

Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS.

(From the Hamilton Times.)

The third annual meeting of the Directors and Shareholders of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway was held in Hamilton on Wednesday last.

The Directors beg to submit, at this their third annual meeting, the following report:

Shortly after the last annual meeting, the Directors had the satisfaction of meeting Mr. Alderman Dakin, President of the Great Western Railway; Mr. Falconer, one of the English Directors; together with Mr. Brackstone Baker, Secretary of the Company.

These gentlemen, upon the invitation of your Directors, passed over a portion of your proposed line, and had thus an opportunity of forming an opinion of the merits of your project.

Since then, active negotiations have been going on between the two companies, and your Directors have the satisfaction of announcing that arrangements are completed by which the Great Western Railway Company agree to supply rolling stock and work, and maintain the road as constructed for 70 per cent. of the gross earnings, and further, that 20 per cent. of all the traffic interchanged between the two companies shall be set aside annually to redeem the Bonds of the Company at par.

The contract for the first section of the line, from Guelph to Fergus, has been let to Mr. Donald Robertson, of Queenston. The contract for the iron rails for the same section was awarded to Mr. John Proctor, of Hamilton—the first shipment is at sea, and will shortly arrive.

Your Directors have every confidence that the line will be opened for traffic on or before the 1st of January, 1900.

In June last a deputation from your Board, consisting of Mr. Adam Brown, President, Mr. John Ferrie, Mr. Thomas White, Jr., and the late Dr. Parker, accompanied by Mr. Thomas Ridout, Assistant Engineer, visited the County of Bruce and laid before the parties interested a statement of the position and prospects of the Company; which statement, by direction of the Board, was published. The Company is now prepared to conclude a proposition, in accordance with that statement, to be made to the County of Bruce for its quota of aid to carry the line through Bruce.

Your Directors have every confidence in the hearty co-operation of the County of Bruce—the strong presence of a people being for communication with the railway system of the country at Guelph. As soon as the County of Bruce grants its Bonus the Directors will proceed with the final surveys of the other sections of the line and let the work.

It will be seen from Mr. Reid's report that most satisfactory arrangements have been made for right of way between Guelph and Fergus, and in the purchase of which Mr. John Beattie has rendered the Company most valuable services.

Since last annual meeting, the township of Normanby, in the County of Grey, has voted \$30,000 to this Company.

The liberal action of the City of Hamilton, in taking stock in the Company to the amount of \$95,000, has enabled your Directors to overcome the difficulty which existed towards constructing the first section of the road where the municipal bonuses were light.

Your Directors have to announce with the deepest regret, the death of Dr. Parker, M.P., one of the Board, to whose energy and public spirit the Company owe much of the success which has attended the enterprise. The vacancy thus caused has been filled by the election of A. Sprout, Esq., M.P., for North Bruce, a gentleman who has always taken a deep interest in the extension of the railway through the County.

The total expenditure for the last two years, for right of way, engineering expenses, parliamentary and law charges, and expenses of delegations to the country, and all incidental expenses, amount to \$18,378.44.

The present Board retire at this meeting, but are all eligible, and offer themselves for re-election.

Your Directors cannot omit referring to the increased importance given to your undertaking through the cession of the North West Territory to Canada. The opening up of that vast country must develop an amount of travel and traffic of which we can but as yet form an inadequate conception. The position of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway with regard to the new development of travel and traffic is such that it must always command a large portion of the same.

This new element in the conditions under which your enterprise is being prosecuted, is, in all probability, destined to augment its success beyond the most sanguine anticipations that the friends of the enterprise have yet indulged in.

ADAM BROWN, President. The report of Mr. Reid, Chief Engineer, was next submitted. After alluding to the letting of the contract he says, Mr. Proctor proposed to England last winter to purchase the rails and joint fastenings, amounting to 1,700 tons, all of which is now in course of shipment at Liverpool; and the first cargo of 400 tons will shortly be here. The rails are of the most approved pattern, fish jointed, and of a superior quality, weighing 50 lbs. per yard. During the past winter and spring the whole of the right of way has been acquired by the Company's Land Agent, Mr. John Beattie, of Fergus.

The President in moving the adoption of the report said that the first section would, in all human probability, be in running order by the first day of January next, but long before that time the letting of contracts for the sections beyond would be proceeded with. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson, of Fergus, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the retiring Directors, and the shareholders proceeded to the election of a new Board for the ensuing year, the ballot resulting in the re-election of the former Board, viz.: Adam Brown, President; George D. Ferguson, Vice-President; Messrs. Donald McInnes, J. M. Fraser, A. Sprout, A. T. Wood, Wm. McGivern, James Turner, John Brown, John Ferrie and James Wilson.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Winer took occasion to remark, that he was rejoiced to know that the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Road would cost less per mile than any railway of equal capacity and completeness of construction with which he was acquainted, or of which there was any account on record.

President and Secretary, for the ensuing year, when Adam Brown, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, Mr. Ferguson, Vice-President, and Mr. Irvine Secretary of the Board.

BIRTHS.

HALL—At Elora, on the 8th inst, the wife of Mr. Edward H. Hall of a son.

HAMBLY—At Drayton on the 7th inst, the wife of W. S. Hambly of a son.

REED—At Fergus, on the 15th inst, the wife of Mr. Robert Reed of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SIMS—Cook—On the 18th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Peter H. Sims, late of Salem, to Miss Mary Jenima Cook, of Waterloo Township.

BLACK—Pirie—In the City of Detroit, Michigan, on the 18th instant, by the Rev. W. E. McLaren, Mr. David Aiken Black, of Dundas, to Georgina, daughter of George Pirie, Esq., editor of the Guelph Herald.

DIED.

AMIS—At Guelph on the 27th inst, James, son of Geo. Amis, aged 1 year and 8 months. The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 29th, at 1 o'clock p. m., from his father's residence, at Mr. George Hood's farm, adjoining the town. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

GOULD—From apoplectic stroke, on the 24th inst, John Gould of Nassagaweya, at an advanced age.

NOBLE—On the 11th inst, Mrs. Wm. Noble, near Georgetown, aged 22 years.

ECKFORD—At Edenbank, County of Bruce, on the 16th May, Margaret McIntire, the beloved wife of James C. Eckford, Esq., Revere of Grant, aged 37 years.

DOG LOST. Last about a week ago, a small black and tan Terrier, answers to the name of "Jed". Any person giving information of his whereabouts at the Municipality office will be rewarded. Guelph, 26th May.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864. In the matter of JOHN BOWES, Elora, An Insolvent. The creditors of the insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects under the above Act to me, the undersigned, Official Assignee, and they are required to produce before me, within two months from this date, their claims upon the said estate, under oath, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it; and if none, stating the fact, with vouchers in support of such claims. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee. Guelph, 27th May, 1899. d6w2

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. House and Lot for sale on Delhi Street, Mitchell's Hill, Guelph, being Lot 25, in Division A, containing one-fifth of an acre. The house is built of stone, and contains four rooms and kitchen, also clothes press and cellar, all well finished. The lot is well fenced, and planted with choice fruit trees. There is a good well, with pump, on the premises; also, stable and carriage house. This house is well adapted for a small family, being on a healthy site, and affording a fine prospect. It will be sold cheap. For further particulars apply to W. M. JOHNS, McTague-st., near the Elora Road. Guelph, 26th May. d6w1

TOWN OF GUELPH. RAILWAY COMMITTEE. A MEETING of the Railway Committee will be held on Friday Afternoon, 28th May at 4 o'clock, in the Market House. The same evening at half-past seven, an adjourned meeting of the same Committee will be held, when merchants, business men, and other ratemakers anxious to get the Great Western Railway Station removed into the town, are requested to attend and confer with the Committee on the subject. Guelph, 26th May. P. M. CURRY, Chairman. d6w

TOWN OF GUELPH. TENDERS WANTED. Tenders for the erection of a DOME on the MARKET HOUSE will be received at the Town Clerk's Office until Saturday, 5th of June next.

PRIVATE RESIDENCE FOR SALE. In the West End of the TOWN OF GUELPH. For Sale, within ten minutes walk of the Post Office, consisting of a substantially built Stone COTTAGE, dry & healthy. Containing eight rooms, with Stable and Driving House, all in good condition. Pleasantly situated in a respectable locality. A large garden planted with choice fruit trees, and plenty of excellent spring and soft water. Terms of payment, easy. One-half of the purchase money may remain on mortgage. Apply to the proprietor. J. E. WORSFOLD. May 19. d6m w4t Buckland's Survey.

GLASGOW HAM CURER. The subscriber wishes to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that he has on hand: A large stock of Beef, Pork, Rolled Spiced Hams. All of which will be sold at 12 1/2 cents per lb. The best Bacon from 10c. to 12 1/2 cents. Smoked shoulders same as the Bacon. A Splendid Lot of Smoked Hams Lard, &c. A large lot DRIED BEEF and MUTTON will be sold at from 4c to 5 cents per lb. D. X. SMITH, Upper Wyndham Street. Guelph, May 26th, 1899. d6m

BOARDERS WANTED. Two gentlemen, or a gentleman and his wife can be accommodated with a large bed-room with board. For further particulars apply to: MISS GARD. May 23. d6 The Grove, Quebec Street.

WHITEWASHING AND WALL COLOURING. Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, rear of Messrs. Robins and Tolton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station. do 3m

WAGON FOR SALE. A fine Democrat Wagon (nearly new), for sale. Apply at CUTHBERT'S. Guelph, 11th May. dw

SERVANT WANTED. A servant wanted. Apply at this office. Guelph, 20th May. d6t

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury. Sir,—In proof of our former assertion, that Mr Wood was only a nominal partner, we produce the following receipt and agreement.

Guelph, 25th May, 1898. Received from William Bell, Robert McLeod and Robert Bell, the sums of \$70.35, and their note at three months for \$225, as payment in full of my interest and good will in the business lately conducted in the name of Bell, Wood & Co., which I have retired, said partnership being dissolved by mutual consent.

R. B. WOOD. GUELPH, 25th May, 1898. We, William Bell, Robert McLeod and Robert Bell, hereby engage Riley B. Wood to work for us at the rate of \$2.50 per day, and to give him two months' notice in case we should wish to have a change; and the said Riley B. Wood hereby agrees to give the same notice if he should wish to leave, or forfeit one week's wages.

(Signed) WILLIAM BELL, ROBERT W. BELL, R. McLEOD, R. B. WOOD. Three months after, in place of \$15 per week we agreed to give him \$10, and, in lieu of the other \$2 per cent, he was to get 3 per cent, on sales, he preferring to have it that way, because it looked more like being a partner, and we, thinking that he would take more interest in the work, agreed. It was expressly stipulated that he was to have no authority in the factory, and in fact two of the men threatened to lay violent hands on him when he began to interfere with them. As to the small sum loaned to the firm, we would say that he put it in for three months at a time, taking our note and drawing interest in advance like an ordinary creditor.

In regard to the prizes, we would merely say that if Mr Wood had been the workman they now claim him to be, the first prize on Organs would not have been divided between ours with five sets of reeds, eighteen stops, and a double reed Organ costing a-fourth as much as ours. Mr McLeod and ourselves were all so much dissatisfied at the result that we all declared that we would never again exhibit his work. In accordance with this resolution, Wm. Bell went to Toronto three days after the exhibition to get the address of a good tuner, and we thenceforward advertised the prizes in the name of the "Guelph Melodeon Company," thus preparing for a change of name as soon as we could get a new tuner. Three months before the dissolution we were corresponding with the men whom we have now got from Prince's, and told them to come on about the first of March. We were unsuccessful then, and Mr McLeod, at the factory of Gilbert & Newham, New York. This looked very little like offering "every inducement" to Mr Wood to again become a partner.

Our late partners claim that they have established the Melodeon business here. How came it that they could establish a business for us and failed to do it for themselves, after a fair trial, elsewhere? Still adhering to our former assertions, we will not say in conclusion that we have proved Mr Wood to have been only an employee of the late firm for the six months preceding the dissolution, but we do say that if he had been in the hands of any responsible person, and will agree to forfeit it to the Benevolent Society here if we fail to prove by more than one witness that Mr McLeod now pretends to have of the abilities of the above self-important personage. Till this challenge is taken up, we do not see any use for further discussion.

W. BELL & CO. Guelph, 27th May. dw

Early Goodrich Seedlings, at \$1.00 per bushel. AT WILKINSON'S. GOODRICH POTATOES. A SMALL QUANTITY OF GEORGE WILKINSON'S.

Dominion Store. Just received, a Complete Stock of WORKING CANVASS. Of all descriptions; also a good addition to the already handsome Stock of Berlin Wools.

Making it not as complete as any found in the Dominion. These will be sold at a SMALL PROFIT as Possible. Stamping for Braiding done to order. Guelph, May 26. Mrs. T. Robinson, dw Upper Wyndham st.

MAGAZINES FOR MAY AT CUTHBERT'S. Fifty Half Chests of Fine Teas have just arrived ex Steamship DACIA, from London direct. They were bought expressly for the ALMA BLOCK RETAIL TEA TRADE, and both in price and quality are strongly recommended.

AGRICULTURAL SALT. Codrich Fine Salt. Codrich Coarse Salt. Liverpool Coarse Salt. Liverpool Fine Salt. Liverpool Dairy Salt. Table Salt. Pure Caledonia Plaster. To be had at no other place in Guelph.

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Golden Lion!



ROYAL CANADIAN BANK. BILLS TAKEN AT PAR.

AT HOGG & CHANCE'S, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

JACKSON & HALLETT, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

CHOICE TEAS! which have been selected from houses of the highest reputation for this article in the trade, consisting of

Moynie and Pingsuey YOUNG HYSONS at 50c., 60c., 75c. and \$1.00 per lb. Congou at 50c and 75c, Japans at 60c and 75c. Also, a large stock of Laguayre, Rio and Ceylon Coffees, Liquors, Syrups, Tobaccos, Fruits, Rice, &c.

Also to hand, 200 bags Coarse and Fine Liverpool Salt, 100 Sides of Cumberland Cut Bacon (heavy sides), 100 very choice Smoked Hams, 200 very choice Unsmoked Hams, 700 bushels Peach, Blow and Kidney Potatoes, Sharpe's, Marshall's and Skirving's celebrated Swede Turnip Seed, Green Top and Yellow Aberdeen.

WINES AND LIQUORS! Cases Martell's Brandy and Oatley's, Walker's and Windsor WHISKEYS, Sherry, Port and Claret Wines, &c.

INCREASE OF BUSINESS. From his GREAT SUCCESS SINCE COMMENCING BUSINESS, the subscriber has been induced to import a very

Large Stock of Teas! WINES AND LIQUORS, which he is prepared to sell at as low prices as any respectable store can do.

A LARGE STOCK OF NEW TURNIP SEEDS. JUST ARRIVED. J. J. LANGDON. Guelph, 26th May. dw

THE ALMA BLOCK RETAIL! GUELPH.

FRESH TURNIP SEED, SALT AND PLASTER.

Skirving's Swede. Marshall's Swede. Laing's Swede. Sutton's Champion. King of Swedes. East Lothian. Sharpe's Improved. Yellow Aberdeen. White Globe. Rape and Hungarian Grass Seed. Agricultural Salt. Codrich Fine Salt. Codrich Coarse Salt. Liverpool Coarse Salt. Liverpool Fine Salt. Liverpool Dairy Salt. Table Salt. Pure Caledonia Plaster. To be had at no other place in Guelph.

1000 Half Chests NEW CROP TEAS

The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising

Young Hysons and Hysons. Hyson Twankays. Twankays. Imperials. Gunpowders. Souchongs. Congous. Colored Japans. Natural Leaf Japans. Oologs.

REFORD & DILLON. Toronto, 31st March. dw

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At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.

Boys' Bells. People's Magazine. Englishwoman's Magazine. The Sunday School Teacher. English Mechanic. Argosy. The World of Fashion. Leisure Hour. Cornhill. Temple Bar. Good Words. The Quiver.

Young Englishwoman. Sunday Magazine. Young Englishwoman's Journal. All the Year Round. Sunday at Home. Young Men of Great Britain. Boys of England. Cassell's Magazine. London Society. Popular Educator.

Guelph, 18th May. dw

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NEW SEASON'S TEAS.

Just imported from CHINA and JAPAN, and now offered for sale—per "CLETA," from Foochow—selected by JOHN FORSTER & Co., expressly for the Canadian Market.

2,167 Packages of BLACK TEA, consisting of Chests, Half-Chests, and Caddies—Choice True Souchong, Ex. Choice Lap Seng Souchong, & Choice Kaisow Congou.

Per "Sir WILLIAM WALLACE," "MONKCHESTER, and ANGLLO-SAXON," from Shanghai—2,361 Half-Chests Nankin Moyunes, Moyunes, and Fychow GREEN TEAS, comprising—Gunpowders, Imperials, Hysons, Young Hysons, Hyscn Twankays, and Twankays.

Per "ALCYONE" from Yokohama—154 Half-Chests Colored Japan, 472 Half-Chests Uncolored Japan.

G. J. FORSTER & Co. SUGARS AND OTHER SWEETS—in Store and arriving—per "A. H. Curtis," "Fresh Breeze," and "Signal," from West Indies—860 hds. Muscovado Sugar, 500 boxes Centrifugal do.

1,200 barrels REFINED SUGARS, comprising New York Ex. Powdered, Powdered, Granulated, Square Cut Loaf, and Broken Loaf, and Montreal Ex. Ground, Ground, Crushed A., Dry Crushed, and the different grades of Yellows. 200 bls. Amber, Golden, Common Syrup and Molasses.

G. J. FORSTER & Co. Hamilton, May 21.

GENERAL GROCERIES—A full assortment; also, WINES and LIQUORS, imported direct from the different countries of production, constantly on hand, which will be offered to the trade on Moderate Terms.

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