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In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Leather Yard of THOMAS MCLEOD, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block,

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Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

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REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH

MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY



M. LEOD, WOOD & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East of the old stand.

EAST MARKET SQUARE

In that large three-story stone building known as the old Advertiser Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the retail public.

The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their work being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES

We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.

We wish especially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any man who can procure from Prince's, or any other establishment, to turn out work equal or less superior to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchasers that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and in the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have no facilities for turning out more perfect instruments than could be done in the old factory.

Repairing done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50.

All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

Remember the Stand—Old Advertiser's Office, East Market Square.

M. LEOD, R. B. WOOD, J. JACKSON.

Guelph 17th April.

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GUELPH, Ontario.

G. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.

Guelph, April 1, 1869.

Guelph Melodeon Co'y.

Dissolution of Co. Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JOHN RUDD, }
W. BELL, }
R. B. WOOD, }
ROBERT BELL, }
ROBERT MCLEOD. }

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square. Guelph 10th April, 1869. w3

BELL BROS'S

The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co. Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition, we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PHINCK'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.

Address, W. BELL & CO., Guelph, April 30, 1869. dav

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Guelph, 16th April. dw

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Coal Oil 35c. per gallon

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Single Gallon, - - 40 cents

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FOR THE

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Wholesale and Retail.

AT MRS. ROBINSON'S

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BILLIARDS

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted

New Style Tables

Exhibition Twice a Week

Evening Mercury.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 5, 1869.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

THE GUELPH WEEKLY MERCURY,

will be ready at the various bookstores in Town to-morrow (Thursday) morning, in time for the Express mail. Copies can also be had at the office of publication, Macdonnell street. Price, 5 cents.

NEARLY A FIRE.

On Monday the roof of Fraser's cabinet factory, near the Erasmus bridge, caught fire from a spark, supposed to have been emitted from the chimney. By the timely application of water, no damage was done to the building.

HEALTH AND HOME.

conducted by Ik Marvel and Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe—more than fulfills its opening promise. Its illustrations are capital, especially the fine fourth page cartoon; the names of the joint editors are a sufficient guarantee that the reading matter is fresh and wholesome.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.

This sterling monthly for April has the following articles: Doubles and Quits; John Kabie; Sir John Lawrence; Cornelius O'Dowd; The Outgoing and the Incoming President; On the Reorganization of the Armies of the Continental Powers; The Trinitarian; Mr. Gladstone's Bill. Published by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company 140 Fulton street, New York.

GRAVES' EXHIBITION.

Prof. Graves' exhibition of his trained horses last night was not so well patronized as the object for which it was got up deserved. This was no fault of Prof. Graves, who deserves the thanks of the poor for his unworldly liberality. The exhibition was a most interesting one, and gave great satisfaction. The proceeds, about \$18, were this morning handed to Mrs. Baker, Treasurer of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, to be given to the poor.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW.

We have received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York, the January number of this quarterly. Its contents are: The Struggles for Empire with the Maltratta; Richardson's Classics; On Criminal Procedure, especially in Cases of Murder; Mr. Bright's Speeches; Art and Morality; the Adulteration of Food and Drugs; Mr. Darwin's Theories; Contemporary Literature (containing reviews of many of the new books published).

MOHRISTON HORSE SHOW.

The annual horse show took place on Friday last at Mohrston. The judges were Messrs. James Moffat, B. Gregor, and T. Shultz, awarded the prizes as follows: Heavy draught horses—1st, Sir Robert Bruce, J. Johnstone; 2nd, King Alfred, J. W. McKenzie. Roadsters—1st, Whalebone, C. G. Cockburn; 2nd, Young Whalebone, C. G. Cockburn. Light draught horses—1st, French Rock, M. Lyons; 2nd, Prince Alfred, James Geagan; 3rd, Young Duror, George McLean.

SPRING OPERATIONS.

Seeding has been general this week in this section. The weather, though cold and frosty at night, has been on the whole favorable for spring operations. The land is drying fast, and is now in good working order. The fall wheat through this and contiguous counties looks remarkably well. A correspondent who has lately travelled through Garafusa, Erin, Amaranth, Luther and Erasmus, says that the fall wheat looks splendid in all these townships, and the same may be said of the fall wheat in Paslinch and other townships south of Guelph.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BAZAAR.

This Bazaar commenced in the Town Hall this (Wednesday) morning, and up to the hour of going to press was attended by both our townspeople and a number from the country. A large number of useful and fancy articles are offered to the public at reasonable prices, and we are glad to learn that the sales so far made are very encouraging to the ladies of St. Andrew's congregation and others who have assisted them in their present laudable enterprise. The Hall is very tastefully decorated with flags, festoons and wreaths reflecting much credit on the designers. A musical entertainment will be given in the Hall this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, at which several lady and gentleman amateurs have kindly consented to assist, together with the juvenile choir of the church under their leader, Mr. H. Walker. The band will also be present, and a very pleasant evening's enjoyment may be anticipated, by all who attend. Tickets only ten cents. The several refreshment tables are loaded with delicacies, and are well patronized. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock this evening. The Bazaar will continue to-morrow (Thursday).

Accident in the Drill Shed.

As Prof. Graves was giving an exhibition of his trained horses in the Drill Shed (Wednesday) afternoon, about 5 o'clock, the gallery on which a number of persons were sitting gave way, precipitating its occupants to the ground. Several were bruised, but only one as far as we know very seriously. A little boy, son of Mr. Walter West, was severely injured. He was conveyed to his uncle's residence in town. A man named Hugh McLachlan, who lives at Creswell's Corners, is very seriously injured about the back. He was conveyed to the Police Court and Dr. Cowan at once attended to him. At the present writing it is hard to say what is the nature or extent of his injury. The gallery is a complete wreck.

ORANGEVILLE.

We learn from the Orangeville Star, that twenty new buildings will be erected in that village this summer, embracing the English church, on Second Avenue, the Wesleyan church, on Broadway, and a three story brick block, on the corner of Broadway and Front street, for Messrs. K. Chisholm & Co.

The London Spectator says:

"Mr. Motley is not likely to repeat his predecessor's blunder of butting us, and for our part we are glad of it. There is nothing particularly meritorious about England just now that we know of. And if there were, we would rather not hear of it so often."

Early April in Italy was unusually cold.

Snow fell again in the neighborhood of Florence; at Milan, and in the several districts of Lombardy, and the banks of the Lake of Como and of the Lake of Lugano were white with snow.

Flora Correspondence.

Our fair to-day has been very poor. The number of cattle on the ground was small, but the quality was good. The prices offered did not generally come up to the figures sought, so that a great many were again taken home.

Business still continues very dull, there being no life in any of the branches. — Field and garden work is exceedingly backward: a bitter, frosty north wind chills the growth of everything. We are, however, frequently told that it is better for spring to be a little cold, and it may be so this year. — In spite of the slack business it seems that we are able to support three newspapers and four doctors. Dr. Savage, who left a few months ago, has returned to practice. How so many will contrive to have enough to do passeth our comprehension.

The village assessor has received a rather severe castigation in the Observer for not giving in correct returns, the returns being thought in nine cases out of ten to be ridiculously small. People, it appears, are always very poor when their affairs come to be assessed. These affairs will most probably be rectified on Friday night, when the Council meet to revise. — Lacrosse now receives full attention, the game or engaging in it. Arrangements have also been made to have the band on the grounds every Tuesday and Friday evenings. — Dr. Ormiston has greatly disappointed the people of Elora in failing to keep his promise to lecture on the 5th. His action has thrown quite a damp upon the Young Men's Christian Association in that village, as this was the first lecture under its auspices, and as it had used every effort to make the meeting successful.

Elora, May 4th, 1869.

Goderich Correspondence.

On the evening of the 18th ult., we had one of the most terrific storms of thunder and rain that has been known for many years in this section of the country. The river Maillard was swollen to an alarming height, and the pulling brooks and wimpling burns rose suddenly into mighty torrents, and in their dashing course swept cutters and bridges before them as if they were mere straw. The most serious damage, however, is in the immense quantities of gravel carried by the river into our harbor, which the entrance is almost blocked up. This morning a propeller from Chicago, with a heavy cargo of flour and grain, in coming into the harbor aground. She was obliged to back out and run down to Sarnia to unload. The gunboat Alfred, in trying to run into the lake, ran aground and damaged her bottom badly. However, vessels of light draught have no trouble in getting on. On the 23rd the steamer Sleep Spray made her first trip to Southampton and other intermediate ports, and our first arrival, a small schooner loaded with wheat, came in. Next morning our whole fleet of fishing boats went out to the fishing ground, so that it may be said navigation is now fairly opened.

Our farmers are busy seeding, but they are from three to four weeks behind last year. Not a blade of our fall wheat seems to have been killed by the frost, and notwithstanding the cold weather it is progressing favourably.

Several private dwellings are in the course of erection in our town. The W. M. Church is having a large addition built, warranted by the increase of the congregation.

Our salt delegates have returned, but all that can be said with certainty is, they arrived safe at Ottawa in eight or ten days returned. Rumor says that the delegates have got a number of John A's pie-crust promises, and that if do not get reciprocity immediately, it will be tucked on to the Yankees in such a way as will shut it out of our market.

I mentioned in a former letter that W. T. Leonard had filed a bill in chancery against the Warden and several of the Reeves to recover certain moneys they had received illegally from the County Council. The upshot is that they have settled by confession, paying the amount of claims, together with costs. This will be a precedent for other citizens to take warning by. D. D. Goderich, May 1st, 1869.

Book Notices.

THE MALAY ARCHIPELAGO.

The author of this work, Alfred Russel Wallace, is one of the greatest travellers of the day, and some years since published a book of his travels in South America, in which country, like the venerable Humboldt, he sojourned many months, not spending his time like a mere idle tourist, but in the study of mankind and nature in the beautiful forests which skirt the majestic Amazon and Rio Negro.

Mr. Wallace spent some years in exploring the Malay Archipelago—the land of the orang-outang and bird of paradise—and brought with him on his return to England, nearly three thousand bird-species; of about a thousand different species; and at least twenty thousand beetles and butterflies, of about seven thousand species; besides some quadrupeds and land-shells. These the author has classified and arranged in this work, which, independent of its interest as a mere record of romantic adventure, is valuable as an entomological and zoological repository. The book is published by Harper & Bros., and is well bound in cloth and illustrated. W. E. T. & Co. are the agents for Canada, and it may be purchased at the bookstore of J. B. Thornton, Wyndham street, Guelph.

KATHLEEN.

This is a capital novel by the author of "Raymond's Heroine." The plot is a good one and exciting, the characters are well drawn and life-like. Published by Harper Bros., and for sale by W. E. T. & Co., Clifton. To be had at J. B. Thornton's, Guelph.

Waterhouse Hawkins,

the distinguished English naturalist, thinks that the fossil footprints in the Connecticut Valley sandstones are those of marsupial animals, like kangaroos, and not those of birds, as President Hitchcock believed, during his early investigations. He is, however, in the conclusion which Mr. Hawkins, by the aid of more numerous and clearly defined facts, has reached.

Dominion Parliament.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, May 3.

Mr. Redford enquired whether it was the intention of the government during the present session to repeal the clause in the act which imposed a duty of five per cent upon books, magazines and pamphlets imported.

Mr. Rose regretted that he could not take the honorable gentleman into his confidence until the budget was brought down.

Mr. Magill enquired whether it was the intention of the government in the measure to be introduced this season respecting parliamentary elections to extend the suffrage by the reduction of the amount of qualification now required for voting at parliamentary elections.

Sir John A. Macdonald said the honorable member must allow a government measure to speak for itself when it was brought down.

Mr. Savary moved for a return of the number of licenses granted during the past year to American fishermen, the names of the vessels, or masters, or owners, and to what port they belonged, the amount of revenue derived from such licenses and names, the ports or places at which such licenses were issued. The mover and several other members spoke on the subject, and complained that American fishermen were allowed to fish within Canadian waters with impunity, and that the licenses exacted from such were no protection to the Canadian fishermen.

Sir John A. Macdonald said the government of Canada had, in 1866, adopted a license system not as matter of revenue but simply as an assertion of its right to these waters—a right which was considered so important that the Americans should recognize the license fee which had been raised from 50 cents in 1866 to \$1 in 1867, and now it was \$2 per ton. After explaining the law which gave authority for the full enforcement of every measure necessary for protection, he stated that already the admiral had taken early means for their protection. There were four ships on the station there, and there would be two Canadian vessels and six row boats placed at a convenient distance. He hoped, therefore, that the arrangements now made would prove effectual. Regarding what honorable gentlemen had said about the adoption of a different policy towards us, he took it for granted they had only spoken on the assumption that the United States would not renew the reciprocity treaty, and were he convinced there was no prospect of the renewal of the reciprocity treaty, or that the American people were not disposed to negotiate for closer commercial relations, he would go for the assertion of our right, and the exclusive use of our water by our fishermen. But he did not believe the Americans would long maintain an exclusive policy. Already the appearance indicated a strong and growing feeling in favor of reciprocity, and he thought it would be premature on the part of Canada to adopt a policy which might be regarded as a retaliation for the present exclusiveness at the very time when they seemed disposed to abandon it themselves.

OTTAWA, May 4.

Mr. Rose will bring down his budget on Friday.

Sir John A. Macdonald's bill respecting insolvency was brought up for the second reading. He said that a great deal of attention had been excited by this matter of insolvency, hence he had introduced a bill on the subject, but he did not wish to hurry it through the house. It was then agreed that the bill should stand over for discussion till that day week; should be the first in order that day, and that it should be fully exhausted before the second reading of the bill.

Chaloner's Trial.

The trial was resumed on Tuesday when the interest was even greater than that manifested on Monday, and the court room, passages, and the outside of the building were densely crowded with civilians and military. Chaloner's father and mother were examined, when the Solicitor General addressed the jury in a long and able speech, and the prisoner's defence was satisfactory, and that the prisoner should be convicted of wilful murder.

The Chief Justice then summed up the evidence, telling the jury that the offence amounted to murder, and under no circumstances could they consistently with their oaths find the prisoner guilty of less than manslaughter.

The jury retired and returned at half-past 3 p. m. stating that they could not agree.

The Chief Justice informed them they would have to be locked up for the night. Upon this the jury held a consultation among themselves in the box, the object of their appearance being to convince one of their number, the only one objecting—11 according to all accounts being to acquit the prisoner.

After some minutes the obstinate juror being convinced, the foreman stated that they were prepared to render the verdict.

The Chief Justice said evidently their verdict was a hasty one, and he consequently refused to receive it in the interest of society. They had to retire to their room till 11 a. m. to-morrow, and reconsider whatever decision they had to come to, and the Court would adjourn. The Court accordingly adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 5th.

(By Telegraph.)

When the Court met this morning at 11 o'clock, the jury were brought into court, and returned a verdict of "Not Guilty." Young Chaloner was accordingly discharged.

COULSON HOUSE.

GUELPH, May 5, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: Isaac Anderson, Galt; R. S. Brown, Toronto; G. L. Reid, Hamilton; T. Davis, Toronto; H. C. Allen, Brantford; Thomas Dickson, Hamilton; H. A. Baird, Acon; S. H. Rickman, Hamilton; Miss T. Linnigan, do; C. Douglas, Grand Rapids; W. Connors; M. Maroney; Walter Watson, Walkerton; George McDonald, Clifton; J. M. O'Harrow, St. George; W. Haly, John Ferrier, Adam Brown, Theo. Ridout, Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway; B. Hall, Little Falls, N. Y.; L. Kelley, Little Falls, N. Y.; J. Miner, Lynden; S. A. Piper, Fergus; D. Morgan, Buffalo, N. Y.; John R. Moore, St. Catharines; W. McClellan, Toronto; Thomas Tennant, Elmira; R. Wilson, Toronto; T. Dean, Toronto; A. Spence, Montreal; Alfred Boucock, Toronto; Mrs. Burnett, Galt; P. Kinross, Toronto.

BY TELEGRAPH

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, May 4.—In the House of Commons to-night, while the Irish Church Bill was under consideration, Mr. Gladstone proposed that the names of Lord Monck, late Governor General of Canada, Justice James Anthony Lawson, and George Alexander Hamilton, LL.D., be inserted in clause 2 of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland.

Mr. Edward Sullivan, member for Mallow, will introduce a Bill to prevent the Mayor of Cork from continuing to hold any office connected with the administration of Justice in Ireland.

Paris, May 4.—The Geographical Society has decreed a gold medal to Dr. Hayes, of the United States, for his eminent services in the work of Arctic exploration and discovery. To-day the President of the Society, with a deputation of members, waited on General Dix, the American Minister, and presented the medal, requesting him to transmit it to his distinguished countryman, accompanying the presentation with an earnest aspiration for continued friendship between France and America.

American Despatches

New York, May 5.—The World says: The Cuban Expedition which left here yesterday sailed in the steamer Arago. There were 1,000 men fully armed and equipped, 60,000 rounds of ammunition, several pieces of light artillery, and a large quantity of small arms. The Arago cleared for St. Thomas under Peruvian colors. The General commanding the expedition is from St. Thomas, and has been fighting since the capture of Anesada. There was no attempt made by the United States authorities to put a stop to the expedition. The authorities explain their non-action on the ground that as Gen. Grant had as yet issued no neutrality proclamation they are not supposed to know that any insurrection was in Cuba or anywhere else.

The World's special says: Secretary Fish, at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, reported against Minister Rosecrans' proposition to purchase Mexican territory on the ground that we have no money to spare for loans or more purchases, and that we are not very much cramped just now for real estate.

San Francisco, 4th.—A railway tie of polished California larch, mounted on either side with solid silver accompanied by a spike of solid gold, costing two thousand dollars, was forwarded from here yesterday to the end of the Central Pacific R.R. It is the last tie, and will be laid by Leland Stanford on Saturday next. Thus completing the Pacific Railway.

A Brutal Assault and Daring Burglary.

A FARMER GAGGED AND BEATEN.

One of the most outrageous and daring instances of villainy which ever occurred in this section of country took place near this town yesterday (Tuesday) in broad daylight. The facts