

LAST YEAR.

The following from the *Sarnia Observer* is suggestive: We beg the reader's attention to a few "suppositions" which we take the liberty of propounding, apropos of the present time, as compared with three or four months, say from June to September, last year. Suppose it had been known, then, that Mr. Howland was to be made Lieutenant-Governor, that he then had the promise of the same in his pocket—as the reward of his sticking to the Coalition, after it should have ended? And that the Northern route for the Intercolonial Railway, the longest, the least useful, and the most expensive by all odds, was to be chosen. Also that John A. was going to frame an Act of such a nature that the only Intercolonial Railway Commissioner in the House would not be required to ask the approval by his constituents of his acceptance? Further, that Mr. Brydges was to be appointed Railway Commissioner, so that the Grand Trunk and the Government may the better work together—for the country's benefit, of course! We ask, suppose all this had been known in June last year, and at election time, how would candidates have pledged themselves, and how would their constituents have voted!

The Destitution at Red River.

The Chairman of the Red River relief fund at St. Paul, having noticed a paragraph in a Detroit paper to the effect that a sufficient amount had been collected to meet the demands for aid in the Settlement, gives an emphatic contradiction to the statement, and shows that the contributions already made will fall far short of the necessities of the suffering settlers. "Such statements," he says, "are doing incalculable injury at a critical time, for unfortunately they are not true. Nothing has yet been accomplished at all comparable to the necessities of the occasion. To feed five thousand people for seven or eight months, and to bestow occasional aid on as many more, to prevent actual starvation. The means in the hands of the Committee will probably enable them to deliver at Fort Abercrombie 50 tons, or 100,000 pounds of wheat and flour, just 10 pounds for each of the 10,000 destitute settlers! What amounts have been given in the Dominion of Canada cannot be stated, but it may be safely assumed that they are comparatively small, and may not be made available in time. Nothing has transpired to induce a belief that the statements contained in the appeal of the committee were at all exaggerated or overstated.—Meanwhile precious time is passing, and in a few weeks an impassable, uninhabited prairie, 300 miles in extent, will be interposed between the destitute people and the nearest point in our own State, to which supplies can be despatched—impassable for loaded vehicles, on account of the deep snows, and the absence of anything in the shape of food for draught animals."

T. C. STREET, NOT TO BE A MINISTER.—The *Thorold True Patriot*, referring to the rumor that T. C. Street Esq., had been invited to accept a seat in the Dominion Cabinet, says: "Those who started the rumor know nothing of the state of public opinion in the county of Welland, neither are they doing justice to Mr. Street's intelligence as a gentleman of prudence and forethought. They don't know the state of public opinion in this County with regard to the present Coalition humbug as well as Mr. Street does. We beg to inform our credulous contemporaries that Mr. Street is no fool!—that he knows better than to risk a contest in Welland County, and that he will hang on till the last day, in the afternoon, of his parliamentary privilege; and this we know for a fact."

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.—The United States has been the first power to recognize the Spanish Provisional Government. The following is the substance of what was said on both sides at the interview between the American Minister and the Duke de la Torre. Mr. Hall, addressing the Duke in the name of the United States, congratulated the Provisional Junta and the people of Spain on a success so marked in a revolution of such grand proportions.—He was happy to return the greeting which Spain gave to the United States on their entrance into the family of free and sovereign peoples. The relations between Spain and the United States had always been friendly. Under the present circumstances all his efforts would be exerted to augment the friendship between both peoples. The Duke de la Torre, in the course of his reply, said that amid the ruins of the old rule, a structure would be formed which he believed would merit the approval and sympathy of the United States. Spain now desired and needed the support of all free nations, and that of the American government was highly esteemed.

UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.—The four States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska, to-day elect local State Officers, Members of Congress, and local Legislatures. As this is the year of the Presidential election, intense interest is felt in the October State elections. It is felt that the result of these preliminary struggles will indicate pretty surely the result of the grand contest three weeks hence. The Republicans have hitherto carried all before them, and if the above States show Republican majorities, Grant and Colfax's election may be regarded as certain beyond a doubt.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present: H. W. Peterson, Esq., in the chair, Messrs. Pirie, Newton, Knowles, Harvey, Watson, Herod, McNeil, Fraser, Innes, and Rev. Mr. Ball. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Hart tendering his resignation as teacher of the West Ward School. On motion of Mr. Newton, Mr. Hart's resignation was accepted, to take effect on the appointment of his successor, and the Secretary was instructed to advertise for a teacher to fill his place, applications to be sent in on or before the next meeting of the Board.

The chairman informed the Board that owing to the Government portion of the Grammar School money only coming twice a year, there were not sufficient funds at present in the hands of the Treasurer to pay the salaries for the year. The Board would require to take some steps to raise the money. Moved by Dr. Herod, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the chairman of the Finance Committee is authorized to procure such bank accommodation for the Grammar School Treasurer as may from time to time be necessary to meet the proper orders of the Chairman of the Board for Grammar School salaries whenever the Treasurer reports the same as necessary, and that the chairman is authorized in attestation to affix the seal of the Board to any draft or bill of the chairman of the Finance Committee given for such accommodation.—Carried. The Board then adjourned.

Division of Garafraxa.

To the Freeholders and Householdors of Garafraxa:

Neighbours:—You will excuse a greenhorn, in public matters, writing a letter to you, but it appears to me you are somewhat asleep and require waking up. When our assessor went round last spring, in addition to performing his duties, at the instigation of a few individuals he carried round for signature a petition for dividing our township into two. Now, neighbours, I don't care a straw if they divide old "Garry" into six townships if by so doing they will make us all any better off, but before any one undertakes to make a change in a community he should at least show that the contemplated change will benefit not three or four individuals, but the greater part of it.

It appears to me that if this division is made we shall have nearly twice as many public officers and a corresponding increase of salaries. Shall we have a proportionate amount of benefit? Will not our public business be removed to the neighbourhood of Fergus and Orangeville instead of being transacted near the centre of the township, where every one has a pretty equal chance of being able to drop in upon the "palaver" of our councillors, and will not the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the two divisions learn to play second fiddle to the officers of Fergus and Orangeville instead of acting for our immediate benefit? Fergus and Orangeville possess in their own limits resources of wealth, and do not our own interests demand that as far as practicable we should have about our centre accommodating taverns, good stores and workshops, and shall we do more than justice if we insist that our public business be transacted in those places, if only for some little encouragement to those whose neighbours we are? Don't you think, neighbours, our assessor would be doing the fair thing, and nothing more, if he were to carry round for signature a petition against the proposed change?

I remain, Yours, &c., A FREEHOLDER, Garafraxa, Oct. 13, 1868.

LACROSSE MATCH.—The lacrosse match which took place at Elora, on Monday between the Club of that place and the Speed Club of Guelph, was more than ordinarily spirited. The attendance of spectators was large, the day favourable, but the ground was rather rough, and the play rather rough in consequence. There was one strong inciting cause to a determined contest. Both Clubs had beaten Bell's Indians but a short time ago, and they thus met on a sort of equality, as men, who, having beaten each, and in turn a common opponent, prepared to "play off." There appears to have been but little delicacy in the handling of the clubs, for there is scarcely one of the victors that does not show bruises or abrasions, and we have reason to believe that it was fully as bad on the other side. But the players all preserved their equanimity of temper, and bore their wounds like heroes. The disposition of the Speed Club was as follows: J. Spalding, Capt. Wm. Roper, Field Capt. J. Hewer, goalkeeper, John Scott, point, P. Kribs, cover point, D. McCrae, home, with J. R. Hewer, W. Hewer, A. Armstrong, W. Grierson, Jas. Kribs, Wm. McCrae, and G. Firstone in the field. We have not been able to ascertain the names of the Elora players. The match began shortly before 2 p. m. and the Elora Club took the first game in one hour, and twenty-one minutes, eleven minutes intermission having been taken, Mr. McKenzie putting the ball through. The second, third and fourth games were won by the Speed Club, in fifteen and fifteen minutes, and one hour respectively, Mr. D. McCrae putting the ball through each time. The umpires were: Messrs. J. Anderson and A. McBride for Guelph; and Dr. Middleton and Mr. Cullen for Elora. Mr. John Tait was referee. The Elora men treated their opponents well, giving them lunch before the match commenced, and an excellent dinner at Biggar's hotel after it was concluded. There will be a return match in about a week.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The Rev. W. Brookman, agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, will pay his annual visit to the Rockwood and Everton Branch Society, and deliver a lecture in the Disciples' Church, Everton, on the evening of Friday, Oct. 30th, beginning at half past seven p. m.

It is reported that Mr. Johnson, the American Minister at the Court of St. James, has negotiated a naturalization treaty with Lord Stanley, similar to that which Mr. Bancroft has arranged with the North German government, and that it is now ready for the signatures of the high contracting parties. If this has been done, one fertile cause of differences between England and the United States will have been efficiently removed.

MASONIC.—The brethren of 'Speed Lodge' assemble in the Masonic Hall this (Tuesday) evening.

Victor Emanuel, it is said, is willing to abdicate his throne in favor of his son, and spend the rest of his days in hunting. A correspondent of the *Chatham Planer* says that operations at the silver mine near Oil Springs progressed very slowly up to the 5th inst. The prospects are very encouraging. Last week's operations opened out some good veins.

New Advertisements.

GET YOUR BILLS FOR THE MARKET AT THE MERCURY PRINTING HOUSE.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST, AND WANT THEM IN A HURRY—AND CHEAP—get your BILLS, HEADS, BUSINESS CARDS, COUNTERS, ALL HEADS, POSTERS AND BLANKS, OF ALL KINDS, AT THE EVENING MERCURY OFFICE, Macdonnell-St., Guelph.

Auction-Sale of Wild Lands IN BENTICK TOWNSHIP, BEING composed of Lots 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, 15th Con., containing 245 acres of first-class land, well timbered with beech, maple and elm. It is well watered by a spring creek; is situated within 3 miles of the gravel road, and is a first-class property. Will be offered for sale at the Market House, Guelph, by Mr. W. S. G. Knowles & Son, Auctioneers, on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4th, 1868, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon.

TERMS.—One-fifth cash, the balance in four equal annual instalments, with interest at 6 per cent. Deeds given and Mortgage taken for balance of purchase money. Parties desirous of purchasing have time to examine the lots previous to sale. Guelph, Oct. 13, with Weekly Advertiser, Mount Forest Examiner, and Durham Chronicle copy till day of sale and send acknowledgment to this office.

ESTRAY HEIFER. CAME on the premises of the subscriber, Lot 29, 31 Con., Nassagaweya, about the beginning of September, a heifer two years old, medium sized, roan colour, there being most red. The owner can have her, by proving property and paying expenses. WILLIAM REID, Nassagaweya, Oct. 12. d1w2

TO CONTRACTORS TENDERS will be received up to MONDAY the 19th instant, for the erection of a Stone Stable on Macdonnell Street. Also for certain alterations required and the fitting up of the upper story of the Castle Garden Saloon. Particulars at my office. Guelph, Oct. 12. FRED. J. CHADWICK. d1w2

CARD. To Friends & Strangers. AFTER an experience of over four years in selling the New York Union Piano Company's Pianos, (made under the direction of J. P. Hale at the corner of 10th Avenue and 30th Street, New York) and with the sanction of some of the other leading manufacturers, we have decided to drop all others and confine our sales to the

Union Pianos! Being fully satisfied, after having sold over 800 of these splendid instruments in New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis, that they are the best toned and most durable Pianos now made. They have given us and our agents less trouble than any Pianos we have ever dealt in, and we would invite both dealers and customers to try them in preference to any other now made. THEY ARE SUPERIOR INSTRUMENTS.

PHILIP PHILLIPS & CO., Music Dealers, New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis. About 5,000 of the above Pianos are now in use throughout the world. Sample constantly on hand at the subscriber's Music Store, opposite the Market, Guelph, at 22 per cent. less than other good imported instruments. Also, the best Melodions and Cabinet Organs. W. WARNER CLARK, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, Oct. 13. daw 1f

SPEED LODGE No. 180. THE regular monthly meeting of Speed Lodge, No. 180, will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, sharp, A full attendance, at half-past seven o'clock, Guelph, 12th October. JOHN CHIDFORD, Secretary. d2

THE NEW AND POPULAR GAME OF BEZIQUE. A full supply AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, 12th October. daw

The Wellington Packing House THE subscriber is prepared to pay the highest market price for good FAT HOGS (dead or alive) for packing. Also, cash paid for any amount of good BUTTER. J. T. BRILL. Guelph, 1st October. d1w2

Anglo-American Hotel FOR SALE. THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London. It is 130 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high and of cut stone; 12 and 11 feet between ceilings; cellar full size of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone kitchen 24 x 24, with a cistern that holds over 1000 barrels of water. It is situated in the best business part of the Town, and indirectly opposite the proposed site of the new Union Passenger Station of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. It is the only first-class building in town that is capable of doing a first-class business. The hall runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and neat in the house dark.—The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stone stable capable of affording accommodation for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to the back street.

A Capital Farm. Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of its size in this county. Three barns and feeding stable and log house are on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs that never fail. The fences are of board and new. The farm is laid out in ten acre fields. All the farm implements are new, and will be sold if desired at valuation. Guelph July 18, 1867. DENIS BUNYAN. d1w2

FIRST-CLASS LIVERY STABLE. Also, there is in connection with the hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario, of fifteen horses, doing the only first-class business in town, and indisputably surpassing all others. As the proprietor is retiring from business he offers to the public a property, the advantages of which are seldom enjoyed by one man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve within three months, either the business separately, or the whole property as may be agreed upon to suit the purchaser. Trans.—For the hotel property, half cash down will be required, the remainder to be paid in six yearly instalments, or ten per cent. allowed off the second half, if paid at time of sale. Guelph, Aug. 27. JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor. daw 1f

Notice to Debtors.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned, either by note or book account are hereby notified that unless the same be settled before the 1st day of November, they shall be put into Court for collection. As the subscriber intends to pay all his debts before leaving the country, he hopes others will do likewise to him. JAMES O'NEIL. Guelph, Oct. 9, 1868. d3 w2

Apprentice Wanted.

WANTED at this office, a stout, active, intelligent lad, about 16 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the Printing business. Apply at once at THE MERCURY OFFICE, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. Guelph, Oct. 12th. d1w1

TAKE NOTICE.

ALL overdue accounts must be settled by the 1st November, otherwise they will be put in suit for collection. ROBERT RUTHERFORD. Guelph, October 7th. d1w1

WANTED.

A YOUNG, active Man, capable of doing all kinds of farm work, who can manage horses and oxen, and can do butcher work. City and willingness indispensable. Apply at the Mercury Office, Guelph, October 10. d1w2

Singing and Pianoforte.

MISS L. RHEMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road. Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. do 1f

DANCING CLASSES.

THE MISSES RHEMMIE beg to announce that in addition to the other branches of education, they are prepared to open classes for Dancing on THURSDAY, 1st October, at their establishment, Waterloo Road. Afternoon class at 3 o'clock. Evening class at 7. Guelph, Sept. 30th, 1868. do 1f

2 Blacksmiths Wanted.

TWO Blacksmiths wanted to work on Cutters, Sleighs, Horseshoeing, or general Jobbing. Steady employment and good wages will be given. Apply at SWAN'S CARRIAGE WORKS, Mount Forest. October 9. do w1

Housekeeper Wanted.

WANTED, a Housekeeper who has had some experience in a family. A middle aged person preferred. References required. Apply to the Mercury Office, Guelph. Guelph, 30th Sept. d1w1

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins and Wool Pickings. At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street, Guelph, July 28. dw D. MOLTON.

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COUGH NO MORE! But try a bottle of HARVEY'S RASPBERRY COUGH SYRUP!

WHY suffer with a teasing Cough when relief can be had after taking a single dose of this Remedy. From its first introduction to the public, great numbers have given their testimony as to its curative properties. One bottle will be found sufficient to convince the most scrupulous.

PREPARED AND SOLD BY E. HARVEY, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 11th September. daw

LUMBER & WOOD YARD.

CHARLES HEATH HAS opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on Quebec-St. West of English Church, Guelph, where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to suit purchasers. JOHN HOGG, Secretary. Guelph, October 9th, 1868. dw

CORDWOOD

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.

FLOUR & FEED

Also for sale, Flour and Feed, delivered in any part of the Town according to order. All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to. CHARLES HEATH daw 1f

OYSTERS

Platt & Co's BALTIMORE OYSTERS, WHOLESALE & RETAIL. Geo. Wilkinson Guelph, October 5. dw

How to Cool Off.

Gentlemen, come to the DOMINION SALOON If you like a FANCY DRINK of any kind, got up in first-class style. Pilsener's celebrated Plain Soda and Gingerale received daily from Hamilton. DENIS BUNYAN. Guelph July 18, 1867. d1w2

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TO 55 CENTS. FLOUR, \$2.75 POTATOES, 1.00 AT WEBSTER'S Market Square, Guelph, Oct. 15th. daw

New Advertisements.

WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block. JOHN A. McMILLAN has received the first instalment of an immense stock of LADIES', GENTS', MISSES' and CHILDRENS Rubber Overshoes and Boots—the very best article produced, and the most beautiful styles, which he will sell at Montreal Wholesale Prices. Call and see the CHEAPEST Goods ever offered in the Town of Guelph. Remember, the Cheapest and Best Boots and Shoes in the County of Wellington, all home manufactured, are to be got at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor. Guelph, 10 Oct. dw Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st, Guelph.

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ARE SELLING THE UNMENTIONED GOODS VERY CHEAP. SUGAR AND RAISINS—11 lbs. Beautiful Bright Sugar, \$1. 10 lbs. New Valencia Raisins, \$1. TEAS—Fine flavored Young Hyson, 60c per lb. Best Japan Tea, 65 cents per lb. Very Fine Black, 60 cents per lb. TOBACCOS—Good Plug Chewing, 20c per lb. Bright Leaf Smoking, 30c per lb. American Fine Cut Chewing, 80c. PICKLES—One Dozen Bottles of Pickles, \$2. Lobsters, Sardines, Sauces and Spices, very Cheap at E. O'DONNELL & CO'S. Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 10th. dw

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GREAT EXCITEMENT for those Handsome Winceys and Cobourgs, at 12 Cents per yard.

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And be convinced of the great fact that a saving of 15 per cent is to be made by calling on me at the Golden Lion, Guelph.

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JOHN HOGG. Guelph, October 9th, 1868. dw

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