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PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPER in the DOMINION, containing 40 columns of reading matter. Special care is devoted to the WEEKLY MERCURY, and care is taken that none but the best and most select reading appears in its columns. It is the **GOVT FAMILY PAPER** of Ontario, and the unprecedented additions to its subscriptions list within the last two years, and the demand still increasing, is a certain guarantee that our assertion is correct. Our facilities now for getting up a First-Class WEEKLY are unrivalled by even the metropolitan press, and are determined not to relax our energies.

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Business men will find THE EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY to be unrivalled advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are in advance of any others in North Western Canada, and is the only means by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser.

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Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.

McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.

Office: Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.

October 29, 1867. daw-1f.

Christmas Presents.

To the Inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding Country.

FOR a very large assortment of the cheapest and best

FANCY GOODS

And Christmas Presents call

At SHEWAN'S Bookstore

Next door to Hugh Walker's Grocery Store.

M. S. has imported some of the most choice articles of the above direct from England, Germany and France. Call and see.

W. W. FAIR selling at a sacrifice. Must make room for the Spring Stock. Call and look at the endless variety. The trade supplied on the most liberal terms.

Guelph, 4th Dec, 1867.

FURS,

FURS, FURS.

WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

Extra Dark Mink.

Royal Ermine,

Siberian Squirrel,

River Mink,

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

F. GARLAND,

Market Square, GUELPH.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. 881 w732

AUCTION SALE

OF LAND IN ERIN.

FOR sale that farm, being composed of part of Lot number 24, in the 9th Concession by Erin, containing by dimensions 29 acres, of the same more or less, being the south corner, butting on the 8th Line; also, 12 acres of the east corner of Lot 24, in the 5th Concession of Erin, all of which will be sold by public auction, on

Thursday, 2nd January, 1868,

at 3 o'clock p. m., in Hillsburg, opposite Samuel Lesson's hotel. Title indisputable. Terms cash. Hillsburg, 4th Dec, 1867. w4

Four Corners' Hotel,

ERAMOSA ROAD.

JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of situation for travellers. First-class of quarters, good stone stabling and attentive hostler.

MUTUAL

Fire Insurance Comp'y

TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Township of Guelph will be held at Hyatt's Hotel, Market, On Saturday, 4th January, 1868

at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of office-bearers and the business of the year.

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.—Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling Agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample or work, or terms, address—

J. E. SPAFFORD, P. O. Box 450, Toronto. Reference—Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O., or Box 450, Toronto.

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw-1f

REMOVAL.

Military Tailor

J. JONES,

Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment,

DESGS in forms his customers and the public that he has removed from Nottingham st. to Upper Wyndham st., next door to Hewitt's Furniture Store, where he will be happy to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilian's Clothing,

in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

Guelph, 24th Nov, 1867. d3w

CORDWOOD for SALE

IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at

BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood yard.

ALEX. BROWN, Guelph, 25th November, 1867. d6m

Private Boarding.

EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable board, can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to

W. M. DYMOS, Sr., Waterloo-st. Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867. dw

Liverpool & London & Globe

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital Surplus & Reserved Funds

\$16,271,675.

DIRECTORS IN CANADA:

T. B. ANDERSON, Esq., Chairman, (President Bank of Montreal.)

HENRY STARNES, Esq., Deputy Chairman, (Manager Ontario Bank.)

E. H. KING, Esq., (General Manager Bank of Montreal.)

HENRY CHAPMAN, Esq., Merchant.

THOMAS CRAMP, Esq., Merchant.

G. F. C. SMITH, Esq., Resident Secretary.

F. A. BALE, Hamilton, Ont., Inspectors.

JAMES SPIER, Montreal.

Fire Insurance & Life Assurance

Policies issued at moderate rates.

This Company offers to insure the security of Wealth, Property, increasing Revenue and Liberal Management.

G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Sec., Montreal.

THOS. W. SAUNDERS, Agent, Guelph, w719-186

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DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON,

Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

(Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.)

OFFICE:

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store

REFERENCES.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattullo, M.M.C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton; Dr. Barnhart, Warden of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

The new anaesthetic agents used for extracting teeth without pain.

R. TROTTER, W. K. GRAHAM, Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-1y)

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also Straw for beds

TERMS CASH.

JOHN WEST, Guelph, July 22. daw-1f

New Livery Stable.

HORSES FOR HIRE.

PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.

HUGH STRAHAN.

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,

SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,

CONVEYANCERS, & C.

R. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11.

Local News.

THE RIFLE MATCH.

—We stated that a bride was given by Mr. F. W. Galbraith as a prize at the late Rifle Match. It should have been credited to Galbraith & Beattie.

HILLSBURG GRIST MILL.

—This mill, recently erected by Messrs How Bros., is now in full operation, and gristing and chopping are done daily. A first class miller has been engaged, so that customers may rely on getting satisfaction. The mill will be a great convenience to farmers in that section, and we hope the proprietors will meet with all the support their enterprise deserves.

MORRISTON CURLING CLUB.

—A meeting of this Club was held in Tyrrell's Hotel a few evenings ago, when the following office-bearers were elected for the year: John How, President; D. McFarlane, Secretary; and John How and Wm. Ross, Skips. The Club now numbers over 20 members, and a glorious time is anticipated by them this winter at the "roaring game."

Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

ST. ANDREW'S HOTEL, FERGUS.

—Mr John Gerrie takes possession of the St. Andrew's Hotel this month, where he will carry on the business formerly conducted by Mr John Davis. Mr Gerrie, when in Fergus before, was very popular, and we have no doubt that in his new premises he will receive a large share of patronage from the travelling public, who will find in him an attentive and obliging host.

SOIREE IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.

—The second annual Soiree in connection with the school in Section 44, will be held in the School-house, on Friday evening, the 20th inst., when in addition to the refreshments, there will be short addresses, recitations, singing, &c. A very pleasant time is anticipated, and as the proceeds are to be applied to augmenting the School Library, we hope there will be a large attendance.

BATTALION BAND.

—We had the pleasure of hearing this Band the other night and were agreeably surprised to find that they had made such progress under their talented and indefatigable teacher, Mr Vale. Their uniform, which is now being made by Mr Jones, tailor to the Battalion, will soon be ready, when we hope to see the Band make a public appearance, and give our citizens a taste of their musical abilities. We feel sure when they hear them they will be as much surprised and delighted as we were.

PUSLINCH PLAINS SOIREE.

—The fruit Soiree which we noticed two weeks ago, came off at the Plains on Thursday night last, and was well attended. Mr McLellan, teacher in the section, occupied the chair, and excellent and interesting addresses were given by Rev. Messrs Hogg and Howie, of Guelph, Campbell of Rockwood, and Mr McLean, teacher, Puslinch. We are glad to hear that the large sum of \$31.85 was realized, which sum is to be applied in aid of the school library.

BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

—We would call attention to the advertisement of this machine in another column. Having inspected it, we can with confidence say that it is the easiest worked, the simplest and best machine we have yet seen. It is substantially made, is not apt to get out of order, and can sew both fine and coarse work equally well. Mr Bechtel, the agent, has sold a large number of them in the County of Waterloo, where they are preferred to all others, Canadian or American. He is about to canvass this county, and we are satisfied that parties who want a machine, when they see and examine the Barclay, will buy one.

PAY UP YOUR TAXES.

—The electors in town and township will bear in mind that under the new Act, they have no right to vote at the approaching election unless they have paid their taxes by the 10th inst. It is very true that this regulation will be very difficult to enforce, since there is no reference to taxes in the only oath which Returning Officers are permitted to put to electors when they present themselves. But, on a scrutiny, there is no doubt that the votes of those who had not paid would be struck off.—It is clearly the duty of all good citizens to carry out the plain intention of the law

The 'Weekly Mercury,'

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1867.

40 COLUMNS.

The Weekly Mercury will be issued to-morrow (Thursday) morning in time for the English mail, which closes at 9.30 a. m. The number will be a splendid one for transmission to Britain. The Weekly Mercury is the best repository of news (exclusive of the metropolitan weeklies) in Canada. In it will be found a compendium of the Parliamentary debates, all interesting local intelligence, a comprehensive miscellany, and editorials on the most important public questions, besides a continuation of the beautiful tale "Narah Chahaleen," which is now fast drawing to a close. Copies may be had at the bookstores in town, or at the office of publication, Macdonnell street.

BURNED TO DEATH.

—An old woman named Mrs. Crosby, a resident of the Scotch Block, was burned to death in her own house, on Tuesday night last. She had gone to bed at an early hour, but for some cause had got up again and approached close to the fireplace. It appears that she was subject to fits, and it is probable that while she stood or sat by the fire she had been seized by one of these, and her clothes coming in contact with the flames, ignited and burnt her to death. The barking of a dog in the house attracted the attention of the old woman's daughter-in-law who lives not far distant. When she entered, the uncertain light cast by the fire led her to believe that a log had rolled out of the fireplace, but when she went close to it with the intention of replacing it she found that she had mistaken a log for the dead body of her mother-in-law. Life was wholly extinct, and the remains in many places fearfully blackened and charred.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

—The London Free Press records the following fearful accident. On Saturday evening last, at about half-past seven o'clock, a frightful occurrence transpired at Tecumseth Station, on the line of the railway, eight miles from Windsor. The Night Mail Train, leaving Windsor at 7.20, when near that place, ran into a wagon which was occupied by a farmer, his wife, and their son aged about ten years, smashed the wagon to atoms, and killed all three persons. One of the horses was also killed. We are informed that at that particular crossing a person is always stationed to watch the trains as they approach, and warn back any teams that might be coming. At this time he seems to have been off the way, perhaps keeping indoors, owing to the coldness of the night. The farmer and family were so muffled up that they could not have heard the sound of the whistle, and thus received no warning until by one crash they were hurled to atoms. The woman was horribly mutilated and totally unrecognizable by any one; and her husband was completely beheaded, the head being hurled several yards distant from the body, which was shattered and broken in many places. The boy received such injuries that he expired in a short time after the accident.

Holiday Advertisements.

—We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our business men to the additional publicity we are enabled to offer for Holiday Advertisements through a large increase in the circulation of the EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY. Within the last five months over One Thousand new subscribers have been added to our previously large list. We distribute through the Guelph Postoffice (as may be learned on application to the officials there), more papers than all the other journals in the town combined, and vast additions are being made weekly. We can present to the advertising public no stronger claim upon their patronage than the great advantages offered by such a large circulation.

CHURCH OPENING IN ERIN.

—The new church, in connection with the Church of Erin, will be opened in the village of Erin, on Sunday the 22nd inst. The services will commence at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 2.30 p. m. The Rev. J. H. McCollum, and the Rev. Johnston Vicars will conduct them.

CHOLERA.

—The ship Lord Brougham left Hamburg with a crew and passenger list showing three hundred and eighty-three passengers, all in the steerage. When but two days at sea symptoms of the cholera became manifest among the passengers, and from that time until within eight days of the arrival of the vessel at this port, the disease raged with terrible effect, carrying off no less than seventy-five persons, in some cases entire families and prostrating a score or more who still lie in a precarious condition. The captain of the vessel, Mr. Jorjensen reports that the weather during the voyage, and especially during the early part, was remarkably fine and warm, and this, no doubt accelerated the spread of the disease. The ship sailed without a physician, so that when the infection became known the efforts made to check its progress were crude and ineffective, and the mortality increased from day to day until the weather became colder. The ship arrived out from New York on Saturday last, with twenty passengers still sick. She was ordered to the lower Quarantine.

COLLISION ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

—A collision took place on Saturday, on the Grand Trunk Railway, between two freight trains, near Stratford. There was no person injured, and the damage

Quarter Sessions and County Court.

COURT HOUSE, TUESDAY 11th.

This Court opened at 12 o'clock, noon to-day, his Honour, Judge Macdonald, presiding.

The following gentlemen were sworn in as a grand jury, David Stewart, foreman; Robert Bousfield, John Bohn, Jas. Cowie, David Hunter, David Johnston, Jacob Kenzie, Isaac Laight, Chas. Langdale, John Maitland, John McAree, Stephen Piper, John Smith, Robert Thomson.

His Honour then proceeded to address them. He said that there was but one person whose name appeared on the calendar, in custody. But the crime with which he was charged—arson, he having it was alleged set fire to a barn—was a very serious one. Offences of this kind are always committed with the greatest secrecy, and it becomes necessary that they should be judged by circumstances. In this case there would probably be no direct evidence—it is seldom that there is—but if the circumstances which would be brought under their notice pointed to any person in custody as being likely to have committed the deed it was their duty to return a true bill. A reasonable probability is all that is necessary. A second case was sheep stealing, the party charged being out on bail. The offence of stealing, his Honour proceeded to explain, is complete even if the articles have not been taken away. If they were, as in this instance, removed from one part of the premises to another with the evident intention of ultimately removing them altogether the theft is as complete as if they had been at once carried away. The third and last case on the calendar was one of obtaining goods under false pretences. Some person had obtained a watch by giving an order on some one else, which the latter refused to acknowledge. It would be the duty of the Grand Jury to ascertain if the individual who gave the order had reason to believe that the amount was really due to him, and if he entered this belief he was not guilty of the crime laid to his charge, but if he believed and knew different he was. After receiving some further instructions in regard to the details of their duties the Grand Jury retired.

The first case was *Wrestine vs. Heaver et al*; an undefended action on a promissory note made the defendant, William Heaver, and endorsed by two others. Verdict for the plaintiff, \$304.13. Mr. McManan for plaintiff.

CUNNING vs. MURPHY.—The defendant, tenant of one John Coffee, sold to the plaintiff standing grain and crops, &c., for \$300, on the representation that no rent was due. After the purchase money was paid the landlord distrained for rent in arrears, and the arrears of rent and costs amounting to \$169 were satisfied out of the property sold to the plaintiff. The plaintiff sues the defendant for damages for the breach of contract. Verdict for plaintiff \$169. Mr. Lemon for plaintiff.

NELSON vs. CASEY.—Action against a tavernkeeper in the West Ward of this town to recover the Statutory penalty for opening his bar and selling liquor during the late election of a member for the Legislature of Ontario. The plaintiff called one witness, who swore that himself and two others went into the house and bar on the 6th Sept. last, and had some whiskey given them by Mrs. Casey. On behalf of the defendant it was objected that no case had been made out, the action being brought under the Consolidated Statutes as to elections to the Legislature of Canada. The declaration in this case charges the defendant with an election being held for the Legislature of Ontario, a House not in existence at the time of the passing of the Act, and not applied to it by the Union Act. Furthermore, that the defendant having locked his bar-room door, and the liquor having been given by his wife, without his connivance, and at solicitation of the plaintiff, the defendant is not responsible—the statute contemplating his own neglect, of which he is not guilty in this case having taken every reasonable precaution. The Judge overruled the objections with leave to defendant to move on it in Term. Verdict for plaintiff \$200. Mr. Palmer for plaintiff; Mr. McCurry for defendant.

PALMER vs. DEAR et al.—This was an action to recover \$125, the amount of an attorney's bill of costs for defending an action. Several witnesses were called to show that the plaintiff did defend the case for the defendant. The defendant, Thompson, contended that the attorney was retained by the defendant Dean only, and not by him, who was only a surety, and that part of the costs had been incurred by the negligence of the attorney. Verdict for the plaintiff, \$125. Mr. Palmer, plaintiff in person; Mr. Lemon for defendant.

Garafaxa Township Council.

Council met on the 29th ult., pursuant to adjournment; present Wm H. Hunter, Deputy Reeve; Stephen Piper, Thomas Hamilton and Richard McLelland. Mr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. McLelland, that Edward Switzer and Wm J. Carson be refunded each the sum of one dollar, on account of mistake in assessment of dogs. Mr. Piper moved, seconded by Mr. McLelland, that John Brookmire be granted the sum of five dollars, and Wm Monsier the sum of four dollars, they being old and infirm and unable to support themselves and family. Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. McLelland, that By-law No. 96 be read a third time and passed. By-law No. 96:—Whereas it is expedient and necessary to appoint Polling places and Returning Officers for the year 1868; be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Garafaxa, held under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions' Act, of Upper Canada, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Peter Rennie is hereby appointed Returning Officer for the first electoral division, and that the polling for said division be held in the school house, section No. 9. That Wm Campbell is hereby appointed Returning Officer for the second electoral division, and that the polling for said division be held in the school house section No. 14. That Thos. Duffy is hereby appointed Returning Officer for the third electoral division, and that the polling for said division be held in the Corner Store, in the Village of Mara. Wm H. Hunter, Deputy Reeve. Wm. McCord, Clerk. Mr. Piper moved, seconded by Mr. McLelland, that Mr. McCord be paid the sum of eight dollars, for medical attendance on the late James Creith, and Dr. Lightbody the sum of two dollars for medical attendance on Anne Wilson. Mr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Piper, that the following claims be paid for sheep killed by dogs:—Isaac Stewart \$5, costs \$1.50; Gilbert Gillies \$3, costs \$1.50; Colin McKinnon \$4, costs \$1.50; John Tisdale \$3, costs \$1.50; Wm. Sproat \$5, costs \$1.50; Thomas Price \$5, costs \$1.50. Mr. McLelland moved, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the Clerk be paid the sum of ten dollars for his services in going to Guelph, and getting abstracts

ing to arrears of taxes now claimed by the Township Collector. The Council adjourned until Friday, the 27th day of December, then to meet at Mr. James McKeag's hotel.

WM. McCORMACK, Clerk.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Dec. 10, noon.—The rejection of impeachment by the United States House of Representatives excites much comment here. The Times praises the action of the House, and considers the result as opening a way for practical legislation—at the same time it fears the President will regard it as endorsing his policy, and concludes that all hopes of a sound reconstruction must be deferred.

London, Dec. 10.—It is inferred from the tenor of the speech made by M. Rouher in the Corps Legislatif, that the French Emperor has adopted a policy on the Roman question which coincides with the views and desires of the clerical party. This impression is strengthened by the tone of the French press since the Emperor was delivered. The liberal journals are greatly dissatisfied, while the clerical organs seemed pleased and jubilant.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Fenian sympathizers are making extensive preparations for a public funeral in Liverpool on Sunday next, in honour of Allen, Gould and Larkin, but Orangemen of this city threaten to break up the procession, and it is feared a serious riot may take place should the proposed demonstration be attempted.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The private treaties indemnifying the displaced Princes of Hanover and the other Provinces annexed by Prussia, were to-day approved by the Diet. Dreyse, the inventor of the needle gun, is dead.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Corn 40s; wheat 15s 2d for California white; 13s 6d for red western; barley 5s 3d; oats 3s 8d; peas 4s; beef 11s 6d; pork 70s; lard 48s 6d; cheese 5s; bacon 42s 6d; sugar 26s 6d; rosin, common, 7s 3d, and medium 11s; tallow 44s 3d.

American Despatches.

Wheeling, Dec. 10.—A locomotive on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad exploded near this city to-day, killing the conductor, engineer, and fatally injuring two others.

Havana, Dec. 10.—The steamers Barcelona and Cacique arrived at Santiago de Cuba yesterday. Advice from Porto Rico state that the earthquakes had not yet ceased. There were 114 shocks in eight days. Several buildings were destroyed since last accounts. At St. Thomas the people had given up all efforts to rebuild their habitations or resume business.

Intelligence from St. Domingo to 30th