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October 29, 1867. d.w.f.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,
GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the 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 and Cigars

And the table with all 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 2 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Dinner and Sapper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable rates.

JOHN MILLER,

Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitchurch.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. d.w.f.

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRANT'S SHADE SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET,

GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c. Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BURNAN,

Guelph, December 2, 1867. d.w.f.

ALLAN'S

Barber SHOP.

IN THE BASEMENT OF

Castle Garden SALOON,

West Market Square.

SHAVING,

HAIR CUTTING,

SHAMPONING, and

HAIR COLOURING,

Done in First-Class Style.

Making and doing up Curls for Ladies.
Guelph, February 9th. d.w.f.

500 Tons

Of best Ground Paris and Calabona.

PLASTER!

FOR sale by the subscriber Five Hundred Tons of best Ground Paris and Calabona Plaster. As the above was ordered when the prices were low, farmers had better send in their orders at once, and get the benefit of

THE LOW PRICES.

Apply at the old stand, near the Railway crossing.

GEORGE BALKWILL,

Guelph, 19th Feb., 1868. w.f.

SURROGATE COURT.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, on the 14th day of March next, for the appointment of Angus McKeown, of the Township of Erin, gentleman, to be Guardian of Archibald McKinnon, an Infant.

D. GUTHRIE,
Solicitor.

Guelph, Feb. 19, 1868.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.
Mail, 9.45 a.m. Day Express, 9.45 a.m.
Day Express, 2.55 p.m. Eve. Ex., 2.45 p.m.
Night Ex., 2.45 p.m. Eve. Accom., 5.50 p.m.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Mixed, 10.50 a.m. Accommodation, 9.45 a.m.
Accom., 11.55 a.m. Mixed, 3.00 p.m.
Do, 8.05 p.m. Accom., 4.50 p.m.
Stages leave for Walkerton at 5 a.m., and for Owen Sound at 4 a.m., Hamilton and Brink road at 11 a.m.

NEW LAW OFFICE.

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BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.

S. B. FREEMAN, S. C. C. FREEMAN,
47 Office over Berry's Confectionery Store,
Windsor Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. d.w.

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OFFICE: - - - MACDONNELL STREET

MONDAY EV'G. MARCH 9, 1868.

The Orangeville fair will take place on the 12th inst.

ACCIDENT.—Mr George McCulloch,

Galt, had one of his fingers so seriously mutilated a few days ago, at Kincardine, where he was working a mill, that it was found necessary to amputate it.

A perambulating horse doctor has

"done" the people of Goderich to the amount of \$300. He cheated the printer among others, in consequence of which the constable who is after him will be sure to catch him, and he will inevitably find his way to penitentiary.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—The February

number of this ablest of the magazines has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York. The contents are: Brownlow's—conclusion; Memoirs of Sir Philip Francis; Linda Tressel—part V.; Cornelius O'Dowd; Historical Sketches of the Reign of George II.; Fenianism; The Queen of the Highlands. The Magazine is for sale at all the bookstores in Town.

LYNX SHOT.—A lynx was caught in a

trap by Mr. Peter Milloy, near Erin Village one night last week. It had been doing mischief among the geese some nights previous. Having been caught by the paw, and evincing much ferocity it became necessary to shoot it. Mr. Milloy received \$5 for being lucky enough to capture it. It is said there are more of these animals in that neighborhood.

Mason's Dramatic Company.

This Company made its second appearance before a Guelph audience on Saturday night. The cast of the characters for "The Poscher's Doom" was very fortunate, and some of the playing that was done was first class. As Rachel Ryland Miss Clifton was admirable. The self sacrificing devotion of woman to the man on whom her heart's purest affections are set was portrayed with force and vividness when she took the key from her girdle, unfettered the poacher, gave him to freedom and herself in marriage to a man she cared nothing for. In the succeeding portions of the drama she was equally clever and effective, and her representation of the dutiful wife, unfortunately not above suspicion, but strong in virtue and beyond temptation, together with the tact used in soothing the angry passions of her husband and her former lover demonstrated the power of her talents as an actress. No person who saw Miss Clifton play on Thursday night and then again on Saturday night could fail to observe to how much greater advantage she appeared on the latter occasion. Mr. Daly, in the character of the poacher acted well. He evinced sufficient desperation in his criminal vocation, and his accents of contrition for having bartered Rachel's love for his own personal liberty were well assumed. Harry Lampe, as Union Jack, had scarcely such scope for his powers, as in the "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," yet where he was allowed to speak he brought in the laugh loud and hearty. His dancing of the Highland Fling was as perfect as if he had studied it among the rugged hills of Scotland, and when the curtain dropped a loud encore brought him back to repeat it. The farce of the Two Buzzards, in which Mr. Mason took a part with much ability, concluded a performance, that was satisfactory to every one who witnessed it.

HIGH PRICE OF JAY.—Hay is in

Guelph these days, and the one who brings it in make those who must have it pay a pretty figure for it. A load was brought in on Saturday, and the owner lay on the top while the rain came pouring down on it and him; and his modest demand was \$25 a ton. There was a large number of loads in the market on Monday, and they sold with astonishing rapidity at from \$16 to \$17 a ton. Those who have hay to spare had better fetch it along while the demand and price are both good.

AXES.

Axes and axe handles good and cheap

JOHN HORSMAN'S

THE ELECTION TROUBLES IN MARYBOROUGH.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR—As the Municipal Institutions Act has been engaging the attention of our Legislature, and is likely still further to occupy their attention during another session, it may not be uninteresting to some of your readers to give an account of the manner in which the present Act can be worked when unscrupulous men happen to get into office, as has been exhibited in the Township of Maryborough during the late Municipal Election.

In order to the proper and fair understanding of the position in which this township has stood, it may be well to premise that Maryborough has hitherto been considered a thoroughly Conservative township, and that the principles of Progress and Reform could in no way find an abiding place in this locality. During the canvass for the late Parliamentary election, the Conservative leaders found to their surprise and chagrin that a large portion of the electors were strongly imbued with liberal principles, and in every section where they offered to debate the questions before the country, found that they had opponents amongst the people fully equal to themselves in political knowledge or in ability to make it known to others, and the result at that election proved that Maryborough was no longer under the leading strings of a few demagogues who assumed the control in all matters political or municipal. Finding that their power over the people was on the wane, something must be done; preparations were, therefore, made to secure, if possible, full control over township affairs by putting in men of their own stamp at the municipal elections. Accordingly our worthy Township Council appointed docile tools as Returning Officers except in one Ward, the 4th, where, for want of a man of their own kind, capable of using the pen, they had to appoint another. They had a Clerk who deliberately left off the Voters' Lists between 70 and 80 names of those who, it was feared, would not go with them. They had a Collector who took advantage of that most obnoxious clause, concerning the payment of taxes by the 16th December, who deliberately misled a large number of the ratepayers who were known to be unfavorable to the great loyal party, per excellence, and who as assiduously drummed up his friends to have their taxes paid in sufficient time. Suffice it to say, that the result was that all the Conservative party had their taxes paid, and nearly a hundred of the party of progress and good government were disfranchised for non-payment of taxes, including a large number of the most enterprising and wealthy men of the township. Such was the result of the bold manoeuvres of our unscrupulous Collector. With all these disadvantages, however, five men were nominated for municipal honors in the interests of popular rights against five in the interests of the Orange clique, and the electors returned three Reformers and two Deformers, or Conservatives. But this was very unsatisfactory to the leading demagogues, and the election must be upset. Our grand Conservative representative at Ottawa was duly consulted, and as he was to give them law, duly bargained for on a previous occasion at a low price, writs of *quo warranto* were issued against the three Reformers, the case having come before the Judge in Chambers and fairly argued, the decision was, in consequence of the gross partiality of the Clerk and Collector, that the two Councilors should retain their seats, and that a new election be ordered in the case of the Deputy Reeve, and giving them the bill of costs to settle. This was rather too bad. The leaders of our great loyal party could not understand how it was that a Judge could not wink at the *quo warranto* irregularities and *quo warranto* practices of their officers in preparing for the election.

The new Council in the meantime had passed a By-law appointing several township officers, the principal being the Clerk, the Collector, and the Assessor, each of them men of good standing, of experience, and having a stake in the township. But this did not suit the demagogues. Such men could not be made their pliant tools, therefore they must be got rid of. The Reeve refused to sign the By-law, and by so doing he thought he could set at naught the action of the Council. Finding however, that he could not take his seat at the Council without a certificate from the Clerk, under the Corporate seal, he was sorely exercised in scheming to get possession of the seal, and many were the devices he contrived to obtain it. Failing that, he had to take a certificate from the very Clerk he refused to acknowledge as such, and having been intrusted by the Judge with carrying up the Assessment Roll to deliver to the Clerk, he failed to deliver it until he found he was handling dangerous tools, and that he was likely to get into trouble. As has been said, a new election for Deputy Reeve was ordered. The Returning Officers were again duly instructed. The new Clerk, however, made out the Voters' Lists, giving every man a vote according to law, but the Collector also handed in to their sycophant tools, the Returning Officers, a list of those known to be disaffected who had not paid their taxes, and accordingly such votes were rejected. In making their returns, three of the Returning Officers refused to verify them according to statute. The two returns properly verified gave Mr. Robertson a large majority. The total vote polled, including the rejected votes, many of which were good, also gave Mr. Robertson a considerable majority. The Clerk was thus at a loss what best to do. He finally came to the conclusion that it would be better to give the whole vote as duly sworn to, and declare Mr. Robertson elected accordingly. The strange perversity of the three Returning Officers, who had acted the part of the

spoiled their returns, had utterly spoiled their plans, and now Mr. Robertson was again declared to be Deputy Reeve. To their lawyer in Elora as they went again, and two days after that time two of the Returning Officers—Thompson and Johnston—accompanied by Mannell, the Collector, make their way to the Clerk's office. Thompson, acting as fore-runner, enters the office a little before them, and engages in pleasant converse with the Clerk, he, poor man, thinking that he had come to do a little necessary private business that lay between them. But characteristic like, he had another and more important little game to play. On the entrance of the aforesaid trio, Mannell asked for a sight of the poll book for the second electoral division, and Johnston in like manner asked for a sight of his poll book, both of which were handed to them. No sooner in their hands than Thompson and Johnston commenced to adhibit a paper, which they each had, to the poll books, Henderson assisting by taking a mucilage brush and giving such other help as was needed. The clerk in the meantime commanded them to desist, as the law would hold them guilty of a misdemeanor. After accomplishing their purpose they returned the clerk that they wanted to swear to their poll books. The clerk asked them to read it, and having done so he told them that that oath was perfectly satisfactory, and had they offered to do that in proper time all this trouble would have been averted. But as he had already made his declaration, he did not see how he could alter it, believing that the law did not allow a Returning Officer to make two different returns of the same election. The Clerk, however, made a special return of the poll books thus verified to the Reeve, putting them in full possession of the facts of all the case. On the following day, the 22nd February, a meeting of Council was held at Huston. A large number of the deeply interested were in attendance. It was faintly hoped that the Clerk would change his mind, and declare Maxwell elected on the returns made by the delinquent Returning Officers; but no. He asked permission from the Council to state the whole facts of the case. This being granted, he gave the naked facts, fully and fairly, concluding by requesting that they would authorize him to take competent legal advice as to the proper course to pursue under the very peculiar circumstances of the case. But no, that did not suit their purpose, they must have the law on their right or wrong. Coaxing, bullying, threatening were all time and again resorted to by the Councilmen and their prompters to make the Clerk do an illegal act. Finding that all efforts to accomplish that were unavailing they were forced to adjourn till the following Thursday, the 27th, so that the Clerk might have time to obtain legal advice on his own responsibility. Thursday arrived, and the great snow storm intervened, stopping all travel and mail communication. The Council met, however, according to appointment, but the Clerk had failed to get the advice expected by reason of the storm, so that he was unable to take upon himself to do anything else than that he had already done. The whole fraternity were in a rage to be thus baffled. "Let Maxwell take his seat," was the cry, and the Reeve was unable to do any thing in the way of intervention, stopping all travel and mail communication. The Council met, however, according to appointment, but the Clerk had failed to get the advice expected by reason of the storm, so that he was unable to take upon himself to do anything else than that he had already done. 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