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Business Cards.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

D. B. BROCK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE Directly opposite Chalmers' Church, QUEBEC STREET. (d)

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. (dw)

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

CHARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's ashery. (dw)

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class saloons in connection. May 14 dwf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington. Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. (dw)

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph. (dw)

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON, J. County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. (dw)

GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN, Guelph, March 1, 1871 (dw)

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Reddish in the latest fashion. Five latest style Phelan Tables. (dw)

PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles. Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines. Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873 (dw)

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO. MURTON, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 (dw)

IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order at **CROWE'S IRON WORKS,** Norfolk Street, Guelph. (dw)

JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. (dw)

MRS. W. BOWERS—Begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that she is prepared to do Dress and Mantle-making, Stamping, Braiding Straw and Felt Millinery. Bonnets and Hats made over in the latest styles. Also, Dresses cut and fitted. A large assortment of Ladies and Children's patterns for sale, with instructions. Charges moderate. Apprentices wanted. Residence—Opposite Knox Church, Guelph. (dw)

JOHN SPIERS, Veterinary Surgeon, M. V. C. C. T. At the earnest solicitation of his numerous friends and patrons in Guelph, and surrounding vicinity, has been prevailed upon to continue his residence here, where, as usual, he will attend to all calls in the Veterinary art, with promptness and satisfaction. Office at Cousin's Union Hotel, Macdonell street, Guelph. (dw)

J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M. V. C. C. T., H. P. V. M. A. Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession, under the name of the Veterinary Office, at H. A. Kirkland's, Palace Street, opposite Howarth's new foundry, will be promptly attended to. Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. (dw)

SEED GRAIN FOR SALE. Farmers and others wanting to buy Seed Grain will find it to their advantage to call at **Jas. McIlhann's** Before purchasing, and examine his choice stock of Peas, Oats and Barley, which he will sell cheap for cash. He also has the highest quality of Produce, Wool, Hides and Skins. Remember the place, Day's old block, below the G. T. R. Crossing, next to Mr. T. J. Hill's warehouse. JAS. McILHANN, Guelph, Feb. 19, 1873. (dw)

ROBERT CRAWFORD, PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings &c., Hair Platt and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE. For sale, the Wanzel, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Enquire at the Mercury Office. (dw)

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED—As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. (dw)

POCKET BOOK LOST.—Lost, on Thursday, a dark brown large pocket book containing a sum of money, about ten dollars and several papers. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office. (dw)

BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a Journeyman Blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the Blacksmith business. Apply at once to Jas. Laing, Morrison. (dw)

TO LET—With immediate possession, the stone cellars, rooms, offices, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffey, Guelph, December 27th, 1872. (dw)

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale a Brick Dwelling House, containing four rooms, with all necessary outbuildings, well supplied with hard and soft water. Apply to J. Kennedy, builder, Guelph. (dw)

TENDERS WANTED.—Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 24th inst., for Masons', Bricklayers', Carpenters' and Painters' work for an enlargement of Stone for John M. Bond, Esq., on Wyndham street. STEPHEN BOULT, Architect. Guelph, Feb. 18, 1873. (dw)

DOG LOST.—Lost, in the Town of Guelph, on Tuesday evening, a nearly full grown hound, color black and white, answers to the name of "Bully." Any person returning him to the subscriber at Barker's Hotel, will be rewarded for their trouble, and any person harboring the dog after this date will be prosecuted. JOHN BROWN, Guelph Township (dw)

RESIDENCE IN GUELPH FOR SALE.—First-class Stone house, having eight rooms, also wash house, stable, wood shed, &c., abounding with hard and soft water, with 1/2 acres of land, stocked with choice young fruit trees. Terms easy. Furniture can be had at a valuation. For sale also, a milk cow, and sufficient feed for winter. Apply to A. G. Thorpe, Guelph, Guelph, Feb. 15th, 1873. (dw)

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of John A. McMillan, of Guelph, an Insolvent. I, the undersigned, William McLaren, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month. W. W. McLAREN, Assignee. Of Wm. McLaren & Co., MONTREAL, Feb. 20, 1873. (dw)

THE ALLAN LINE FOR LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW One of the magnificent steamships of this Line leave Quebec in summer, and return in winter. EVERY SATURDAY For Liverpool, and on (or about) every Thursday for Glasgow. Rates as low as any first-class Line. Prepaid Tickets to bring friends out issued at a reduction of \$3.00 from the rate charged in the old country, and the agent's certificate that tickets were procured in this country will be sufficient to obtain the Government grant of six dollars to each person on three months residence as a soldier, thus a great saving is effected by obtaining prepaid certificates at the office of the Allan line. All information furnished and tickets issued by **GEO. A. OXNARD,** Feb. 21, 1873. dw G. T. R. Office, Guelph.

FIREMEN'S FESTIVAL. A Social Ball and Supper Under the auspices of the Guelph Fire Company will be held IN THE TOWN HALL, ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, the 21st of FEBRY Tickets \$1.50 Which may be procured from any of the Officers, Guelph, Feb. 19, 1873. (dw)

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of John McGregor, an Insolvent. Bankrupt Stock of Fancy and Woollen Goods, Toys, &c. Tenders will be received at the office of the Official Assignee, at Guelph, up to noon, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February, inst., for the purchase of the stock-in-trade of the Insolvent, at Elora, at a dollar rate, consisting of Fancy and Woollen Goods, Toys, &c., amounting, as per Stock List, to \$960. The inventory may be seen at the office of the Assignee, at Guelph, and the goods may be viewed on application to Mr. David Findlay, at Elora. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee. Guelph, Feb. 6th, 1873. (dw)

Sale Postponed. The above sale is postponed to SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at the same hour and place. Hamilton Times copy 21. (dw)

NEW BUTCHER SHOP. The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, 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. 29, 1872. (dw)

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE IN WILKINGTON.—The Executors of the Estate of the late Patrick O'Brien offer for sale a valuable farm of 100 acres, on Lot 14, 1st con. Pilkington. The farm is situated about half way between Elora and Guelph; 50 acres are enclosed, and in a good state of cultivation. There are a frame dwelling house and barn on the premises, also a good orchard. For particulars, apply to Patrick Neagle or John Murphy, Executors, Guelph P. O. (dw)

HOMESTEAD FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—I now offer for sale or rent, a homestead, beautifully situated on the banks of the Grand River, in the Village of Douglas, Garafraza. It consists of ten acres of land on which are a two-story stone house, 20x30 with wood shed, 20x30, milk house, well and soft water cistern. A frame barn 24x36, with good stone stable under. Also a root house. There is also a fine young orchard with 250 trees, all thriving. For particulars come and see, or write pre-paid to the owner, ROBT. BROWN, Congressional Minister, Garafraza p. o. Dec. 11. (dw)

RAILWAY TIME TABLE—Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th 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
8:05 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—6:50 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 1:05 p.m. for Hamilton; 4:55 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.

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FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 21, 1873.

Town and County News.

PICKARD'S new advertisement will appear to-morrow.

For special report of County Temple proceedings, at Rockwood, see fourth page.

Our old friend, Mr. David Footo, has been again appointed Assessor of Elora, at a salary of \$70.

THE Rev. Robert Brown, of Garafraza, has received and accepted a call from the First Congregational Church, of Lanark.

A plot of ground, consisting of two and a half acres, has just been purchased by the Roman Catholics of Elora, for a cemetery.

MR. JOHN ANDERSON has received copies of Harper's cheap edition of George Eliot's last and greatest novel "Middlemarch."

ACCIDENT.—One day last week, Mr. Wright, of Harrison, was playing with a neighbor's dog when the animal bit him severely on the face.

A new flax mill is to be established at Harrison, and a public meeting has just been held with a view of granting aid to the proprietor as a manufacturer.

SICK OF THE BUSINESS.—Messrs. M. Halley and W. Gibbon, grocers, Elora, are so heartily sick of selling whiskey that they have given it up as a bad job.

THE WEATHER.—Quite a fall of snow took place last night, and continues to-day. The sleighing is renewed in consequence. Wheeled vehicles are once more laid aside.

The members of the base ball club are requested to meet in the parlor of the Queen's Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) evening at eight o'clock, for the transaction of important business.

The social in the Wesleyan Church, Dray, on last Friday evening, was a great success. We understand that \$61 were realised towards paying for their beautiful organ.

MR. ANDREW GORDON, of Elora, has just completed half a dozen sets of harness for Mr. Dalby, to be sent to British Columbia. Andrew will build up a trade in that quarter yet.

GREAT SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES.—The bankrupt stock of boots and shoes belonging to the insolvent estate of John A. McMillan, is now being sold off below cost. See advertisement to-morrow.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Philip Lillies, of Pilkington, was thrown off a load of wood, and the timber fell on top of him, on Tuesday. Strange to say he escaped unhurt. He says he won't try it again this winter.

PRESENTATION.—On Monday, the 10th inst., the congregation of St. James Church, Fergus, presented Miss Trenholm with the gift of a handsome set of gold jewellery, as an acknowledgment of her services as organist.

LYNX POISONED.—On Tuesday night last Mr. John Gerrie, of West Garafraza, poisoned a very large sheild cat in a piece of swamp on his farm. There are more of the destructive animals, and Mr. Gerrie is after them.

FINED FOR ASSAULT.—John Kelleher was summoned before a bench of magistrates last Monday evening, in Fergus, and fined for committing an assault and battery on Thomas Watson. The fine and costs amounted to \$10.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. J. Watson Hall, of Guelph, Master and Deputy Registrar of the Court of Chancery, has been appointed by the Judges Master at Berlin, and will in future hold both offices. This will be a great convenience to the public of Berlin and neighborhood, as hitherto they have been obliged to go some Guelph to transact their chancery business.

FERGUS MONTHLY FAIR was held yesterday (Thursday), and was largely attended. Prices were considered low—from 2 1/2 to 4 cts. per pound—consequently the number of sales made were not so satisfactory as would otherwise have been the case. There was a large number of people in town, and the stores and taverns did a good business.

ATTENTION is directed to the mammoth advertisement of Mr. George Jeffrey, appearing in our day's issue, announcing the first arrival of his new goods. Now that he has made the fact known, there will be a rush to the store to see the newest designs. Mr. Jeffrey is a real live business man, and his customers get the benefit of his enterprise.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Spanish Affairs.

The Explosion in Staffordshire

Fearful Casualty in Asia Minor

Lively Times in Arkansas.

Military Men Killed and Disabled.

Martial Law to be Declared in Pope County.

Anticipated Disturbances in Madrid.

London, Feb. 21.—It is reported that the European Governments are negotiating with a view of jointly recognizing the Spanish Republic.

Families are leaving Madrid, and are anticipating a disturbance in the city.

Madrid, Feb. 20.—The Government of the 48 provinces of Spain are to be divided equally among the radical and republicans. The Secretaries of the radical Governments are to be republicans, and those of the republican Governments radicals. Senor Fyol will retain the Governorship of Madrid for the present.

A general meeting of the members of the Conservative party will soon be held.

London, Feb. 20.—The explosion in the coal mine at Staffordshire on Tuesday, caused the death of twenty miners—not forty, as reported. The bodies have been recovered.

A report has been received here that a café in Smyrna, situated on the shore of the Gulf, having been undermined by the tides, was suddenly swallowed up in the waves, and that between one and two hundred persons, mostly Greeks, were drowned.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 20.—Troubles have broken out afresh in Pope County yesterday. Capt. Herriot, of the militia, was shot and killed at Dover by Percy West, or some of his friends, on account of some words spoken by Herriot degrading to West. After the shooting, carrying with them the best wishes of all Sheriff Dodson and a number of others left for here this morning, and as Dodson stepped from the platform at Perry Station on to the cars some one shot, and it is thought, fatally wounded him.

In the Senate to-day the Militia Committee was instructed to enquire into the matter, and report whether or not the Government should be asked to declare martial law in Pope County. Majority of the members seem to favor such a course at once.

A Sly Fox.
To the Editor of The Mercury.
Sir,—What a brave man the quill-driver of the Herald is! He is not afraid, not he, to give expression to his opinion on any or all of the leading public questions of the day long before any one else has had time to wink. He can see farther through a mill-stone than any other white man, and write editorials on European questions without the aid of the opinions of others! Catch him taking up a daily paper and rushing at it, scissors in hand. Not he, the character is too original for anything of the sort. He soars above the common element, and delights to mount on eagle wings to look down with supreme contempt upon those who are physically, morally and intellectually his superiors. He is not afraid to fill the columns of the Herald with all the slang words of the bar-room loafer, nor to abuse men who worked for and helped to make the Town of Guelph what it is long before he set foot in it. This wonderfully clever man knows more about St. George's Square, and is more ready to give an opinion upon the advisability of its purchase by the town, than any of its citizens. Accuse him of reticence—his most intimate acquaintance would not do it. Him, the "guardian of the people's rights," the chief man at the wheel of the "people's paper," to be found backward when the interests of the people are at stake—not he. He is just a real live local editor, giving the news from the columns of THE MERCURY just one day old, without note or comment—localising stale jokes from the New York Times and passing them off as the fruits of the fertility of his own brain. He can call more and harder names in five minutes than an accomplished fish-wilder in an hour—His education is most complete in this respect. He can string together more abusive epithets of men whose shoes he is unworthy to black, than any other man. He can talk more nonsense, write more scurrilous, and have a higher opinion of himself after all is done than men who have been better taught. He is, in pity there wasn't more like him in the family. This notice is gratuitous.

OLD STAGER.
Guelph, Feb. 20, 1873.

CANADA SOUTHERN RAILWAY. The last fall of the Canada Southern Railway was laid on Thursday. This is claimed to be the first new road of any great length laid throughout with steel rails. The road is nearly a straight line between the Niagara and Detroit rivers, ninety six per cent of the entire distance being straight with no grade exceeding fifteen feet to a mile. It is being ballasted with great rapidity, and will be opened for business the coming spring. The completion of this railway it is expected will afford great relief to all western roads that are now suffering for an eastern outlet.

The counsel for Stokes claim to have discovered the woman who picked up the pistol alleged to have belonged to Fisk, at the ladies' entrance to the hotel, and other evidences, upon which they expect to obtain a new trial.

Public Meeting in Chalmers' Church.

INTRODUCING THE NEW SECRETARY.

A meeting was held in Chalmers' Church here, on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The President occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with religious exercises. Mr. Strong made a few remarks on the work of the Association, followed by the newly appointed General Secretary, Mr. Bates, whose address was timely and earnest. Rev. Dr. Hogg urged upon the Association the fact that as the increase of muscular strength depended upon activity, so the spiritual life and growth of this Christian Association depended upon the same cause.

The Rev. Mr. Torrance followed in a short address, in which he pointed out the good that would result from leading young men right. Rev. Mr. Mackie, during his address, said that he thought the appointment of a Grand Secretary was a step in the right direction. The Rev. Mr. Wardrop urged upon the audience that the Association should have their sympathy and encouragement. Rev. Mr. Wood addressed the meeting stating, that as the Association was undenominational it ought to have the sympathy of all the Churches. Rev. Mr. Howie was then called upon, and addressed the meeting, saying that he was always ready to assist the Association so far as he could, and it must be of great importance to seek the spiritual good of young men. Rev. Mr. Mansfield addressed the meeting, stating that he had no fear that there would be any rivalry between the Young Men's Association and Christian Churches, but that it was a help to all the churches. He then told a touching anecdote of the rescue of a dissipated young man, through the instrumentality of a Young Men's Christian Association, urging upon them to strive to save young men from the curse of strong drink. There was a large and respectable audience, and the meeting was brought to a close about ten o'clock.

Horse Training.
Messrs. Rockwell & Hurlburt, who spent three days in Guelph this week, training horses, and instructing others in the art, left here on Thursday morning, carrying with them the best wishes of all who had the privilege of attending their classes. They are the most scientific, consequently the most successful, trainers of the horse we have ever had the pleasure of seeing. No matter what objectionable habits the noble animal is possessed of, these men so treat him that he ceases to be fractious. Their great success, in the first place, lies in the fact that they so control the horses the animal feels that he is conquered. The next step is to teach him plainly, and in as few words as possible, what is required of him, when all after becomes smooth sailing. Professor Rockwell's scientific lecture to his class, in the evening, was fraught with information long held in the times and places of a few men of ordinary intellect, after having heard it, could apply the theories advanced. These men are doing a vast amount of good in the country, and we have no hesitation in recommending them as steady, honest and industrious.

For the benefit of our readers we give the times and places at which these gentlemen may be found. Fergus, to-day, Friday; Elora, Saturday and Monday; Arthur, Tuesday and Wednesday; Douglas, Thursday; Erin Village, Friday; Hillsburg, Saturday; Orangeville, Monday and Tuesday, 3rd and 4th March.

Valentine Social.
They have pleasant evenings in Elora just now. The editor of the News gives a description of a Valentine Social given up there on Tuesday night. He says the first part of the programme was the choice of partners. For a time the "post office" was like a miniature market. We say this in more senses than one, for we observed more than one "love-sick" swain, not satisfied with the lot he had drawn, driving a hard bargain for the girl of his choice.

We heard of one married man (all honor to him) who had drawn the "belle" of the evening, but who, on comparing with others around him, found that they had not been as lucky as himself, getting very "handsome boot" from the young gentlemen who had been so fortunate as to draw the valentine placed in the P. O. by said benedict's better half. Such trading and trucking until all became satisfied, it has seldom been our lot to witness. At last, after we suppose all were paired, the "cup that cheers but not inebriates" began to circulate freely, and Mr. Massie's very excellent cakes disappeared like magic. The "life-boat" chair added no little to the enjoyment of the evening. The tug of war commenced when the very handsome set of China in tempting array was placed before the audience, and the unseason returning officer took his place on the platform with check clerks, constable and all the paraphernalia of an election. The voting for the candidates, one from each lodge—Fountain and Life Boat—was throughout a lively affair but especially towards the last. At the close of the poll it was found that the Life-boat had weathered the storm—while the silver streams of the fountain had received no little stimulation to its means of usefulness. From this source alone we understand about \$200 were realised. Altogether from all sources the evening's entertainment added about \$60 to the funds of the Fountain Temple.

POLICE COURT.
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.
Friday, Feb. 21.
Martin Tobin of Guelph, was charged by the Chief Constable with having, on 2nd of December last, sold a load of turnips without paying market fees. Fined \$1 and costs.

Lecture on Prohibition.

The lecture announced for Thursday night, on the all-absorbing and very popular subject of Prohibition, pure and simple, was delivered in the Good Templars' hall here, by the Rev. Joel Briggs. The commodious hall was comfortably filled, well warmed and lighted, and excellent order was had. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Howie, who occupied the attention of the meeting for a short time, on the important subject of prohibition, after which he introduced the lecturer. Mr. Briggs is a jolly-looking man, and has a fine appearance on the platform. He speaks earnestly and irresistibly, and so warms up to the work that he secures the undivided attention of an audience. Many went to the hall expecting to hear a repetition of the old threadbare story, but they were agreeably disappointed. Although there are mere eloquent speakers than Mr. Briggs, there are few who handle a subject in more masterly style. The Rev. gentleman commenced by saying that temperance men had good cause to thank God and take courage. Prohibition was a subject of engaging interest, and if it is to be carried, Christian men and Christian ministers must take hold of it in right good earnest. It gave him great pleasure to say that there were thirty temperance men in the Ontario Assembly who would vote for Prohibition, and amongst that number he was pleased to say Col. Clarke, the member for Centre Wellington, stood prominent. Those gentlemen were active, earnest workers in the great temperance movement, and will second the efforts of the friends of temperance. Petitions in favor of prohibition, containing over four hundred thousand names have been sent to our Legislators, and the temperance ball is now rolling with such velocity, gathering strength in its progress, that it will be impossible to stop it until prohibition is an accomplished fact. Out of four millions of a population we were enabled, in a short space of time, to present to our Legislators nearly half a million names in favor of prohibition, pure and simple. The lecturer referred to the ravages committed by strong drink in the city of New York alone, where ninety thousand men had gone down to a drunkard's grave during the past thirty-eight years. St. Louis, Chicago, Boston, and other cities in the Union also contributed their thousands annually to the shrine of Bacchus. Out of a population of forty millions, in the United States of America, six or four thousand annually die through the curse of alcoholic liquors, independent of their every-day murders and suicides induced by the demon strong drink. He gave a statement of the enormous quantity of wines manufactured in Madeira, near forty thousand pipes of which are annually sent to England and America. The liquor sold in our taverns is poisonous and cruelly treacherous, made up of ingredients which soon destroy the life of the poor inebriate. As an instance he would tell a story of an Irishman who was prevailed upon to drink a glass of this abominable stuff with an oyster, and he went to bed with a fever, and died the next day. He felt very uncomfortable after swallowing the cooling draught. The jolly landlord asked him if he did not kill the oyster before he swallowed it, and being answered in the negative expressed so much horror that poor Pat was frightened that Biddy would be without her protector and the goodsons without a father. The landlord gave Pat something to kill the baste in the shape of a half tumbler of pepper sauce. Ah, said Pat, after he got over the effects of the dose, the baste is dying, I hear him grinding his teeth in my stomach. It costs England one hundred and eighty thousand dollars annually for intoxicating liquors, which large sum was worse than thrown away. He referred briefly to the Forbes-McKenzie Act, and said that Scotchmen were at one time looked upon as being very fond of strong drink, but it was encouraging to think that they were setting their faces against it at home, and were in favor of prohibition. If England, Scotland and Ireland would give up the use of strong drink, the enormous National Debt might be paid off in less than six years. Dr. Guthrie, the great Scottish divine, had said that strong drink sent more souls to perdition than all other Satanic influences combined. The lecturer would sooner see the hard-handed sons of toil, the back-bone and nobility of every country, instead of striking for higher wages strike for keeping their money in their pockets, for the comfort of their wives and children, and out of the pockets of the tavern-keepers. He warned the Temperance men of Guelph to buckle on their armor, and victory in the shape of Prohibition would yet perch on their banner. Mr. Briggs concluded his interesting lecture by saying "God bless the temperance cause in Guelph."

On motion made and seconded a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. gentleman for his instructive lecture, to which he made a suitable reply. A collection was taken up, and the meeting dismissed with the benediction.

An effort will be made by the representatives at the Board of Agriculture and Arts from Eastern Ontario, at the annual meeting next Wednesday, to have the existing Association dissolved and two separate ones established, one for the east and the other for the west.

The Montreal Witness contains a notice that Belgian Erps. have instituted proceedings against it for \$25,000 damages, for libellous letters inserted some time ago. With the Gas Company's action impending, the Witness' bids fair to become notorious.

It is stated on pretty fair authority that the Government has decided to appoint Lieutenant Governor's for one term only, and not to renew the term, and not to transfer from one Province to another.

BLACKSMITHS PRICES.—We learn that the Blacksmiths in and around Puskech held a meeting at Morrison on the 8th inst., when it was unanimously agreed to raise the prices of blacksmiths' work on and after the 1st of March, in consequence of the rise in price of iron, coal and labour. The new tariff of prices has been printed and put up in the shops represented at the meeting.