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LADIES' SCHOOL.

Conducted by Mrs. W. Budd.

THE present vacation terminates on MONDAY August 17th.
Norfolk Street, Guelph, Aug. 5. daw 1m

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for

Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wool Pickings,

At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 28 dw D. MOLTON.

HAIRDRESSERS' AGREEMENT

WE, the undersigned Hairdressers of Guelph, hereby agree to the following tariff, to come into effect on MONDAY morning the 10th of August, 1868.

For Shaving	10 cents
Hair Cutting	12½ "
Shampooning	20 "

GEORGE ALLEN, JOSEPH MIMMACK, | W. H. SUMMERS, J. W. SIPPLE.
Guelph, 7th August. d

BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,

GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Phelan Standard American tables.

W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor.
Guelph, June 24. do 1y

MORTGAGE SALE.

TO WILLIAM HOCKIN, EDWIN NEWTON, Official Assignee. CHARLES RAYMOND, THE ONTARIO BANK, and all others whom it may concern.

Pursuant to a Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage, bearing date the 13th day of April, 1860, made by William Hockin, (since Insolvent) of the first part; Rebecca Hockin, his wife (to bar dower) of the second part; and John Mitchell, since deceased, of the third part; upon which Mortgage default has been made, will be sold by W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer, at the Market House in the Town of Guelph,

On WEDNESDAY, 2nd SEPT. 1868,

At noon, by PUBLIC AUCTION, **Town Lot No. 1050.** on Norfolk Street, in the Canada Company's Survey, in the Town of Guelph, containing one-quarter of an acre of land, more or less.

Title indisputable. Immediate possession given. TERMS—CASH. Any particulars as to title, or otherwise, may be learned in the meantime, by applying to the undersigned, at their Law Office, No. 1, Day's Block, Guelph.

McCURRY & MITCHELL,
Solicitors for Mortgagee's Executors.
Guelph, Aug. 14. dao td

FUNERALS.

WILLIAM BROWNLOW,
UNDERTAKER,

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL Douglas Street. House in rear of Mr. F. W Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.

The subscriber intimates that he is prepaedr t attend

FUNERALS

As usual in Town and Country. Coffins alway on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.

WM. BROWNLOW.
Guelph March 20 1868. daw

CHEAP FIREWOOD!

THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply **Firewood,** consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, if delivered, $2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at $1 75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning off underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer.

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE

Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of L. Lewis, Esq.
Guelph, June 15. d-3m

FOR SALE.

SODA ASH—"Gamble's.

CAUSTIC SODA—'Gamble's,' 'Widnes', 'Alkali Comp'y,' 'Garrett's.'

SAL. SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.
PALM OIL.

W. T. BENSON,
137 St. Peter Street, Montreal
Montreal, 1st April, 1868 dw-6m

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.

L. W. DECKER.
Montrea 30th March, 1868. d

MONTREAL

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.

GUELPH AGENCY.

CANADIAN LINE—Quebec to Liverpool every Saturday.

GLASGOW LINE—Quebec to Glasgow every Thursday.

CABIN.—Guelph to Liverpool, $79.50 and $89.50
STEERAGE, do do $30.50.
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, $69.50 and $49.50.
INTERMEDIATE, do $45.50.
STEERAGE, do do $29.50.

Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, State-rooms, and every information, apply to

GEO. A. CUNARD,
Agent, G. T.
Guelph, April 29 1868. daw 1y.

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.

HENRY HESSLEIN, Proprietor
Halifax, 12th August. dw3m

Chancery Sale OF LAND.

IN pursuance of the decree on further directions made in the matter of the Estate of the late John Thorp, and in a certain cause of Sunley et. al. McCrae, and bearing date the Twenty-eighth day of June, A. D. 1867, will be sold by

PUBLIC AUCTION!

by JAMES WATSON HALL, Esq., Master at Guelph,

On Saturday, 5th Sept., 1868

at Twelve o'clock noon, at the Town Hall, Guelph, the following property, in separate parcels:

1st—Town Lots in Guelph, viz, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26 and 27, in THORP'S SURVEY, of Lot Number one and part of Lot number two, broken front, and Lot number five, in Division F, in said town, being a portion of the Sunley property. Each lot contains by admeasurement 9240 square feet of land, be the same more or less.

Lots numbers 18 and 28, in Thorp's Survey, of the Harvey property, in Guelph aforesaid. Lot number 13 contains by admeasurement twenty-seven perches, be the same more or less; and Lot number 23, twenty-four perches, more or less.

Also, Lots number 9 and 15, and the plot of land called Wellington Place, in Thorp's Survey of the Dunbar property, being the broken front of Lot number one, and part of broken front of lot number two, in the first range, Division F., of the Town of Guelph. Lots number 9 and 15 contain by admeasurement 8712 square feet each, be the same more or less.

The plot called Wellington Place may be known and described as follows:—Commencing at the northerly angle of the northerly part of lot No. 1, in the first range of Division F, in the Town of Guelph; thence south 45 degrees, east 6 chains and sixty-eight links to the rear of town lots already laid out on the front of said lot along the York Road; thence parallel to the York Road, south 75 degrees 11 minutes, west 13 chains 10 links, more or less, to the limit between lots No. 1 and 2; thence along the said limit, north 45 degrees, east 11 chains 21 links to the place of beginning.

2nd—Lands situate in the Village of Kinnettles, in the County of Wellington:

Lots 153 and 192 on Webster Street, fronting on the Market Square, containing by admeasurement two-fifths of an acre each.

Lots 158 and 187 on Wilson Street, containing by admeasurement two-fifths of an acre each.

3rd—Lands in Thorpville in said County of Wellington, viz: Lots 21, 23, 24, 25 and 27 in survey by John Thorp, consisting of one-and-three-fifths acres of the North-westerly half of Lot number 15, in the First Concession of the Township of Pilkington, containing by admeasurement one-fifth of an acre each.

Lots numbers 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, in survey by John Thorp, of four acres, of Lot number one, in the North concession of the Township of Nichol, containing by admeasurement one-fifth of an acre each.

4th.—Lots in the Village of Fergus in the County of Wellington—Being Lots 117 118, 129 and 130, each lot containing by admeasurement 12939 square feet, be the same more or less, on the East of Angus Street, according to the map or plan of said village made by Mr Martin E. Schofield.

The purchaser shall at the time of Sale pay down a deposit on the proportion of $10 for every $100 of the purchase money, to the Vendor or his Solicitor, and shall pay the remainder of the purchase money, with interest, within ten days thereafter, and upon such payment the purchaser shall be entitled to a conveyance, and to be let into possession, the purchaser at the time of Sale to sign an agreement for the completion of the purchase.

In other respects the conditions of sale are the standing conditions of the Court of Chancery.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Donald Guthrie, Esq., or Messrs. Palmer & Little, Barristers, Guelph,

J. WATSON HALL,
Master, Guelph

DONALD GUTHRIE,
Vendor's Solicitor.
Guelph, 13th August, 1868. d2aw wd

Dominion Store!

FANCY GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED, a large addition to the already splendid stock of

Beads, Nail Heads, Portmonies, Satchels, Albums, Combs, Rings, Brooches,

WOOLS, and a general assortment of Small Stationery. A large quantity of INK for sale by the pint, quart, or furnished with bottle or without.

☞ For the above mentioned Goods, or any fancy articles in stock, **SILVER will be taken at par.**

The largest and best assortment of PIPES in Guelph are to be had at

☞ Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery done to order.

Mrs. Robinson's,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, July 29th, 1868. daw

SPRING BREEZES

Grand Waltzes.

—AT—

CLARK'S MUSIC STORE,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

ALL kinds of SHEET MUSIC, and MUSICAL WORKS by the best authors, in great variety Also,

PIANOS and ORGANS,

Melodeons, Guitars,

And other Instruments. Music Stools, School Books, Stationery and Blank Books.

Sheet Music Received Daily.

N. B.—Parties have always an opportunity of trying Music before purchasing, as Pianos are constantly on hand,

At CLARK'S MUSIC STORE,
Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, Aug. 14, 1868 daw tf

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In factnig 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,
Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do tf

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.

WEDNESDAY EV'G, AUG 19, 1868.

Local and General Items.

☞ Nearly all the Ministers are in Ottawa again.

☞ It is reported that four batteries of artillery and eight troops of cavalry are to perform annual drill at Toronto soon.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for September, a superb number, is to hand at Mr Day's Bookstore, opposite the Market.

Twenty-six-hotel and saloon keepers of London were summoned to appear before the Police Magistrate to-day for selling liquor on Sunday.

"DAILY MERCURY" IN ELORA.—Here after copies of the *Evening Mercury* will be for sale at the bookstore of Mr. Peter Gerrie, Elora.

A man named Alex. McDonald, of Perth, drowned himself on Thursday last. A widow and three children are to add to the list of those left destitute by whiskey.

☞ Mr S. Cornell, the well-known proprietor of the Preston Mineral Baths, is lying at the point of death, through a malady of long standing.

PUNSHON.—This celebrated minister and orator will deliver one of his popular lectures in the Wesleyan Church, of this town, early next month.

Kite flying is the popular diversion of the juveniles, and at Toronto several runaways and smash-ups have resulted from this scientific pursuit.

LARGE YIELD.—The Bruce *Herald* says that Mr. Jas. Wilson has threshed the fall wheat which grew on a field of eight acres, and he has three hundred bushels from it.

Capt. Jas. O'Connor, father of Mr. O'Connor, Division Court Clerk, Riversdale, was drowned in the Teeswater river on Saturday last, at a place where the water is not more than a foot deep.

☞ The Battalion Band were out last evening, and delighted the citizens by the playing of some lively and beautiful airs, on the Market Square. Thanks, gentlemen, we hope you will do it again.

Several hundred telegraphic despatches were published a few days since in all the New York papers, relative to the crops all over the United States. The majority of the reports there procured show that the harvest is above the average.

LAID OVER.—We have received a letter from Mr. Dunn, in reference to our article on the public schools on Monday. We are obliged to lay it over to-day on account of a press of matter. It will appear to-morrow.

THE TRACTION ENGINE.—This machine is doing a smashing business about Walkton. It started in a great hurry for Paisley the other day, but broke through Silver Creek bridge, and was detained two hours by the accident.

☞ It turns out that there is no cattle plague at Paris. The cattle, it is stated, have died there by reason of the scarcity of their usual herbage resulting from the drouth, and from eating plants of an unwholesome nature, which under other circumstances they would not touch.

RE-OPENING SERVICES.—The Wesleyan Church, which has recently been undergoing a thorough renovation, the ceilings being beautifully frescoed and pulpit and pews repainted, will be re-opened on the 30th inst. The Rev. Dr. Nelles, President of Victoria College, is announced to be present and conduct the services on the occasion.

WARLIKE RUMOR.—A report comes to us by way of the States, that the French Minister at Washington has received intimations from home that war between France and Prussia is threatened. The French Legation regards this rumour as absurd and not worthy of serious contradiction, nor has the Prussian minister received any information to that effect.

Mrs. McCannagh, of Warwick, attempted suicide on Wednesday of last week. She got up while her husband was asleep, took his razor, went to a neighbor's, called them to witness that he had not committed the deed, and before her hand could be stayed inflicted a terrible gash in her throat. A doctor chancing to pass at the time sewed up the wound, and she is recovering and penitent.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.—Mr W. G. Stethem on behalf of Palsgrave's Montreal Foundry, has presented to the Canadian Press Association the type &c. with which the *Canadian Press* was printed during the recent excursion of the Association to Fort William. The gift is of the value of $175. Very generous indeed on the part of Mr. Stethem.

MENDING THEIR WAYS.—The warning we gave the Council a few days ago about our dilapidated sidewalks has had a satisfactory effect, the whole of them having been inspected and those rotten or damaged repaired with new planks. A new sidewalk is now being laid on the west side of Wyndham Street, from Bucham's store to Higinbotham's corner.

The Texas Cattle Disease.

A special meeting of the Board of Agriculture, took place at Toronto on Monday to consider what steps ought to be taken to prevent the introduction and spreading in this country of the Texas Cattle Plague, or Spanish Fever, now committing such fearful ravages among the cattle in some of the neighboring States. Mr. Christie submitted statements showing that the disease had actually made its appearance at Paris, Ont., as supposed from the infection arising from the presence of dead and diseased cattle on the cars at the railway station, on their passage from the Western to the Eastern States, and that several animals had died in consequence. Mr. Stork also reported several instances of rapid death from an unknown disease amongst cattle belonging to persons employed about the railway station at Dundas, from which it appeared highly probable that the disease had arisen from the same source as at Paris. A committee was appointed to examine into the cattle disease and report at as early a day as possible, and Prof. Smith, of the Veterinary College, Toronto, was appointed to accompany them. The Secretary was authorized to request the Government to appoint an Inspector in any district with powers conferred by the Contagious Diseases Act, or any order in Council.

The Committee propose to proceed at once to Illinois, not far from Chicago, where the disease is now raging with great violence, for the purpose of ascertaining facts in regard to the contagious character disease and other important points connected with its progress.

MINTO NEWS.

From our own Correspondent.

At a meeting held at Allan's Hotel on the evening of Friday, 14th inst., for the purpose of finally deciding upon the silver question, Mr Walter Hotson occupied the chair, and Mr Robert Haig acted as Secretary. On motion of Mr. Macready, seconded by Mr W. Gordon, the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. A copy of the agreement entered into at Toronto was then read, and on motion of Mr Meiklejohn, sec. by Mr Wm. Taylor, was adopted. Mr Wm Arnold was appointed Trustee. One hundred posters from the *Mercury* office, Guelph, for the information of the public, were ordered; and the Secretary was requested to send a copy of the decision to the Elora *Observer* and Guelph *Mercury*.

A GOOD CROP.—Mr George Preston, of Minto, cut on the 14th July a field of fall wheat, which he has since thrashed out, and finds the yield to be 38 bushels to the acre, and 64 lbs. to the bushel. The crop generally turns out better than was expected.

ACCIDENT.—Mr Edw. Gowan, mason, while endeavoring to save a fellow workman from falling from a gangway at a stone house in course of erection for Capt Miles Bateman, missed his footing and fell from a height of ten feet, sustaining great injury to his head and shoulders. Under the care of Dr. Cowan he is doing well, and it is expected will recover.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 19—*Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Lappin* and *Thos. Lappin* were up this morning for kicking up a big row on Essex street, last evening. Constable James Armstrong happening to observe a crowd and hear a disturbance, went to the scene, and discovered signs of combat. The belligerents were resting on their arms at the time, but seemed inclined to renew the contest. He accordingly put Mrs. Lappin and her promising boy into their own house, and having as he tho't quelled the riot, returned to his work.—But in a few minutes the fight was renewed, and on his return to the field of battle he found the two ladies enjoying a rough-and-tumble on the street, and the boy Tommy endeavoring to do something which he averred was well entitled to be designated peace making. Mrs Lappin, it appears, is fond of 'whiskey in her tay,' and is not generally regarded as a very agreeable neighbor. She is in possession of a well selected stock of abusive language, and is capable of working herself up on short notice to a high point of pugnacity. Consequently by the time she had discharged a volley of anything but complimentary phrases, she was in splendid fighting condition, and Tommy having advanced skirmishing with a shillelah, and struck or struck at his mother's antagonist, the old lady got her right handsomely in, and Mrs Sullivan went down. She at the same time dropped her baby, which was picked up by one of the witnesses, because "if it hadn't it would have been killed as dead as anything, and there would have been murder, your Worship." Mrs. Sullivan fought well, and indeed it is believed that she drew first blood, but as there were no bets the point is unimportant. To do Tom justice he does not seem to be a formidable combatant, for all the damage he inflicted was the forming of a "mouse" on the temple of one of the children, and another on Mrs Sullivan's face, whereas many a man with his opportunities and his cudgel would have started a whole menagerie. It took the constable and four more to bring the delinquents to prison. Tom was quiet enough, but the ladies were troublesome. Two men had difficulty in getting Mrs Sullivan along, and she had seen the time, according to her own solemn assertion, that the two would not have been fit to bring her; and Mrs. Lappin almost worsted two more, so that they had to press an invalided wheelbarrow into service, and give her a jaunt in the Irishman's carriage. Mrs. Lappin was in the lock-up all night, but Mrs. Sullivan was bailed out. The former was fined $15 and costs, Tom, $5 and costs, but Mrs. Sullivan was dismissed.

Catherine Ogilby, who has been absent from her old haunts for a long time turned up again lately, and was charged this morning by the Chief Constable with vagrancy. As she had not $3 and costs, she was sent to gaol for 20 days.

Michael Ryal was charged by John Chambers with assault. Defendant did not appear and the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

ELORA ITEMS.—Our Elora correspondent states that the Wesleyan Social there will be held in the basement of the church on Friday evening, when a pleasant time may be expected. The social is given by Mrs. Harley, a very excellent person, whose generosity is characteristic of her country. Friday first will be observed in Elora as the annual holiday. The Elora and Berlin Lacrosse Clubs will have a game on the ground of the latter. Our correspondent's letter in full will appear next week.

The Dominion Rifle Association.

We subjoin a list of the prizes, rules and regulations, &c., of the great Wimbledon Rifle Meeting to take place at Laprairie Common on the 15th of September, and following days: The value of the prizes at present is upwards of $5,000, but a further amount of prizes will be added.

We understand a party of engineers are now at work at Laprairie, laying out the ranges, &c.

ALL COMERS' MATCH—Open to all members of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, whether by direct contribution or affiliated associations. 1st prize, $250; 2nd do., $100; 5 prizes of $20; 10 do. of $10; 10 do. of $5. For any rifle coming within the Wimbledon regulations for "all comers" matches. Ranges, 400, 600, 800, 1,000 yards, 5 rounds at each range, to be shot for in two stages; 1st stage, at 400 and 600 yards, 5 highest scores, $20 each; 10 second highest scores, $10 do; 10 third do., $5 do.; 2nd stage, at 800 and 1,000 yards, to be shot for by the 40 highest scores in 1st stage. Highest score, $250; 2nd do., $100. Entrance for match, $1.

DOMINION OF CANADA PRIZE.—Open to all certified and efficient members of regularly embodied corps of volunteer militia and to members of the staff who are also members of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association. "Efficiency" to be understood, as having been a *bona fide* member of the Corps previous to the 1st July, 1868. "Certificate," to be signed by the officer commanding the corps to which the competitor belongs. 1st prize, $500; 30 prizes of $20; 30 do of $10. To be competed for in two stages, 1st stage, 5 rounds each at 300, 400 and 500 yards. The "thirty" men making the highest score to receive each $20, and a badge of 1st class. The next "thirty" highest to receive $10, and a badge of 2nd class.

2nd stage,—5 rounds at 600 and 700 yards. To be fired by the "sixty" winners of prizes in the first stage,—the competitor making the highest score to receive $500, and a special badge. To be shot in both stages with the Government Enfield or converted Snider Enfield Rifle. Entrance, 50 cents.

PROVINCIAL MATCH.—To be shot by 15 competitors from each Province, to be selected by the Provincial Association, or where there is no association the selection to be certified by the Senior Staff Officer in the Province to which they belong. Selection.—Open to all efficient Volunteers, or Regular Militia Men belonging to embodied corps. Efficiency and Certificate same as in Dominion Match. 1st prize to the highest aggregate score, a piece of plate worth $800; to the highest individual score, $50; to the second highest individual score, $30; to the third highest individual score, $20. Ranges.—300, 400, 500 and 600 yards. Five shots at each range. Enfield or Snider Enfield Rifle. Government ammunition. Entrance fee, $10 for each Province. The prize of $800 to remain in the winning Province, by which it is to be afterwards offered for competition under such conditions as may be determined upon by the Province, subject to the approval of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association.

ALL COMERS' INTERNATIONAL GAME.—Open to all comers of any nation—any rifle coming within the Wimbledon regulations. 1st prize, $300; 2nd prize, $100; 10 prizes of $15. Ranges—400 and 800 yards; 5 rounds at each range. Entrance, $1.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION PRIZE.—To be competed for by members of affiliated associations, who are also members of the Dominion Association. Prize, $200. Highest individual score $50. 10 second highest, $5 each. Range—300, 600 and 900 yards. The first prize to be awarded to the highest aggregate score made by any five members of any one association. The remaining prizes to be given to individual scores. Any rifle coming within Wimbledon regulations. Entrance fee—75 cents each competitor. Possession of the $200 prize to be left to the decision of the winning association, and will be paid to the treasurer of such.

MILITARY DISTRICT PRIZE.—To be shot for by ten competitors from each Military District, subscribers to the Dominion Rifle Association, or Affiliated Association; selection to be cetified by Dis. Association; or where there is no Association, by the Senior Staff Officer of the District. Selection to be mode from efficient volunteers, as in Dominion Prize. (Possession to be decided by five shots at 600 yards.) To highest aggrenate score, $400—in plate or money. Highest individual score, $50. Next ten highest individual score, $10 each. Next ten highest individual score, $5 each. Ranges.—200, 400 and 600 yards. Entrance fee.—$10. Government Enfield or Snider Enfield Rifles.—Government ammunition.

BATTALION MATCH.—To be competed for by six officers, non-commissioned officers or men from each Battalion, Members of the Dominion Association or Affiliated Associations. First prize $250. Highest individual score, $30. Second highest individual score, $20. 10 next highest $10. 10 next highest $5. Individual possession of prize of $250, (which will be given in plate or in money) to be decided upon by three shots each at 500 yards. Membership and certificates of efficiency, same as in the Dominion Match. Selection certified by Lieut.-Colonel Commanding the Battalion. Ranges 300 and 500 yards. Five shots at each range. Entrance Fee—$3.00 per battalion. Government Enfield or Snider Enfield Rifles. Government Ammunition.

THE MILITARY PRIZE.—Open to Non-Commissioned Officers and men of H. M. Regular Forces stationed in Canada—1st prize, $40; 2nd do, $30; 3rd do, $20; 4th do, $15; 20 prizes of $5 each. Ranges 300, 400, 600 yards—three shots at each range. Government Enfield or converted Snider Enfield Rifle. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

Additional prizes will be announced from time to time, previous to the match, as the Council may feel authorised to offer by the receipt of contributions.

At a country ball in one of the northern counties of Scotland lately, the candles suddenly went out, and the officiating fiddler, a bit of a wag in his way overheard an amorous swain address his sweetheart as follows: "Now, Jean, if ye're for me, tell me this instant, and if ye're no, deil care!" The answer of the no doubt blushing damsel is not recorded.

Port Hope owes the Municipal Loan Fund $860,000; Cobourg $500,000.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE.)

Berlin 18.—It is officially announced to-day that the Government of Switzerland will summarily reject any proposal of France looking to an alliance with that power.

London, 18th.—The English journals publish a letter from Rio de Janeiro, received by last steamer, in which the writer says:—The new Cabinet under the Viscount Itaborhap is inclined to peace, and the great majority of the people of Brazil are tired of war with Paraguay, and clamor for peace. The same correspondent asserts that the people of the Argentine Confederation are no less desirous of a termination of hostilities.

Paris 18.—The election for members of the Corps Legislatif in the Department of the Jura, resulted in the success of M. Grevy, the candidate of the Opposition, by a majority of 110,000 votes over M. Huot, the official candidate of the Government.

American Despatches.

Galena, Ill., Aug. 18—A construction train between here and Council Hill, collided to-day with a car loaded with railroad iron. Two laborers were instantly killed and twelve others injured, some of whom are not expected to recover.

Havana, Aug. 18—Advices from Port au Prince to 10th state that excesses committed on the peaceable inhabitants are of the most outrageous character. President Salnave seems to spurn the protests of the foreign Consuls, who demand satisfaction for the injury done to the subjects of their respective governments. He is, however, contemplating abdication and flight to Turk's Island. The revolutionists seem to be triumphant.

New York, Aug. 19—The Government Commission for investigating the cattle disease have reported that they intend to enforce a strict quarantine of infected cattle and insist upon the cleanliness of cars used in their transportation.

The *Times* special says one of the editors of the *Intelligencer* yesterday publicly denounced the President for surrendering to Radicals, and said he was an useless appendage to the Democratic party.

Garafraxa Council.

RUTLEDGE'S HOTEL, August 1st—The Council met this day, all the members present. $10 was granted to provide the necessaries of life and clothing for Emma Pratt, a blind girl. The following is a synopsis of the contemplated By-law for altering several of the School Sections in the township of Garafraxa, to take effect on 25th December next: That S. Sec. No 1 be composed of Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th concessions, and the west halves of Lots 1 to 8 in the 5th concession; that S. Sec. No. 2 be composed of the east halves of Lots 1 to 9 in the 5th con., Lots 1 to 10 in the 6th concession, Lots 1 to 9, and the west half of 10 in the 7th con., Lots 1 to 9 in the 8th con. and the west halves of Lots 1 to 9 in the 9th con.; that S. Sec. No. 8 be composed of the east halves of the first eight lots in the 9th con., the first ten Lots in the 10th con., and the west halves of the first 11 Lots in the 11th con.; that S. Sec. No. 4 be composed of the east halves of Lots 1 to 10 in the 11th con., the first ten lots in 12th and 13th con., and the west halves of the first ten lots in 14th con.; that S. S. No. 5 be composed of the east halves of the first ten lots in 14th con., the first ten lots in the 15th con., the first 14 lots in 16th con., and the first 12 in 17th con.; that S. S. No. 6 be composed of Lots 1 to 12 in the 18th con., lots 1 to 11 in the 19th con., lots 1 to 8 in con. A, lots 1 to 5 and the west halves of lots 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 in con. B.; that S. S. No. 16 be composed of the east halves of Lots 2, 3, 4, 6 in con. B and the west halves of lots 1 to 6, also S. E. ¼ of 3 and Spring Brook Tavern in con C.; that S. S. No. 10 be composed of lots 8 to 13 in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th con., and the west halves of lots 9 to 13 in the 5th con.; that S. S. No. 11 be composed of lots 15 to 20, and the east halves of 12, 13 and 14 in 9th con., lots 12 to 20 in the 10th and 11th con., also the west halves of lots 11 to 20 in 12th con.; that S. Sec. No. 12 be composed of east halves of lots 11 to 20 in 12th con., lots 11 to 20 in 13th con., lots 11 to 18 in 14th con., and lots 11 to 16 in 15th con.; and that S. Sections 3, 9, 13, 14 and 15 remain as heretofore.—Council then adjourned till 18th Sept. to meet at Rutledge's Hotel, to pass the said By-law, the Clerk in the meantime to notify the Trustees of the interested Sections as required by law.

MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN LONDON—The report of a contemplated Fenian raid, which was circulated in London on Monday afternoon, according to the *Free Press*, caused considerable excitement.—It says: At the barracks four companies of the 69th Regiment were engaged in packing up their "field kit," and other preparations were making in case of any emergency. Cooked rations were served out to the men of these companies, and four guns of the Royal Artillery, with the requisite number of men to equip them, were also under orders to march, and had everything required, in case of a sudden attack. Col. Taylor was also communicated with in regard to the Volunteers, and it was said that the London Brigade, which was fully officered and equipped last spring, were to be called upon, the whole to be under command of Col Anderson. Col. Lewis, of the 7th Battalion, issued orders last evening to the Captains under his command, to have the men in readiness, and we are sure, the call will be promptly responded to.—The two companies of the 69th Regt., at present ball-firing at Komoka, are to arrive in the city early this morning, orders having been issued to that effect last evening.

Last winter an Ottaw attorney thrashed the proprietor of the *Citizen*, for which offence he was brought before the Cadi and fined. He never paid the fine, and on Saturday last he was hurried off to gaol by a constable who adorned him with handcuffs because he would not go along peaceably. Perhaps he will pay up now.

In the Lacrosse match on Monday between the Indians and Paris clubs, the Indians won. There were about one thousand spectators present.