its supply failed, but was strong enough to wreck that one town more before its waves were stayed. At first a row of dwellings, hung them one upon another and twisted them down, descended upon a second batch, leaving untraced houses in its direct course, by a capricious work of running up hill to seek houses reckoned safe and drive out their lower stories, tip them on one side, leaving a bizarre village whose streets run every way, whose houses are likely one on the other, or in the other as to face. Next came Orinlow's button shop, and as at Haydensville, the water swept away all of the buildings. Twenty lives were lost here. Thirty dead bodies were found huddled together, brought by the force of torrent from all the villages about into one place.

The flood fell almost as rapidly as it rose, and with an hour from the time when the alarm was given at Williamsburg waters had done their work. 120 buildings were destroyed, and hundreds of acres covered with stone and mud. In an eddy, near the mill race, the bodies of Williamsburg, were found the bodies of seven persons, including those of Dr. Johnson and some of his family.

Springfield, Mass., May 18. - A number of dead bodies have been recovered to-day from the debris of the flood, and it is now thought that yesterday's estimate of 200 lives lost may fall below the actual truth. The extent of the disaster increases rather than diminishes, and it is as yet impossible to give a reliable estimate of the loss of property and life. At Haydensville to-day sixty families applied for relief. The temporary funds furnished from Northampton yesterday are now exhausted, and a mass meeting has been called at Northampton this evening to devise means for the continuous and systematic relief of the sufferers. The whole community is moving in the work of relief, and everything that can be done to alleviate the loss and suffering.

Boston, May 18. - Gov. Talbot who returned from the scene of the disaster to-day, states that the immediate wants of the most destitute are being supplied by Springfield and other towns in the vicinity, but that more permanent and systematic relief is demanded. Besides three or four hundred families rendered homeless, a large number of operatives are thrown out of employment with the loss of everything except the clothing on their persons.

Latest - Springfield, May 18. - Of whole number lost the bodies of 110 have been recovered, seventeen of the missing being from Haydensville and eighteen from Leeds. Probably strangers or unknown travellers may have perished by the flood and the search for bodies will be resumed to-morrow with more vigor and system than before.

New York, May 15. - Weather clear and cool. Specials from the scene of the disaster in Massachusetts continue to furnish interesting details of matters connected with the recent disaster. The following states some incidents of yesterday: -

Williamsburg was only a report for the curious. All work was suspended, except at hotels, where, despite the prohibitory law many ruffians managed to get drunk and reel around the streets.

At Skinnerville there was no attempt at work of any kind, because the place no longer exists, and its real owner, Mr. Skinner, has lost everything he possessed.

At Haydensville there was great activity in the morning before the rain began to fall. Mr. Hayden and his Superintendent called his former factory hands together and set them to gathering up the remnants of brass work and

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