Guelph Evening Mercury.

VOL. VIII. NO. 17 GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26, 1874. PRICE TWO CENTS

FARM FOR SALE. — Lot 29, in 11th concession, 150 acres, about 100 cleared, 30 acres seeded down; well watered; a few fruit trees; hewed log house, log barn and stable. Apply to Francis Gray, Hillsburg P.O., or George Gibbs, Ballinafad.
a12-7t FRANCIS GRAY.

FARM FOR SALE.—Lot No. 29, con. 6, East Half Township of Eramosa, containing 100 acres, about 50 acres cleared, balance very valuable wood land, mostly hard wood, and a quantity of splendid pine and cedar. Good log barn and stables; log house. Would wish any person to see the excellent crop on the land at present. Apply on premises or by letter, post paid, to John Beechinor, Oustic P. O. a13-2mw.

FARM FOR SALE — The subscribers offer for sale that most desirable farm property, five miles from Guelph, being composed of the southwest part of Lot No. 12, in the seventh concession of the township of Puslinch, 100 acres, 80 acres of which are under cultivation and 15 good hardwood On the farm are a frame house and very large barn. This property will be sold cheap, and on easy terms of payment.
Apply to DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE, Solicitors, Guelph. jn24-wtf

FARM FOR SALE—Lot 11, 5th concession Eramosa, containing 100 acres, about 55 cleared and in a good state of cultivation, balance well timbered with cedar and hardwood. The whole lot is well fenced; a log dwelling house, large frame barn with stone foundation, shed, turnip house; never failing spring creek and good well; good bearing orchard. The farm is 1½ miles from Rockwood and 9 from Guelph, well situated as regards churches, schools, etc. For particulars, apply on the premises to Thos. G. Reed, Rockwood P.O. a5-w4t

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN — Lot No. 20, 3rd concession Esquesing, three quarters of a mile from the flourishing Village of Acton, containing 100 acres, about 50 acres heavily timbered with pine, hemlock and cedar, suitable for telegraph poles and posts. An excellent frame house, 8 rooms, in thorough repair, frame stable and barn. Orchard of choice fruit; a never failing spring creek runs through the premises. Terms easy. Apply on the premises or to Charles Cameron, Glencoe Farm, box 62, Acton P.O. a10-wtf

FARM FOR SALE.

The undersignad Trustees of the Estate of the late Michael McLaughlin, offer for sale the following valuable property, viz: One hundred acres of land, being composed of the west half of Lot No. 32, 1st concession of the Township of Erin, seventy acres cleared, and the balance in good hardwood bush. There are situated on the premises, a good frame barn with stone stable underneath, and log dwelling house. The farm is well watered by a never failing creek running through it. For particulars apply to
THOMAS LONGFORD,
JAMES REA,
Trustees, Mimosa P.O.
Erin, June 8th, 1874. w3m

FIRST-CLASS FARM FOR SALE—In the Township of Waterloo, one mile south of the Grand Trunk Line and six miles from Guelph, containing 127¼ acres, of which 100 are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, about 8 acres good hardwood and the rest cedar. There is a never-failing creek running through it, and several wells near and in the buildings. A good bearing orchard and first-class buildings, together with all the outbuildings required. Apply to George Atkinson, on the place, or if by letter to Kossuth P.O., Co. Waterloo. a5wtf

FOR SALE OR TO RENT,

A Blacksmith Shop,

Situated on the Grav Road, Minto Town- from Palmerston, half acre of land, good shop, having two fires, an excellent dwelling house and good stabling. This is a good chance for an industrious man, as there has always been a good country trade done on the premises. The above will be sold on easy terms, or rented for any number of years. Possession given on the first of January, 1874. Apply to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter to
WELLINGTON WILSON,
3dowtf Cotswold P.O., Minto

FARM FOR SALE — Lot 7, 3rd concession, Division C., Guelph Township, containing 100 acres, more or less, about 80 cleared and in a good state of cultivation, balance well timbered. On the farm is a good comfortable frame dwelling house, large frame barn, and outbuildings, all in good repair; small orchard of grafted fruit; good well and cistern, also a spring creek. Terms easy. Apply to John Laird, on the premises, or Guelph P.O. a27wtf

FARM FOR SALE—Lot 19, Con. 10, Township of Puslinch, 100 acres, 75 cleared, 25 in hardwood bush, log barn 52x28, stone driving shed 52x36, stone stable, log house, root cellar, hard and soft water, good orchard of grafted fruit: apple, pear, plum and cherry, also a fine flower garden; living stream crossing the lot; 14 acres of fall wheat. The farm is in first-class condition, well fenced in square ten acre fields free from stumps and stones. There is also a milk house and cooling house. Would exchange the above for 200 acres, paying the difference. For terms apply, postpaid, to John Laing, Aberfoyle P.O., or to Henry Hatch, land agent, Guelph. my26wtf

FARM FOR SALE

—ON—

EASY TERMS OF PAYMENT

100 acres, near Freelton Post Office, North Wentworth, good soil, good buildings 10 miles from Dundas and 12 from Hamilton. Title direct from the Crown. Immediate possession. Apply to the proprietor,
ARCH STEWART
ml8wtf Freelton P.O.

FOR SALE.

100 acres of good land, being west half of Lot No. 27, 5th concession, Township of Nassagaweya, is in a good state of cultivation, 75 acres cleared, the rest good hardwood timber, well watered, well fenced, and a good bearing orchard, all of select, grafted fruit, apples, pears, plums, cherries, grapes, currants, etc. An excellent stone barn, 60x34, with cellar, also stone stables and shed 60 x 30 with root house attached 26 x 40. A comfortable dwelling house. Is convenient to church and school, 1½ mile to post office and blacksmith shop, 4 miles to the village of Rockwood. G. T. R. station, 4 miles to Eden, 5 to Acton, 10 to Guelph. For particulars apply to
THOS. EASTON,
On the premises, or if by letter, address
my5w5m Knatchbull P.O., Ont.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.

The farm occupied by the late James Forster, being the southeast half of lot No. 7, in the 3rd concession of Eramosa, 100 acres, 60 cleared, the remainder good hard wood, chiefly beech and maple. There is a nursery of choice fruit trees ready for transplanting, and a never-failing spring well. The buildings consist of a frame house, a large frame barn, shed and stabling, with other useful buildings. This property is situated two miles from the village of Rockwood, and six miles from Guelph.
For further particulars apply on the premises, or if by letter to Rockwood P.O.
MRS. JAMES FORSTER.
June 3, 1874.

FARM FOR SALE IN WATERLOO. —For sale that valuable farm in the Township of Waterloo, being the southeast part of Lot No. 12½, of the German Company's Track, in the Upper Block of said Township, containing 120 acres more or less. Ninety five acres are cleared, well fenced and under good cultivation, the balance covered with pine, cedar and hardwood. Fifty acres of the cleared, part in grass, commodious frame dwelling house, bank barn 78 x 55 feet built in 1871, two root-houses, 2 driving sheds, sheep and hog stables, 3 wells of good spring water with pumps, and all other conveniences required about a farm. The farm is situated 9 miles from Guelph, 7 from Galt, and 3½ from Preston and Breslau, is in a good neighborhood and in one of the best farming sections of Ontario. Terms and all other information made known by applying on the premises to the undersigned, or if by letter post paid to JOHN BARRON, Preston P. O., Ontario.
Preston, August 4th, 1874. wtf

New Advertisements.

WANTED—To rent by the Sept. 10th a small cottage or 3 rooms, in the centre of the town. Apply at this office.
Guelph, August 13th, 1874. 2wd

WANTED—A nurse, with good references. Apply to
MRS. WATT,
Near G. W. Station.
Guelph, Aug. 26th, 1874. dtf.

REMOVAL.

The undersigned have removed to more commodious offices, over the Bank of Commerce. Money to Lend.
MACMILLAN & O'CONNOR.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

The Misses Rhemmie beg to announce to the families of Guelph and vicinity, that their Educational Establishment will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at their residence, Corner of Woolwich and Yarmouth streets, Guelph. 26-6d

DR. W. H. LOWRY,

Graduate of University of Trinity College. Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office—Next door to Mr. Jas. Hazelton, Upper Wyndham Street.
Guelph, August 3rd, 1874. d&w3m.

STONE SHOP TO RENT — In the Town of Guelph, well adapted for any kind of manufacturing business. Apply at the Mercury office. j27-dwtf

GOOD BOARD AND COMFORTABLE Lodgings wanted immediately by a gentleman. Address in strict confidence, F. Box 24, Post Office, 6t.l

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—In one of the most eligible localities in the Town of Guelph, A new stone cottage containing 5 rooms and summer kitchen with outhouses etc. complete. Good pump, well, etc., well fenced. Will be sold at a very reasonable price. Apply to JOHN HIGHAM, on premises, or to Hart & Speirs.
Guelph, August 26th, 1874. 2w-daw

GUELPH CENTRAL EXHIBITION.

TENDERS FOR BOOTHS.

Tenders will be received up to 29th, for leasing the land for Nos. 2 and 3 Booths on the Exhibition grounds. No intoxicating liquors allowed. No free booths granted.
H. H. SWINFORD,
Superintendent.
Guelph, Aug. 26th, 1874. d4t

TO LET—Six large rooms suitable for housekeeping, in a handsome and centrally located house, *rent free*, on condition of boarding the proprietor.
Apply to Mr. Henry Hatch, Land Agent, Wyndham street, Guelph. d3t

EDUCATIONAL.

The Misses McDonald will resume their classes for Young Ladies, Tuesday August 18th, corner of Norfolk and Suffolk streets. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence Queen St.
N. B.—The Misses McDonald are prepared to give private lessons in Double Entry Book-keeping. Aug 13-1md&w

LOST.—On Tuesday, between Guelph and the Model Farm, Morton's Design Book of Monuments and Headstones. The finder will be rewarded by returning it to Wm. Hearn, Wellington Marble Works, Guelph.
Guelph, July 30, 1874. dwtf.

FOR SALE — A very excellent Building Lot fronting on Paisley Street and running through to Oxford street — about half an acre. Apply to R. Easton, bookbinder, St. George's square, Guelph.

10 acres of Land wanted, suitable for Strawberries, near the town. Apply to the above.
Guelph, July 15, 1874. dwtf

TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders will be received by the Trustees of School Section No. 8, Eramosa, up to 4 o'clock, p.m., September 3rd, for the Erection of a Teacher's Dwelling House.
Plans and Specifications can be seen on and after the 31st August.
DAVID SHULTIS,
Secretary to Trustees.
Eramosa, Aug. 25, 1874 dtdw1

GUELPH
Academy and Seminary

Principal: Mr. Edwin Fowler, B.A., (of London University.

Boys' Classical School, Ladies' Seminary, Junior Department,
WOOLWICH STREET, GUELPH.
Opens Monday, Aug. 31st. For terms and other information, see printed prospectus, or apply to the Principal. d3t

BUSH MEETING.

The British Episcopal Methodists of Guelph, will hold a Bush Meeting in Mr. Gow's Bush, on Sunday, Aug. 30th.
Rev. Mr. Smith, of Halifax; Rev. Mr. Jefferson, of Brantford; and Rev. Mr. Brown, of Peel, will preach. Services to commence at 10 o'clock, a.m.
The public are cordially invited.
ROBERT JOHNSON,
Minister in Charge.
Guelph, Aug. 25, 1874. d3t

JOHN McCREA,

Produce Commission Merchant,

and Insurance Agency.

Office—Bank of Commerce Buildings.
Guelph, July 28th, 1874. d6m

THE GUELPH

Hot & Cold Water Baths

FOR GENTLEMEN

ARE NOW OPEN.

THE LADIES' DEPARTMENT

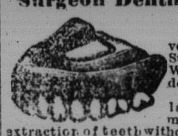
IS IN COURSE OF COMPLETION.

Entrance on Woolwich Street, west of English Church.
JOHN HAZELTON,
Proprietor.
Guelph, August 11th, 1874. 2md

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.

W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.



Office over E. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell-st, Guelph.
☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Dr. Hurod, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph.

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WEDNESDAY EV'G, AUG. 26, 1874

Town and County News

FAT OXEN.—Mr. James Grahame, Paisley Block, sold on Tuesday a yoke of splendid fat oxen to Mr. Satchell, of Ottawa, for $250.

OMITTED.—The following names were inadvertently omitted in our list of presentations to the Governor-General and Lady Dufferin:—Mr. D. and Mrs. Coffee, Miss Coffee, Mr. E. and Mrs. O'Connor, Miss T. Hazelton.

BAPTIST S. S. PIC-NIC.—The annual pic-nic of the Baptist Sabbath School will be held in Goldie's grove to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon. Excellent arrangements have been made, and a good time is expected. The friends of the school are cordially invited.

FALL ASSIZES.—Assize Courts will be held as follows:—Milton, Monday, Sept. 21; Brampton, Tuesday, Sept. 22; Owen Sound, Tuesday, Sept. 22; Guelph, Tuesday, Oct. 6; Brantford, Thursday, Oct. 15; Walkerton, Monday, Oct. 26; Goderich, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

PATHMASTER'S CASE IN GARAFRAXA.—Some three weeks ago we received a letter complaining of the action of a pathmaster and of a magistrate in reference to some road work. The writer did not send his name, and even though he had, we could not have inserted it, as it is too personal.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—Mr. John M. Bond is at present on a tour through the manufactories in foreign countries, and has been enabled to secure a great reduction on the goods sold by the firm here. Cheap ocean rates have also been effected and the firm is thus enabled to offer the best goods at the lowest prices. (See adv.)

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.—We omitted to mention yesterday in our report of the Governor-General's departure that Lawrence's Band, which had been called out on short notice by a number of citizens, proceeded to the G.W. station and played in their usual excellent style while the vice-regal party moved off.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.—Mr. Buttery, sen., a well-known and highly respected citizen of London, was found on the G.W.R. track, about three o'clock on Tuesday morning, with his head completely severed from his body. It is not yet known how the lamentable accident occurred, but it is presumed deceased was walking on the track when a passing train struck him.

FIREMEN'S PIC-NIC.—The members of the Fire Brigade, and others who attended the pic-nic at Puslinch Lake yesterday, report having spent a very pleasant day. The weather was all that could be desired; boating, dancing, base ball and other amusements were heartily entered into by all. Wood's Cornet Band discoursed sweet music during the day and contributed much to the day's enjoyment. The party reached town again about 9 o'clock

CARE OF CATTLE.—Cattle need special attention now, as pastures get reduced, and food becoming scarce, they grow thin, and cease to yield milk abundantly. They should be kept in well watered, shady pastures, when allowed to run out, or in cool, well ventilated stables, with plenty of pure well water at their service. In either case, the value of sown fodder crops will become apparent, none of which is better than corn, sown in drills and frequently horse-hoed. Many farmers are now following this method of supplying summer food, but thousands have never tried it, even on a small scale. Do not neglect thorough brushing, combing and rubbing down of all horses, and such cattle as are stabled constantly. Labor thus invested will pay a handsome return in time. Salt should be placed, in large lumps, where animals can lick it at their pleasure; notwithstanding all the theories against its use, practice has found it to be of inestimable value to live stock.

HON. GEORGE BROWN AND THE "NATIONAL."—In the Court of Common Pleas at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Monday, Mr. J. Hillyard Cameron, Q. C., moved for a *rule nisi* for leave to file a criminal information against Thompson & Smallpeice, proprietors of the *National*, for the libellous article published some weeks ago and reiterated in several subsequent issues of their paper. The statements made were to the effect that Hon. George Brown was maintaining at the public expense, at the Model Farm, an illegitimate son, the child of a woman whom he had seduced in Bothwell, and to whom or whose friends he had paid $3,000 to hush the matter up. The libel had not only been persistently repeated in the *National*, but had been widely copied and circulated. The Court granted the rule as asked for. The defendants were allowed eight days to show cause why they should not be arrested.

THE COMING FAIRS.—The agricultural fairs and other industrial exhibitions, horticultural, mechanical, &c., for the autumnal season of 1874, will soon be in order, and hence now is the proper time to make ready therefor. We urge farmers, horticulturists, manufacturers, mechanics, and all other industrial producers, to prepare in season to present specimens of their various products, wares, &c., at the approaching exhibitions. Farmers and their wives, sons and daughters, should especially take pains to attend, and contribute to the variety and value of the exhibitions held in their respective localities. Our idea is that every farmer, horticulturist, gardner, &c., ought, as a rule, to contribute first to the nearest fair—whether township, union or county—and exercise his influence to see that it is conducted in an unobjectionable manner. By becoming a member, and attending annual and other meetings, any farmer can do much toward the proper direction of the affairs of a society. And this is much better than keeping aloof and complaining of faults and errors which his presence and advice might have obviated.

Cleremont, Daniels & Co.

We copied last week a despatch from the Montreal correspondent of the Hamilton *Times* to the effect that the business carried on by Cleremont, Daniels & Co., of that city, was a swindle, and that the Postmaster there had stopped their letters. It seems that this paragraph was untrue, that it did them serious wrong, and in justice to them we copy the following explanation and contradiction of the statement from a Montreal paper:—

A representative of this journal called upon Cleremont, Daniels & Co., at their premises, on Notre Dame street, this morning, with reference to whom a notice appeared in yesterday's issue. They state that they are doing a perfectly legitimate business, having merely set on foot a dollar store, of which, in lieu of being simply available to the residents of the city, in which they have five agents, advantage can be taken in all parts of the Province, as well as the adjoining Provinces, as it appears their agents are scattered over a wide space of country. They explain that they sell certificates, not with a view to profit, for the receips from this source are consumed in the payment of incidental expenses, but as the simple guarantees that the goods will be paid for when sent to their destination.

They exhibited their books accounting for the transmission of goods, and mentioned that they had been subjected to considerable loss through their changes of location while doing business in the city. They did not register the firm until last Saturday, when, their registered letters being refused delivery on this account, they complied with this formality, having been previously ignorant of its necessity; their letters were stopped for half a day, and since then no interruption has occurred. They denied having been engaged in a similar business in any portion of the United States, and repudiated connection with, or knowledge of, any firm of the same name in Buffalo; they gave in addition several references to city merchants, from whom they purchased.

Several of these merchants when called upon stated that they knew nothing unfavourably of the firm, which had been making purchases for about a year, invariably paying cash. One merchant mentioned that the buyer when he came to him, in the first instance, explained that they had been doing a similar business in New York, but owing to the panic and the depression of trade, they had concluded to open a central establishment in this city. He did not think that people purchased goods from them cheaper than elsewhere, but the manner in which sales were effected was attractive and "took."

The firm opened in Feb. last in a small room in the *Institut Canadien*, where they were visited, on receipt of a letter of inquiry from a priest at Cape Breton, who expressed doubts regarding their true character, by a detective; it is said that they then had no goods in stock. They afterwards removed to No. 14 Bonsecours street, and from thence to their present position. A gentleman gave the police a hint in their regard last week, when the premises were visited, but no steps were taken. The firm state that they deliver goods from six specified dates in each year; and that they have been delivering since April 22nd.

Allusion was made yesterday to this firm, owing to enquiries which had been addressed us, in their regard, by numerous country subscribers, and to the fact, that by the stoppage of the letters, the matter became public property. Similar enquiries were also sent to the postal authorities.

How the Teachers Voted.

The following figures in reference to the recent ballot for the Teachers' representative in the Council of Public Instruction will be interesting as showing the nature of the vote in the more important places of the Province. The first figures give the votes for Smith, the second those for Sangster:—

COUNTIES.—Brant—28, 9; Bruce—55, 27; Huron—66, 39; Middlesex—98, 42; Peel — 40, 16; Waterloo — 33, 49; Wellington — 60, 48; York—112, 18.

CITIES.—Hamilton—11, 3; London—27, 0; Toronto—43, 12.

TOWNS.—Berlin - 6, 2; Brampton —3, 1; Brantford—8, 8; Dundas — 5, 1; Galt—3, 7; Goderich—1, 6; Guelph—11, 0; Milton — 4, 0; Paris — 8, 0; Strathroy — 8, 0; Stratford — 3, 6; Walkerton—0, 2; Woodstock—12, 0.

The total number of votes polled was:—For Smith, 1,612; for Sangster, 1,335; Majority for Smith 277.

Treatment of Steerage Passengers on the Allan Line.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—In the *Globe* of August 18th is an article on Ocean Passage which contains, I have reason to believe, gross errors, if not falsehoods. Last summer I went to the old country and returned in the "Sarmatian," the ship referred to. I had no trouble in getting berths, and neither paid the steward for his service nor was neglected by him. On the contrary, when I drew his attention to a family whom I did not think sufficiently clean, he immediately had them removed to a separate apartment. Every day the doctor visited the passengers and ordered beef tea for those who required it. When we reported the negligence of the stewardess in reference to two men who were sick before coming on board they were both removed to the hospital, where they had the best of everything, and more delicacies than they knew what to do with. On the outward trip I arranged with a lady passenger that we would in turn pay the cook for the privilege of making our own coffee, and the whole amount thus paid was only $1 each. The conduct of the cook in this action was very commendable. On the return trip the passengers were more numerous, but there was an allowance every day of beef tea and gruel for all who needed it. The officials were very kind, and among the crew I noticed no symptoms of immorality or improper intimacy with the passengers. The only thing that caused me annoyance was our treatment while on the way from Londonderry to Glasgow, the steerage passengers being treated no better than dogs. But as for the good ship "Sarmatian," they treated us well, and I am glad to be able to pay this small tribute of praise to their good behaviour.

Yours, &c.,
A PASSENGER.
Orangeville, August 24th, '74.

THE Rev. C. C. Stewart, minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, died last week.

The Hazle Shooting Case.

EXAMINATION BEFORE THE POLICE MAGISTRATE.

Wednesday, Aug. 26.

John Hazle was brought before the Police Magistrate to-day on the charge of feloniously and unlawfully shooting at and wounding with intent, and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder Daniel Hurley and Mary Calver on the evening of the 15th of August.

Mr. Peterson, County Attorney, appeared for the Crown. The prisoner had no counsel. He pleaded not guilty.

Daniel Hurley was first examined, and stated in a circumstantial way that he was on that evening walking on the track on the W. G. & B. Railway in company with Mary Calver. Heard a noise behind him, looked back but saw no one. Walked on a little, then heard the noise closer, and saw it was a man. Stepped to one side to let him go past. He kept running till he came up to us, then stopped all of a sudden, and ran up to us close enough to see us, to see who we were. Then all in a moment he fired at me. Hurley described how he was struck. Heard 3 or 4 shots immediately after he was shot. He shot at Mary Calver immediately after he shot at me. I then turned and walked a little distance towards my house. After he fired the third shot I think Mary Calver fell, and I then thought I would go home and report the matter. Did so. Recognize the prisoner as the man who fired the shot at me. Prisoner was quite close to me, nearer than he is now to me (a few yards). Am satisfied prisoner is the man who fired at me.

Mary E. Calver, next sworn, gave the same evidence about walking up the track on the evening in question. She also described Hazle's approach. Saw the pistol he fired at Hurley in his hand. The man who fired is the prisoner. Had seen prisoner before but did not know him by name. After he fired at Hurley he fired at me, we turned to run, and as I was running he fired the third shot at me. Then he took hold of me, and was going to fire again when I told him I was Mr. Calver's daughter. He then said: "My God, what have I done, I will swing for this. Poor child, I would not have done it for worlds." He then raised me up on to the track and helped me to within a few yards of Hurley's gate. Left me there saying he would go for the Doctor. The prisoner is the man who fired the two last shots at me. When prisoner shoved me off the track he said "lie there and die."

Dr. Herod was examined with regard to the nature of the wounds inflicted by prisoner.

The prisoner, who had nothing to say, was then committed on both indictments to be tried at the next Assizes.

A Few Notes from a Farmer.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

DEAR SIR,—The letter in the MERCURY a short time ago from a Laborer, I suppose, was intended to send a thrill of horror through the carcasses of the farmers, and it seems it must have had some effect, as no one has attempted a defence. Well, there is a class of men among the farmers as among other employers who think they never get enough for their money; and there is also a class of men among the laborers who always think they do too much for their employers; and these parties are always grumbling. It strikes me that the writer of said letter is one of these. The farmer who uses his men right will always be able to get them, and the grumblers can go together and grumble away. Next thing,

I wish now, as I have often before, that you, Mr. MERCURY, would not pay so much attention to the Guelph *Herald*. It is a waste of time and space. I have often thought I would like to see the editor of that curious sheet. I sometimes wonder what kind of an animal he is. Has he long ears? or is he a "bloated aristocrat?" I heard one of his subscribers say one day that nobody cared what he said. He reminds me of a little dog my father had when I was a boy; he used to go out on moonlight nights and bark at the moon. A neighbor said, "Why, Brown, why don't you lick the pup out of his noisy tricks?" "Pshaw!" says my father, "it don't hurt the moon any, and it pleases the purp." Take the hint, Mr. MERCURY.

Next thing is the surveys in Nassagaweya. Some weeks ago, I saw in the MERCURY reference to a communication from "Observer," in respect to the surveys in Nassagaweya. I cannot understand what the writer has learnt by the old deeds he has seen. Does he find the lots of different shape, or what is it? As to the jog on the line between lots 21 and 22, does "Observer" not know that there are jogs on the cross lines below that as well as above, except the check line, which is the proof line for all lines above that, but not for the lines below? This check line was run by the original surveyors and supposed to be an air line through the whole township, and if "Observer" will look in the 22nd Vic., chap. 93, he will find that the surveyors must run all lines above this parallel to this one. As this township was surveyed with double fronted concessions, they must run from both ways, and meet in the centre, and if in the first survey there is the least inaccuracy in measurement—which is not very unlikely in surveying wild lands—then, of course, this will cause a jog in the centre of the concession. "Observer" will also find in the Act above referred to, sec. 32, that every surveyor when called upon to run a line must qualify himself to do it correctly, so that there is no need of any particular order from Government, as he asks, to keep these things straight. Will "Observer" please tell us were there any straight lines recently run in Nassagaweya?

Perhaps at some future time I may send you a few more notes.

BROWN'S SON.
Nassagaweya, Aug. 25, 1874.

POLICE COURT.

(*Before the Police Magistrate.*)

Aug. 26.

Philip Dondeno was charged by P. C. Turner with being drunk on Wyndham street. Fined $1 and costs.

MRS. ALLAN has left the Dalby House, Elora, for Palmerston. She is succeeded by Mr. Vickers, and he again by Mr. H. Graham from Galt, who takes possession of the Royal.

THE route of the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway has been surveyed one hundred and sixty miles from Ottawa.

The Governor General's Movements.

Aug. 24.

At Brantford the party were driven to Victoria Square, where an address was read, and from there to the Central School, where about 1,500 pupils were assembled, and an address was presented on their behalf. Leaving here, the Governor proceeded to the south of the town, and turned the first sod of the Brantford and Port Burwell Railway. The new Presbyterian Ladies' College was next visited and Lady Dufferin laid the inscription stone. At the Blind Asylum the Governor was presented with a sheet of music written or rather embossed by one of the pupils, who played a selection on a cabinet organ.

Aug. 25.

The Governor visited the village of the Six Nations, and was presented with an address at the old Mohawk Church. At Oskwekea, about 3,000 Indians were present, and a Chief made an address to His Excellency in Indian. It was translated by an interpreter and briefly replied to. After an address by another Chief the Governor made a lengthy address to the Indians. An address was also presented from the Six Nations Agricultural Society. A portrait of Brant, for Prince Arthur, was given in charge of His Excellency. After a genuine war dance a lunch was served, to which Hon. Oliver Mowat, as well as the Vice-Regal party, sat down. Bow Park was visited at half-past three, and the party entertained by the Hon. George Brown. Returning to Brantford at nine o'clock, their Excellencies held a reception, at which many were presented.

Fergus Correspondence.

Mr. Alexander Brockie, Nichol, in returning from a funeral on Tuesday, 18th inst., was thrown out of his buggy and had his leg badly broken, but he is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Wm. Hamilton, carpenter, of this place, fell last week, breaking his leg. This is the second time the same accident has happened in one year.

In the list of prizes published last week in connection with the Butter Market, the name of Miss Beattie, Nichol, should read Miss Brockie.

The Y. M. C. A. of this place are having printed for distribution 500 tracts, giving notes from an address given to the young men of Edinburgh by Mr. D. L. Moody, of Chicago. The Association are also commencing a weekly Bible Class in their rooms every Tuesday evening.

The Rev. Dr. Fowler, of the W. M. Church, has left this place and gone to Ingersoll. The departure is regretted by the public, and the best wishes of the community go with him. His successor, Mr. McLean, preached his first sermon last Sunday.

Much regret is felt that the Governor-General on his visit to Guelph did not take a short run up the W., G. and B. Railway, or that the railway company did not organize a cheap excursion to Guelph.

The rejection of Dr. Sangster and the election of Goldwin Smith to the Council of Public Instruction, is greeted here with much satisfaction.

The grass is now reviving under the fine showers of last Friday.

The farmers are now in the midst of the harvest, and should the present favorable weather continue it will be over in about ten days.

The fires in this section caused considerable damage in the burning of barns, fences, and even crops in some places; but through the late rains they are nearly extinguished.

Palmerston Correspondance.

The bush fires continued to be dangerous during Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and farmers had to turn out from their harvest fields to fight the fire, no other buildings were destroyed in this vicinity besides those mentioned last week, but some were in great danger until Thursday morning, when a slight shower fell, which for the time prevented the spread of the flames. Several showers also fell on Friday, which nearly extinguished the fire, but it still smoulders in many places, and it will only be a short time until it again breaks out unless there is more rain.

In reference to the destruction, Mr. McKee had $200 of insurance on his barn and $130 on contents. Mr. Hayes had no insurance, and his loss is very heavy, comprising all his hay and part of his grain, also a large quantity of valuable pine timber.

On Thursday a log barn belonging to R. Mitchell, on the 6th concession of Wallace, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. A. Tremain was thrown from his wagon on Sunday week and sustained considerable injury, but he is again able to attend to his duties.

Messrs. Gamble and McBain are putting up a grist mill, 40 x 46, four stories high, with four run of stones and all requisite flouring appliances.

A SIGN OF PROSPERITY.—The Guelph Division Sons of Temperance, although of comparatively recent organization, are ceaning for themselves a good fame. Already many influential men have enrolled their names, and the Division is prospering. The modesty of the Sons will not allow them longer to remain in their former obscurity, and they have placed a sign over their rooms in Wyndham street, over the Y. M. C. A. It is a neat piece of work, and is tastefully painted in red, white and blue, the motto being emblazoned in a triangle placed above the board which contains the name of the Order.

THE CENTRAL PRISON.—There are now 225 prisoners in the Central Prison, only two of whom are sick in the hospital. The officials of the Car Company express the greatest satisfaction at the way the prisoners work. It is probable that in a short time a rule will come into force by which a prisoner's term may be shortened according to his good conduct. Should an inmate prove worthy of trust, he is rewarded by the authorities with being put to some position less irksome than the employment of the others. One is even allowed to attend the outer gate of the institution, and admit and pass out visitors, although when doing so he is some hundreds of yards from the building or from any of the wardens. Another acts as valet, and, although he is unattended and the doors of the prison wide open, inviting him to escape beyond its precincts, perfect confidence is placed in him. In these two instances the men's time in gaol has nearly expired; and, as they have personal effects of some value in charge of the officials, it would not be worth their while to escape.