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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 12, 1874.

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Business Cards.

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors in Chancery, etc.
Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store,
Guelph, Ont., 7, 1873. dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Soli-
citors in Chancery, etc. Office—Corners of
Wendham and Quebec Streets, up stairs
Guelph, Ont. (dw)

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Soli-
citors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN
Guelph, March 1, 1874. dw

LEMON, PETERSON & McLEAN,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors in Chancery, etc.
Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near
the Registry Office.

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
K. McLEAN,
County Crown Attorney

WILLIAM J. PATTERSON,
Official Assignee for the County
of Wellington.

Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

**STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Con-
tractor and Builder, Planning Mill, and
very kind of Joiner's Work prepared, and
made and the public. The Factory is on
Quebec street, Guelph. dw**

MONEY TO LEND,
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitors
fees or commission charged.
Apply direct to the undersigned,
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
April 16, 1874. dwtt Guelph

BRICKS AND TILES
FOR SALE.
The subscribers are prepared to fur-
nish in quantities to suit purchasers
at the Kilns on the York Road, Guelph.
Also, constantly on hand first-class Bricks
and Tiles, at their residence, Liverpool-st.,
Guelph.

PEARSON & SON,
Guelph, March 31, 1874. 3m

**DOMINION SALOON
AND
RESTAURANT,**
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
The subscriber begs to notify his friends
and the public that he is now proprietor of
the above saloon and hopes by keeping some
of the best liquors and cigars to receive a
share of public patronage.
Orders in their season. First-class ac-
commodation for supper parties.
M. DEADY, Proprietor.
Guelph, April 7, 1874. diy

PLASTER AND SALT.
The subscriber has on hand 500 tons
of the best Guelph and Paris Plaster and
Lead Salt. Also, on hand, seed grain of all
kinds. The highest price paid for potatoes
and turnips.
Gordon Street, near the G. T. R. crossing
Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. Sandw

**F. STURDY,
House, Sign, and Ornamental Painter**
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, up
ham Street, Guelph. 187 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 Dyces
will be served up at all hours, in the
favorite style.
Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

HOTEL CARD.
The Right Man in the Right Place.
Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel,
begs to inform the travelling public that he
has acquired possession of the Victoria
Hotel, next door to the post office, where
he hopes by courtesy, attention and good
accommodation to merit a fair share of
public patronage, both from old and new
friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars,
&c., constantly on hand. A good hostler al-
ways in attendance. Remember the spot—
next door to the post office.
THOMAS WARD, Proprietor.
Guelph, Dec. 11, 1872.

**CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP
SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL
PICKINGS.**
The highest market price paid for the
above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old
Block, Guelph.
Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for
sale.
MOULTON & BISEL, dw
Guelph, Jan. 1, 1874.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-
modelled and newly furnished. Good
accommodation for commercial travellers.
Free omnibus and from all trains. First-
class Livery in connection.
14 dwtt JAS. A. THORP Proprietor

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Servant Girl.
Apply to
MRS. BISCOE,
Woolwich Street.

WANTED—A Cook.
Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-dt

SERVANT WANTED—Wanted, a
first-class servant. Apply at Anderson's
Bookstore.

JOINER WANTED—One accustomed
to run a moulding machine. Apply at
Stewart's Planning Mill, Guelph. 3m

PONY FOR SALE—Pony for sale.
Four years old, quiet to ride or drive.
Accustomed to children. Apply at this
office. 17-dt

BOARD—Six respectable young men
can obtain board in a healthy locality
three minutes walk from Post Office. Ap-
ply at the store of Mr. Murray, next to the
Express Office. Tu-d6

**TWO SOFT WATER TANKS FOR
SALE**, lined with lead. Size, 6 ft. x 3 ft.
6 in., depth, 4 ft. 6 in., and 4 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in.,
depth, 4 ft. Apply to
B. CRAWFORD,
Next Post Office, Guelph.
Guelph, April 16, 1874. dtf

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.
Unlimited supply on good Farm and
Town Security. Lowest rates and most
moderate charges.
HART & SPEIRS,
Guelph, May 1, 1874. 4w2w Day's Block

MAGIC!

The Vanishing Photograph,
Will appear or disappear at pleasure of the
operator. Post paid for 25 cents, three for
50 cents.
GREENFIELD & Co.,
Box 220, Toronto.
Manufacturers of Puzzles, Novelties, &c.,
&c. Agents and dealers liberally dealt with.

**SEED BARLEY AND SPRING WHEAT
FOR SALE**—At the Guelph Packing
House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passen-
ger Station.
Guelph, Apr. 24, 1874. dwttf.

LOST—By a child between Mrs. Win-
stanley's Grocery Store, and Mr.
Noble's boot store, a black moose pup
containing a \$4 bill. The finder will oblige
by returning it to Mrs. Winstanley. 43

COW STRAYED—Strayed from
Guelph, on Sunday last, a large dry
cow, red and white, with a mark on left hip.
She was bought from a party in Galt.
Any person returning her or giving information
that will lead to her recovery will be re-
warded. ROBT. COCHRANE.
Guelph, May 9th, 1874. dw1

**MORTGAGE FOR SALE,
ON REAL ESTATE.**
For \$3,700, 10 years to run, interest at 7 per
cent, payable yearly. Apply to
ROBERT MITCHELL,
Guelph, May 11, 1874. dw

MEETING—The regular monthly
meeting of the St. Patrick's Catholic
Beneficial Society will take place on MONDAY
in Day's Block, at 8 o'clock, on Wednesday
Evening next, rooms having been engaged
for the holding of the monthly meetings of
the Society in the above named place. All
members are requested to attend.
JOHN F. MURPHY, Secretary.

BLACK SILK STRIPED IRON GRENADE

SHIPMENT IN A FEW DAYS.
VERY DESIRABLE LINES.
JOHN MACDONALD & Co.
TORONTO

AUCTION SALE
of
Household Furniture.
The undersigned has been instructed
by Mr. Duncan Bailey to sell by auction, on
the premises, Surrey street, Guelph, near
Mr. Sallow's blacksmith shop, on MONDAY
May 12, at 10 o'clock, the following Valuable
Furniture, comprising a splendid Organ,
hatted sofa, wardrobe, cane-seated chairs,
centre table, carpets, bedsteads, washstands,
bureau, parlor and cooking stoves, Guelph
kitchen tables and stools, Windsor
chair, turning lathe, cupboard, spring mat-
trass, sink, etc. Also, a box for a pedlar's
wagon or sleigh. Terms cash.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.
Guelph, May 11, 1874. 3dt

**NEW
Paint Shop.**
The undersigned beg to announce that
they have commenced business as Carriage
and House Painters, Paper Hangers, &c., &c.
In the Shop near the Eramosa Bridge,
opposite Dalgleish & Co's Wheel Works,
Where they will be at all times prepared to
execute any orders with which they may be
favored, with promptness, and in the very
best manner.
CORMIE & EAGAN.
T. ALEX. CORMIE, JEREMIAH EAGAN, dw1m
Guelph, May 9, 1874.

**RICE'S
BILLIARD HALL.**
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite
the Market.

The room has just been refitted in splen-
did style, the tables reduced in size, and
everything done to make it a first-class
Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

**TOWN OF GUELPH
TO CONTRACTORS.**
Tenders for forming and grading a Driv-
ing Track on the Central Exhibition
Ground also for altering and enlarging
the Ticket Office, will be received at my
office till Thursday, the 14th inst. Plans
and Specifications may be seen on and
after the 7th inst.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office, May 4th, 1874. dw1

RETURNED TO GUELPH.
D. TRIPP
Begg to inform his old friends and the pub-
lic that he has returned to Guelph and
opened his
**Boot and Shoe Store on West
Market Square,**
Next to Pallister's Hotel.
He begs to thank them for past favours,
and hopes to continue to receive their pa-
tronage.
Guelph, April 27th, 1874. dw

R. Campbell, L.D.S.

Having recovered from his recent illness, is
again prepared to attend to the wants of all
who may require his services.
Office at the old stand, Wyndham street,
Guelph.
Guelph, April 23rd, 1874 dw

**W. M. FOSTER, D.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.**
Office over R. Har-
vey & Co's Drug
Store, Corner of
Wyndham & Mac-
donnell-st, Guelph.
1874
Guelph, Ontario
Dentistry generally
administered for the
most part, which is
extracted perfectly.
References: admitted to Dr.
Harvey, McQueen, Galt, Gowan, and Mr.
Gregor, Guelph.

**W. M. NELSON,
Clothes Cleaner and Renovator**
All Clothing entrusted to his care will be
cleaned and renovated to the satisfaction
of his customers. He also has a laundry
in connection. He receives orders for
patrons, and trusts that he will continue to
receive the support of the public generally.
Residence Devonshire street, Guelph.
April 29, 1874. dw3m

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TUESDAY EV'NG, MAY 12, 1874.

Town and County News

S. S. CONCKER—Preparations are being
made for the concert next Friday evening
by the Chalmers' Church Sabbath School,
which promises to be a grand success.

FINE TROUT—Mr. A. Richardson
caught on Monday some very fine trout
in the river above Armstrong's mill.
Three of the largest fish weighed 4 lbs.
1 oz., one of these alone weighing 2 lbs
1 oz. This is the best weight on record
in these parts.

PRESENTATION—We learn that on Mon-
day night the members of the St. Vin-
cent de Paul Society made a presenta-
tion to Mr. Wm. O'Conner, on the occa-
sion of his leaving Guelph for the con-
tinent of Europe. A full report of the
proceedings will appear to-morrow.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY IN CLIFFORD—
At a meeting at Feather's Hotel, on Sat-
urday evening, it was unanimously
agreed to celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-
day on the 25th inst., and a large sum of
money was raised for that purpose. A
match race for one hundred dollars a side
will take place that day.

ACCIDENT IN BLYTH—A painful accident
occurred on Wednesday afternoon. A
Mr. Walter McGowan and three of his
children were coming to Blyth, when
about a quarter of a mile from the village
the tongue of the wagon dropped, and
Mr. McGowan was thrown out, and had
his collar-bone and arm broken. The
children escaped with slight injuries.

A WARNING FOR THE 25TH—A Han-
nition urubin put a fire-cracker into the
key-hole of a gentleman's door, and
waited around to hear it "go off." But
it didn't go off, and when the people
in the house came out to see what caused
so much smoke, they found a hole in the
door about six inches square. The wind
was high, and this little piece of sport
might have caused a serious fire.

GOOD PAGES FOR HORSES—Mr. Joseph
Davis, of the township of Caledon, sold
lately to a party in Erin; for the hand-
some sum of \$100, a yearling colt, got by
the horse "Wonderful Lead," of which horse
Messrs. Wm. and Jas. Young, Erin, are
proprietors; also, at the late sale of Mr.
John McKinnon, Erin, another yearling
colt, got by the same horse, brought up-
wards of \$70.

WHERE ARE THE POLICE?—The rowdies
of Guelph will have the upper hand of
the police, unless some determined action
is taken by these paid officials who call
themselves the guardians of the peace.
Last Sabbath afternoon no fewer than
seventy-five young men were out in Gow's
Bash practising base-ball and playing
sucure. Now, why is this? If this kind
of amusement is what the law means by
Sabbath desecration, why isn't it pun-
ished by law? It is only a week since
the same place was practised in the
very same place; and we have increased in
numbers five-fold. We warn the police
to crush out this evil while it is in their
power, or very soon the rowdies will defy
them to do their worst.

POLICE COURT.
(Before the Police Magistrate.)
May 12.

Robt. Soden, charged by the Health
Inspector for allowing stable manure to
accumulate on his premises, was fined \$1
and costs.

D. Savage, for not clearing a filthy
privy at the back of his premises, was
fined \$1 and costs. Mr. Savage held
that he was not responsible, as he did not
use it, but the Magistrate decided that he
should have given Mr. Conson notice to
that effect.

The following explanation Mr. Savage
desires us to give in support of his case:
—Last March of the present year, the
Inspector notified Mr. Conson of the filthy
state of the privy owned by him in the
yard at back of the G. W. Hotel. In the
latter end of the month he came to
town, and, with myself, went across
the yard to look at the condition of said
privy. The cesspool is common to the
parties. He then promised that he would
have it fixed all right, and have the floor
raised and made fit to occupy. Daniel
Fenwick heard him say this on our return
through the store. He has neglected to
do so, and that is the reason of his present
condition. He alone is to blame. It is
not a condition in my lease, no considera-
tion being given by me. Its occupancy
is entirely voluntary, neither party being
bound to give notice.

The Rev. Du Moilin, has resigned his
charge of St. Thomas Church, Hamilton,
and has accepted the charge of a splen-
did new Church now being erected in
Montreal.

Reports from McGregor, Iowa, state
that the town of Ridge way was almost
entirely consumed by fire on Saturday
afternoon. Loss, \$100,000.

A "journalist" is a man who spends
the best days of his life in conferring re-
putation on others, and getting none
himself.

The Chicago Tribune says that first-
class carpenters in that city are now glad
to get \$1 50 a day.

"This summer ladies are going to dress
their hair as they did three hundred
years ago," says an exchange. This
makes some of the ladies pretty old.

It is said that the sparrows did not
suffer for want of food during the snow-
storms this Spring. They picked the young
birds off the fruit trees, and found
ample subsistence thereon.

Taking care of a baby and sewing but-
tons on a wife's shoes were added, in a
trial the other day, as evidence tending
to show a husband's affection for a wife
whom he subsequently shot.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Mississippi Overflow.

Skirmishing in Arkansas.

Bush Fires in the West.

An Immense Amount of Damage.

Detroit, May 12.—The latest news
from the forest fires in this State is
more encouraging. A light rain has
been falling at Muskegon and Grand
Haven, and the fires in that vicinity and
along the line of the Detroit and Mil-
waukee Railway are entirely extinguished.
Light fires are reported along the line of
the Flint & Pere Marquette Railway,
north of Saginaw, but no danger is ap-
prehended except at Clare, where heavy
fires are still raging. Fires are still rag-
ing along the line of the Detroit & Bay
City Railway, but less violent. The
fires on the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw
Railway, north of Saginaw, are not exten-
sive, and the loss in that vicinity not
very heavy. For fifteen miles north of
Winona, on the Jackson, Lansing &
Saginaw Railway, the fire burned out
several hundred feet of the track, com-
pletely blocked the road with fallen trees,
and destroyed a million feet of lumber.
Heavy fires are reported in a lumber
camp, consisting of tents, barns, sheds,
houses and outbuildings, completely des-
troyed. The men barely escaped.

Palmerston Correspondence.

The following are the officers of Star
of the North Lodge, No. 219, B. A. O. G.
T., for the present quarter—T. H.
Harvey, W. C. F. S. J. Thompson,
W. J. H. Jameson, W. C. S. W.
Baker, W. S. W. Kearns, W. J. H.
Moore, W. F. S.; S. Ranton, W. M.; S.
S. J. McDowell, W. I. G.; S. McDowell,
W. O. G.; S. Isabella McDowell, W. A. S.;
S. M. A. Ranton, W. A. M.; S. C.
Waldee, W. R. H. S.; S. M. Thompson,
W. L. H. S.; R. Frier, P. W. C. T.

Islanders are beginning to emigrate
to this country, and are described as a
bright, cleanly, health-looking class of
people, closely resembling the Scotch.

The American Geographical Society
in Iceland by Dr. Hayes, the
Arctic Explorer, who will sail on the 1st
of June.

Flatboating on the Red River this
season will be carried on to a greater extent
than ever before. Large numbers of
boats are being built at Winnipeg by
townsman Davidson and others, and re-
ports from Breckenridge state that more
than the usual number will be launched
there.

In the north-western part of New York
State there is a negro who is creating a
little sensation among his own people, as
well as among the medical fraternity.
He is of interest to physicians because of
his peculiar anatomical construction. He
is, or seems to be, able to move his heart
from the left to the right side of his
chest, and even down into his abdomen.
He also has, at times, a supple-
mentary set of ribs which, in his ordinary
condition, seem to be contained in the
chest under the breast-bone and normal
ribs.

The Hamilton Street Railway Com-
pany received on Saturday last a car load
of fine horses, purchased by Mr. Ruther-
ford, the Superintendent, in the West.
He expects the cars will be running on
part of the line the latter part of this
week.

CREATED WORK—As a consequence up-
on a difference of opinion existing be-
tween the architects, several members of
the Local Government, and the contrac-
tors, the work of the Inebriate Asylum,
Hamilton, has been suspended since the
visit of the former and until further or-
ders. It appears that the thickness of
the walls and some other matters are
under discussion, and a decision will be
reached shortly.

Mrs. Hardy's Lecture on Temperance.

A very large audience gathered in the
Town Hall on Monday night, to hear
Mrs. Hardy lecture on Temperance.
Every available seat was taken up, and
it was gratifying to observe that a large
proportion of those present were young
people of both sexes, many of whom
were no doubt attracted by curiosity, but
many also who were present were in
hearty sympathy with the cause. Mrs.
Hardy has for years been engaged in the
good work, endeavouring by her teach-
ings, her lectures, and her visits to jails
and penitentiaries, to reclaim fallen men
and women, who through the effect of
intemperance have sunk low in the social
scale, or by their crimes made themselves
amenable to the laws of the land. For
some time she has been lecturing in var-
ious cities and towns in Canada, and by
her earnest pleading has awakened the
careless to a sense of their duty in this
matter, and has stirred up the friends of
the cause to renewed vigor in their ef-
forts to secure prohibition.

The Rev. Mr. Wood was called to the
chair, and opened the proceedings by
giving out a hymn, and Rev. Mr. Howie
followed in prayer, after which the chair-
man introduced the lecturer in a few well
chosen words.

Mrs. Hardy expressed her pleasure at
seeing such a large audience, and hoped
that whether they had come out of curi-
osity or not they would be benefited by
her remarks. She proceeded briefly to de-
scribe her position as a lecturer, having
taken to the work from a deep and set-
tled conviction that by the blessing of
God she was able to do some good, and
to lead erring men and women from the
paths of vice and intemperance, to be-
come members of society and sincere
Christians. The blessed result of her
poor labours justified the step she had
taken, and she expressed her determina-
tion to continue in the good work so long
as God gave her health and strength.
She commented rather severely on the
evils of intemperance, and gave many
and instances of its effect which she had
seen in the persons of once promising
young men and women whom she had
found incarcerated in jails, debased,
imbruted and suffering in soul and body
for their sins. She gave illustrations of
the working of the prohibitory liquor law
in some of the neighboring States, and
condemned the conduct of the present
Canadian Government for their faint-
heartedness in not grappling with the
great evil of intemperance in this country,
and in not seeking to carry a Prohibitory
Liquor Law. But the conviction was
gaining ground fast that such a law would
before long be carried, and she urged all
who had regard for their own peace and
happiness, and that of their fellow citi-
zens, and for the welfare of the country,
to continue the agitation till their object
was accomplished. She concluded her
very earnest lecture by stating that she
intended to make Canada her home, and
promised to visit Guelph against some
future day.

A collection was then taken up, after
which a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs.
Hardy was carried on motion of Rev.
Mr. Howie, seconded by Mr. Wilkie.
After a vote of thanks to the chairman,
the meeting was closed by singing the
Doxology and pronouncing the Benedic-
tion.

Bush Fires in Canada and in the States.

Fires are raging in the woods and in
many parts of Michigan. Reports
brought from Muskegon state that the
fires have reached to within a mile and a
half of that city, with the wind blowing
almost a gale towards it, and that unless
the wind abates the city will be in im-
minent danger. Heavy fires are reported
near Grand Haven and along the line of
the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad between
Ionia and Grand Haven. The fires on
the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad have
cut off all communication north of Everts
and on the Jackson, Lansing, and Saginaw
Railroad north of Arcadia.

Extensive fires have raged in the woods
near the towns of Marilla and Elma,
Erie county, and the adjoining town of
Bennington, Wyoming county, N. Y.
State. Whole acres of woodland have
been swept over, and left blackened and
desolate.

Inlay City has been threatened for two
days and nights. Heavy fires are also
sweeping the pine woods on the Upper
Mississippi.

At Ridgeway, Iowa, the fire has burned
all the stores and dwellings but one in the
town.

Twenty residences, twelve horses, and
several piles of lumber at Oshkosh, Wis.,
have been burned.

Bush fires have been raging north of
Goderich along the lake shore road, and
also north of Kincardine, destroying large
quantities of cordwood and timber.

The Thunder Storm in Ottawa.

Ottawa was visited by a fearful thunder
storm early on Saturday morning. The
main tower of the Parliament Buildings
was struck by lightning, and, strange to
say, without any serious injury to the
building. An eye-witness gives the
following description of the sublime
spectacle:—"The atmosphere was pecu-
liarly hazy, the sky presented a dark
leadly aspect. Ominous clouds were
slowly travelling along the vault of
heaven, and all nature seemed to stand
at a waiting some dread event. Flashes
of lightning and the rolling of thunder
had disturbed members during the early
part of morning, and it was remarked
that the storm appeared to be drawing
closer to the city. For some time previous
to the circumstance to which we refer, no
lightning was observed and no thunder
was heard; but just when it appeared
that the worst part of the storm was
over, and whatever sense of danger the
timid may have had was departing—
when only the heavy pattering of huge
drops of water on the roads, or the noise
of the rain driven by an angry wind
against the windows, was heard—a flash
of lightning shot forth from a dense
cloud, followed instantaneously by an
appalling peal of thunder, and from the
south-east turret of the main tower large
sparks burst forth and fell in a shower of
fire. While the thunder was still echoing
through the sky, another flash of light-
ning, more vivid and extensive than the
previous one, leaped from the cloud, and
struck the iron work and flag-staff on the
top of the tower. Instantly they were
surrounded by an electric halo brighter
than the noonday sun, and heaven's ar-
tillery shook the very foundations of the
city. The lightning cloud seemed to de-
scend lower, almost touching the main
tower and enveloping it in gloom, when sud-
denly another bolt flashed from the dark
cloud, covering the roof of the building
with a dazzling blue flame, while copious
showers of electric sparks as large and
brilliant as meteors fell from the tops of
the turrets. The lightning flashes and
the roar of thunder were almost simultane-
ous, and the scene was indescribably
grand and awe-inspiring. Strange to say
no serious damage was done to the
tower.—Mail.

Board of Education.

The Board met on Monday evening.
Present Messrs. Keating, Harvey,
Knowles, Inglis, Murton, Wilkie, Steven-
son, McKenzie, Newton, and Kennedy.
Mr. Peterson in the chair.

The Superintendent's report was read,
which showed the number of scholars on
the roll to be 1002, and the average at-
tendance to each teacher 63.

Mr. Wilkie thought that another
teacher should be provided for the West
Ward School.

Mr. Knowles said he had consulted with
most of the teachers, and found that
they could get along nicely with the
number of scholars under their charge.

Considerable discussion followed and
Mr. Wilkie moved that the additional
teacher be provided, but as there was no
second the matter dropped.

Mr. Murton, seconded by Mr. Inglis,
moved that the Town Council be re-
quested to grant \$100 for the purchase
of refreshments for the scholars on the
Queen's Birthday. Carried.

On motion of Dr. Keating, it was re-
solved to request Mr. Cullen to ask the
scholars to play on the fair ground dur-
ing the winter season. Carried.

Mr. Wilkie, seconded by Mr. Steven-
son, moved that Messrs. Knowles and
Murton be a Committee to dispense the
refreshments on the 25th May. Carried.
The Board then adjourned.

A Mr. Bogart near Napawa, made
during the recent season 500 lbs. of sugar
from 400 trees. The Messrs. Tubbs of
West Lake tapped 420 trees from which
they made 17,000 lbs. of sugar and 50
gallons of molasses. The molasses would
make something like 500 lbs. of sugar,
making in all, from the 420 trees during
the recent season 2200 lbs. of sugar.

The Tichborne claimant weighed 810
lbs. when he entered Newgate prison, but
the confinement has greatly reduced his
size. He eats very little of anything but
bread, which alone is not fattening
food.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA—"We will
now give an account of the process adop-
ted by Messrs. James Epps & Co.,
manufacturers of diabetic articles, at
their works in the Euston Road, Lon-
don."—See article in Cassell's Household
Guide.

Interesting to Agricultural Societies.

The Dalhousie Agricultural Society
having been in some doubt as to the
legality of charging persons who do not
become members an extra fee over the
\$1 subscription after a certain time, con-
cluded to seek legal advice in order to
settle the doubt, and the following was
Mr. W. H. Radenhurst's written opinion
concerning the matter:

"Perth, 24th March, 1874.
"I am of opinion, after duly consider-
ing the questions asked by Mr. Gardiner
and Mr. Donald, that a township agri-
cultural society have no power to impose
any regulation as to the time in any
year previous to which a person has to
join the society. I think he can do so
at any time, by tendering his \$1. Any
regulation otherwise would be at variance
with the Act.

"As to the question of right to impose
any penalty when the members do not
pay their subscription by a certain time
fixed in a by-law, after much doubt, the
best opinion I can form is that the so-
ciety can pass such a by-law and provide
a moderate penalty to enforce its pro-
visions. When a person becomes a mem-
ber, his subscription fee fixed by the Act
is \$1. The directors, I think, have the
power to say this must be paid by the
1st August, or any other reasonable
time, and if this is so, it follows that they
can fix a moderate penalty, of say \$1 on
any one not observing this, and, if neces-
sary, sue for it.

"As to imposing a charge on any
member exhibiting, who has only been a
member for a short time, such a regula-
tion I should deem doubtful as being
arbitrary, for when once a member joins
he is entitled to be on an equal footing
with all other members.

W. H. RADENHURST."

It will be observed that Mr. Raden-
hurst is of opinion that any person tend-
ering \$1, at any time, even on the
morning of the show, is entitled to par-
take in all the benefits of the society,
equally with the old members. Mr. Ra-
denhurst's opinion of the matter, we
presume, is a strict rendering of the law,
but, if so, the law should be amended
and made to name a certain time up to
which members may join, as, by the law
as it now stands, great inconvenience
and injustice may be occasioned. The
annual reports of township societies must
now be sent in to the county association
by the 1st August in each year, and it is
in proportion to the number of names
that the township society has on its roll
at that time, that the county society
awards it the proportion of the \$700
which comes to each aiding society.
Thus any member coming in after Au-