

Business Cards.

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AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

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OLIVER, MACDONALD & OSLER, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, and Conveyancers. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class liquor in connection. May 14 dw J. A. S. THORP, Proprietor.

DRS. KEATING & WORSFOLD, Physicians, Surgeons, &c. Office—the late Dr. Howitt's, Essex Street, Guelph. dw

JOHN KIRKHAM, Silver Plater and Brass Finisher. All orders promptly attended to. Shop—opposite Chalmers Church, Quebec Street, Guelph. dw

DR. BROOK, Residence Directly opposite Chalmers Church, QUEBEC STREET. d

MR. A. T. HEATHFIELD, Organist and Teacher of Music. Is now prepared, and will be happy to receive pupils for instruction in Music, both Vocal and Instrumental. Piano, Organ, Harmonium, Violin, also in Harmony and Composition. References kindly permitted to the Rev. Canon Brent, Newcastle; Seniors Wilnot, Esq., Newcastle, and Mrs. Judge Boucher, Cobourg. For terms and particulars apply to Mr. Heathfield, Norfolk Street, opposite the New Baptist Church. dw

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE. The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr. Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able to attend to all the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice. Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest Ryles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON. The Coolest and Nicest Summer Drinks. To be had at this saloon. A supply of the Montreal CELEBRATED GINGER ALE on hand. The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock. Guelph, June 14, 1872. do DENIS BUNYAN, do

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. do

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter. GRAINER and PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. 127-128 dw

PARKERS HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar. JAMES PARKER, Proprietor. Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Borden's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliot, & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH. Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts., Guelph. K&R Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Kestian, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. E. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

GA. FITTING. Done in the best style and most workman-like manner. STEAM FITTING. Done in the best style and most workman-like manner. AT HOWARD'S. All Kinds of Fictures made to order on the Shortest Notice. Changing Pipes, &c. or Repairs. Done on the shortest notice. (dw)

New Advertisements.

DURHAM BULL. — The subscriber has a thorough bred Durham bull, which will serve cows this season at his farm (lately occupied by Mr. John Kirkland). May 20-dtf J. W. B. KELLY

PIANO TUNING. Mr. Karl Kohlmer, from Nordheimer's, is in town, and will attend to all orders, which may be left at Mr. P. C. Allan's Bookstore, Guelph, July 8, 1872.

COW STRAYED. — From the pasture of the Subscriber, since Tuesday, the 12th inst., an aged Milch Cow, in full flow of milk, roan color, dark face. The finder or informant of her whereabouts will be suitably rewarded by James Barclay, Bailiff. dw Guelph, July 16th, 1872.

DRESS MAKING. Miss CRAVER Late from Montreal, is prepared to undertake Dressmaking, Cutting and Fitting in all its branches. All kinds of patterns for ladies and children for sale. Sandhills-st., over Mr. Kennedy's Feed Store. Guelph, July 2, 1872. d

LOTS FOR SALE. — For sale twenty-four lots in Jackson's Survey, near Mr. John Horman's residence. Twenty-three of the lots are a quarter of an acre each, more or less. Terms, one-fifth of the purchase money in hand, the balance in five years, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply to John Jackson, tanner, Guelph. my30-3md

PHOTOGRAPHS. — The subscriber having succeeded in getting a very fine Photograph of the Town Hall and Market House, and also Stereoscopic Views at Anderson's Bookstore. All orders carefully and promptly attended to. Guelph, July 16, 1872. JAMES ESSON. ds

FOR SALE AT A. H. R. Kennedy's Flour and Feed Store. Goldie's Standard Family Flour, McLean's Best Oatmeal, Fine Corn Meal for family use, Oats, Peas, Corn, Screenings, Bran, Shorts and Middlings, always sold at the lowest price.

Remember the stand — Anderson's new building, next door to Wm. Sunley's tinshop West Market Square. PRESTON

MINERAL BATHS. — AND — Summer Resort. PRESTON, ONTARIO. CHARGES: \$7.00 a week for single room. \$12.00 a week for single room if occupied by two. 25 cents for single bath. Transient customers, \$1.50 a day. Omnibus at each train. Dr. Mulloy, Consulting Physician. Preston, May 30, 1872. ds3m

NEW FANCY STORE, Upper Wyndham Street, Next door to Mr. Naimisth's. Mrs. WINSTANLEY. Begs to inform her friends and the public that she has opened a Fancy Store on Upper Wyndham Street, where she will constantly have on hand a variety of Trimmings, Berlin Wool, Needles, Pins, Tapes, Chignons, Writing Paper, Envelopes, &c. &c. Mrs. Winstanley has also opened a Registry Office for Servants, and a LENDING LIBRARY. Guelph, May 27, 1872. dw

A VALUABLE Hotel and Tavern Stand SITUATE IN THE Village of Bosworth. There will be offered for sale, under the power of sale in mortgage, at Markle's Hotel in the Village of Drayton, at the hour of one o'clock, on MONDAY, ON SATURDAY, 20th day of JULY, 1872, that large and commodious Hotel known as THE ONTARIO HOUSE, together with one acre of land, situate in the prosperous and thriving village of Bosworth, on the corner south of the Elora and Sanderson Roads, on Lot No. 1, in the 23rd Concession of the Township of Peel, in the County of Wellington. This Hotel is nearly new, having been built only three years, and contains 22 rooms. There are two stables on the property, which in all respects is most eligible, being situated in a good agricultural section of the country, on a road over which there is a large amount of travel. The good. Conditions of Sale made known at time of sale. For further particulars apply to OLIVER & McDONALD, Vendor's Solicitors, Guelph. June 12th, 1872. Jd&w

HART & SPEIRS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention. Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c. neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England. HART & SPEIRS, Mv14-dw 4 Day's Block Guelph, Ont.

FARM FOR SALE IN THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON. — That splendid Farm, Lot 24, near half concession 7, of Parish, which belonged to the late John Harrower, Esq., containing 100 acres, of which 85 are cleared, and in the highest state of cultivation. The remainder in hardwood bush. The farm is well watered and has a fine orchard of trees. The subscriber will receive offers for this magnificent farm until Monday, the 19th day of August. W. W. DRUMMOND, Sole Executor. Blyth P. O., July 8, 1872. (37)

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 17, 1872

The Writs. Up to the hour of going to press we have not heard that the writs have been arrived for any of the Ridings in this County.

Town and County News. REMEMBER the Wesleyan Pic-nic in Mr. Peterson's grove this afternoon. A good time may be fully expected.

BASE BALL MATCH. — A match for the Championship and silver ball will come off here on the 25th inst., between the Red Stockings of Listowel, and the first nine of the Guelph Club.

NOT YET ARRESTED. — Kemp, who committed the rape at Eden Mills, has not yet been arrested. A person was arrested in Brantford on suspicion that he was the man, but Chief Constable Kelly visited that town on Monday, and found that they had got hold of the wrong party.

THE REV. P. S. MAHEU, for many years R. C. Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Mount Forest, and late Pastor of St. Joseph's, Mackon, County of Wellington, died in New York, on the 14th ult., while on his way to France for the benefit of his health. He was highly esteemed by all who had the benefit of his acquaintance.

MORE SHOOTING IN ARTHUR. — We understand that on Sunday last Peter Cosgrove, of Arthur, went to the house of Charles Brandon, sr., and without the slightest provocation fired a pistol at him. Brandon ran into the house, when Cosgrove fired four or five shots after him. A warrant has been issued for Cosgrove's arrest.

A MAN TERRIBLY BEATEN. — We learn that Wm. Macaulay, of Arthur, father of the young woman concerned in the Carson abduction case, tried at last Assizes, was brutally beaten at Mount Forest on Friday night last. He was found lying on the road next day, and taken home. It is probable he will recover from his injuries.

OSTRANDER COMMITTED. — Mr. George Moore brought down to jail on Tuesday Ostrander, committed by the Magistrate in Arthur to stand his trial for alleged complicity in causing the death of Letitia Church. Mr. Moore had in charge 20 dollars before he was sent down. It is very probable that he will soon be let out on bail.

PETTY THEFT. — One day lately Mr. J. C. Chadwick, sen., discovered one of his ploughs missing, from his premises at the back of the Catholic Hill, and after making due enquiry found the handles hid away behind a pile of wood, and the metal sold to Messrs. Thain, Elliott & Co. Unfortunately, these gentlemen cannot identify the thiefish rascals, and so their petty theft is likely to go unwhipped by justice.

DR. MCGAGGART will be at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, on the 30th July, where he can be consulted by the sick. He has been a successful practitioner for years for the treatment of the lungs and all lingering chronic diseases. He has had a large experience and an extensive practice, and has had the honor of being connected with one of the best institutions in the western part of the province for the treatment of all kinds of ailments. Dr. McTaggart has visited Guelph before, and attended a large number of cases.

THE EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS. — In order that a candidate may obtain a second-class certificate, the sum of his marks must amount, for grade A, to at least two-thirds, and for grade B to one-half of the aggregate value of all the papers; in both cases great importance should be attached to accurate spelling. The candidates must also obtain from grade A two-thirds, and from B one-half of the marks assigned to the subjects of Arithmetic and Grammar. In order to obtain a third-class certificate, the marks must be not less than one-half of the aggregate value of all the papers for each of that rank. A candidate for a second-class certificate, who fails to obtain it, may be awarded a third-class certificate, provided such candidate obtains what would be equivalent to fully one-half of the aggregate value of all the papers for a third-class certificate.

POLICE COURT. Before the Mayor and W. S. G. Knowles, Esq. July 17. Wm. Wilson, for keeping a loose and disorderly house, was fined \$10 and 85 cents, and given a week to pay the same. Janet Leith — a common prostitute for frequenting Wilson's house, was sent to jail for two months. John Logan, for frequenting the same house, had to pay \$4.

MURDER NEAR OTTAWA. — From the Ottawa Times we glean the following particulars of a murder by the Ottawa river: "On or about the 6th inst., a Dutch woman, over 60 years of age, named Luckovich, was brutally murdered at her residence in the Township of Sherwood, on the Opeongo Road, by two or three shanty men, supposed to have been drunk at the time. The unfortunate woman could have given them no cause whatever for their savage conduct, and hence the inference that they were intoxicated at the time. It appears that they mutilated her body in a fearful manner. One of the supposed murderers was arrested at Pembroke, and a man named Joseph Osce was arrested in Ottawa and taken up to Pembroke on Saturday.

MURDER AT QUEBEC. — A dreadful case of killing occurred on Lower Town market on Monday. The Captain of a brig had just landed, his steward a negro lad, when the latter was accosted by one Jas. Wilson, who made overtures to the boy to leave the vessel. Captain Pellier interfered, and, as alleged, was struck by the "crimp," when the Captain seized a butcher's knife within reach, burying it in the body of Dillon. The man lived only long enough to receive the rites of the church. Captain Pellier gave himself up to the police, and is now at the station house.

The cutting of wheat and barley is now general in that part of the Province west of London.

North and South Wellington.

The Mail says that Mr. Drew is holding meetings in the North Riding, and at every such meeting he has proved equal to the occasion. The Mail is very bad authority in the way of news, and for further guidance we beg to inform it that Mr. Drew was so badly beaten and so coldly received at his meetings last week that he has cancelled all the others announced, and is now frantically rushing through the Riding trying to effect an individual canvass. It is wise of Mr. Drew not to hold any more meetings. He cannot defend his course in Parliament. He can scarcely even make a speech worthy the name, but blunders on, getting himself into deeper difficulties at every sentence. Mr. Drew is more at home among his Orange friends, whose gathering he attended at Clifford on the 12th, though he had not the manliness to show his colors openly, but held them concealed, and only to be shown to the faithful. Mr. Higinbotham on the other hand has made the most favourable impression on the electors wherever he has spoken. His canvass is being pushed on with the greatest success, and he is gaining fresh supporters every day. He held a meeting at Mount Forest on Tuesday, where he received a large accession to his strength.

In the Centre Riding Dr. Oram is making a great splutter, but very little headway. He is racing through the Riding, trying to suit his politics to everybody, but the sterling yeomanry see through the thin disguise, and have no confidence in the specious promises of this fiery politician. Mr. Ross and his friends are quietly but industriously working, and are quite confident that they will whip the wike doctor by a handsome majority.

The Base Ball Match Yesterday. ECKFORDS, LONDON, vs. UNIONS, GUELPH. The first of a series of matches between the Union Club, of this town, and the Eckfords, of London, junior champions of Ontario, was played on the Maple Leaf grounds yesterday afternoon in the presence of a goodly number of spectators. The afternoon was fine and cool, with the exception of a passing shower falling about the 4th or 5th innings, which inconvenienced them a little, but soon passed away. The game was called about half-past 2 with the Eckfords at the bat, who immediately retired with a cipher. Up to the end of the 4th innings the Unions were considerably ahead, and promised large odds in their favor, but the Eckfords on coming to the bat at the 5th innings brought up the score to only 2 runs behind, and now began some very fine play on both sides (not forgetting to note a brilliant catch made by Steele, of the Unions, on the left field, he having to run a long distance to secure his ball), the Eckfords steadily gaining ground up to the end of the 7th innings, when the score stood 2 runs in their favor. Some good batting was made by Ryan on the 8th innings, and the Eckfords were again whitewashed, Ryan putting the side out himself, for which he was deservedly applauded. The 9th innings being also a whitewash for the Eckfords, the Unions went to the bat with a will, adding 4 more to their score, making the totals—Unions 23, Eckfords 16, this ending one of the most interesting games of the season. The only home run in the match was made on the 9th innings by Fenwick, the ball being sent clean to the left corner of the field. We doubt if ever a finer hit has been made on the ground in any match. Mr. Wm. Sunley was chosen as Umpire, and we hear that both sides were well satisfied with the impartial manner in which his decisions were given. At the conclusion of the game, the Eckfords took supper at the Queen's Hotel, and immediately after left for home by the Grand Trunk, well-pleased with their reception in Guelph, and promising to give their Union friends a good game in London, where they play for the junior championship next season.

We may add here that we hope the Unions will give themselves plenty of practice, and be in a position to give Guelph the honor of possessing the material that compose the junior as well as the senior, champions of this celebrated game. We append the score:—

ECKFORDS. Outs. Runs. Chisholm, c. 5 1 Gillian, p. 3 1 Hunter, 2nd b. 5 1 Brown, s. 2 3 Sreaton, r. f. 2 3 Woods, 3rd b. 2 4 Stone, l. f. 4 1 McFee, 1st b. 3 1 Emslie, c. f. 1 1 Totals 27 16

UNIONS. Outs. Runs. Fenwick, 1st b. 3 4 Cross, 3rd b. 6 1 Emery, 2nd b. 3 2 Steele, l. f. 1 1 Schofield, r. f. 5 1 Hood, c. f. 3 3 Ryan, c. 3 3 Barrill, p. 1 4 Harding, s. s. 2 4 Totals 27 23

RUNS EACH INNINGS. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Unions — 3 3 4 1 2 2 0 4 4 — 23 Eckfords — 1 3 0 6 3 2 0 1 6 — 16 Time of game 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The Arthur Shooting Case. Special to the Mercury per Montreal Line. ARTHUR, July 17. The jury empanelled by Dr. Eroyod, of Mount Forest, coroner, to investigate the homicide at the Railway Hotel, in this place, on Friday evening last, returned a verdict yesterday afternoon implicating James Moore and Wm. Laidlaw, two residents of the neighborhood, who have been committed for trial at the Fall Assizes.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

The Geneva Arbitration.

The German Band Concert.

Terrible Waterspout.

Two Persons Drowned.

Longfellow Disabled.

London, July 17, 5 a.m.

An influential meeting of Roman Catholics was held in this city last night, the Duke of Norfolk presiding. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the action of the Italian Government toward the Papal authorities, and condemning the recent law passed by the German Parliament proscribing the Jesuits.

Lord Francis Napier, who succeeded the late Earl Mayo as Governor-General of India, has been created a peer of the United Kingdom under the title of Baron Etrick.

Geneva, July 17th. The Board of Arbitration met to-day. A large quantity of printed matter was submitted to the Board, and exchanged by the agents of Great Britain and the United States. No other business was done. The Court adjourned after a session of less than thirty minutes duration. No reason to anticipate further delay in the proceedings nor is any lengthy controversy expected.

Baltimore, July 17th. Fully 20,000 persons attended the concert of the German Imperial Band last night. The grounds were beautifully illuminated. The Band will give a farewell concert to-night.

Denver, Colorado, July 16. A remarkable watershed occurred on the Central City Stage Road, four miles above Golden City, on Sunday afternoon. The torrent of water struck a carriage containing J. Kerden and wife, her sister, and a girl named Blood, who resided five or six miles from the Canon, and were returning home. The two latter were drowned. The body of Miss Kerden was found some three miles from the scene of the disaster, covered with sand and debris. The road was badly washed.

Saratoga, N. Y., July 16. It is the opinion of racing men that Longfellow will never run a race again, although he will be most valuable in the stud. During his running to-day for the cup, one of his plates twisted round and cut his other foot and leg badly. The plate was broken in two, and leg disabled and yet Longfellow gallantly ran the race out to the wonder of all racing men.

New York, July 17. The Sun says, editorially: We learn that the Managers of the Erie Railway will at once proceed to change the gauge of the road. This they will do by laying down the third rail at a gauge of 4ft 8 1/2 in leaving the broad gauge until the present rolling stock of the Company is worn out, but all new cars and locomotives that are procured will be of the narrow gauge.

ELECTION NEWS.

Sir Francis Hincks. Mail says, will not run for North Renfrew. At a meeting of the Conservatives, held in Hamilton on Tuesday. Mr. R. Whitton was nominated for the Commons.

Some are inclined to think that Sheriff McKinsey will not run for Halton. Friends of Dr. Landerkin believe they can elect their candidate for South Grey, but expect a very close contest.

A Liberal candidate of ability and note is about to be brought out by the Reformers of Algoma for the House of Commons. Mr. Wm. McDougall is making strenuous efforts to bring out a candidate against Mr. Metcalfe in East York.

The requisition asking Mr. Robert Wilkes to stand as the Reform candidate for Central Toronto is being largely and generally signed. At a meeting of Tories held in Dundas on Monday, Mr. Robert McKechnie, of that town, was nominated to oppose Mr. Baine in the North Riding of Wentworth at the approaching election. There is not a man in the county known better than McKechnie who that he stands no chance opposed to Mr. Baine.

In a few days it is expected that Mr. Hugh Macmahon, Barrister, will be brought out in the Reform interest against Mr. Carling. Mr. Macmahon bears the highest character personally and professionally. Being a Roman Catholic, it is expected that he will run "honest John" pretty close.

THE MURDERER OF MRS. PATRICK BURNS. — In January last we gave the particulars of a brutal murder committed near Smithport, Pennsylvania, in the latter end of December, by Patrick Burns on his wife and child while under the influence of liquor. Additional interest was attached to the crime from the fact that the murdered woman was a daughter of Mr. Andrew Farrell, who lives on the Waterloo Road. Burns was tried at the Smithport County Court, on the 12th June, and was sentenced to 12 years solitary confinement in States prison.

PIC-NIC AT MONTROSE. — A grand picnic was held at Montrose on Monday. Over 600 children and 1,500 visitors were present. The day was a splendid one for the occasion. Mr. D. McDougall, Registrar of the county of Waterloo, was in the chair. I. E. Bowman, M. P., and several other influential gentlemen addressed the assemblage. The whole affair is conceded to have been a grand success.

THE LONDON ARRESTOR CASE. — The trial of Corwall for the abduction of Dr. Bratton was closed on Tuesday, before Judge Elliot. The prisoner was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. There is great public indignation against the culprit, and all agree that the sentence was more than justified. A new Sewing Machine Company, named the Canada Company, are about to start a factory on a large scale in Hamilton.

There are at present only five cases of small-pox in the Toronto Small-Pox Hospital, all of which are considered convalescent. It is now stated that the manager of the Mail has received instructions to curtail the expense of that paper, and that the staff will be somewhat reduced in consequence.

The Press Excursion.

Notes of a Trip to Muskoka.

The road for the most part is well graded, with here and there patches of corduroy, but it is for the most part planked. Little of note took place on the journey except a salute given in honor of the party from the ramparts of a fort, reared on the top of a rock which from its peculiar shape has been christened by the staunch old Highlander who lives beside it "Gibraltar." This old veteran, who is a pensioner, has built a comfortable cottage in the wilderness, and now, in his declining years, I doubt "fights his battles o'er age" from behind his Gibraltar, whose embrasures for want of better material, is manned by stove-pipes for guns, while above the eaves of three warlike chieftains, cut in wood, stand the ever watchful sentinels over the peaceful home of the old warrior.

Gravenhurst was reached at sundown, and as the waning light of day giving place to the glare of the bush fires on the margin of the Lake, the party got on board Mr. A. P. Cookburn's handsome and well equipped steamer, the Nipissing, which he had with the greatest kindness placed at the disposal of the Association for a two days cruise on the lakes. Gravenhurst is a young tough thriving village at the southern point of Lake Muskoka. It has already two large hotels, two good stores, a post office, and telegraph office, and when the Muskoka Railway is extended from Washago to this point, it will grow to be a place of some importance. The trip across Lake Muskoka, to Bracebridge, some sixteen miles distant, was made in good time, but the darkness prevented us from enjoying the fine scenery through which we were passing. At the north end of the Lake the boat turned into Muskoka River which is navigable to Bracebridge. This river though very deep is the most tortuous imaginable, and as we steamed up its winding channel in the darkness the danger of running ashore or into some thicket of trees was greatly magnified. But the staunch little boat answered her helm admirably. Under the direction of her experienced captain she swept round the innumerable curves at the end of, and at—near eleven—after a long and toilsome journey—landed us safe on the wharf at Bracebridge. The inhabitants of this thriving place accorded the excursionists a most hearty welcome, and after arrangements had been made at the hotels, the party—late though it was—were conducted to the new Agricultural Hall, where a splendid collation was laid out. Although at such a late hour, and after a long day's travel, the company were unable to do full justice to the hospitality of their entertainers, they did their best to show their appreciation of it. An address of welcome was presented from the Council of the Township of Macanville, the toast in honour of the "Canadian Press Association" was responded to with all the fervour which good lungs and hearty cheers could give to it, and some excellent speeches were made by the President, Mr. James Somerville, and other gentlemen. The demonstration was kept up till near two o'clock, when the tired excursionists who were fortunate enough to get a bed gladly betook themselves to it, and soon were peacefully oblivious of Muskoka and everything else.

On Wednesday morning the party made themselves acquainted with Bracebridge, which is built on a rocky ridge overlooking the Muskoka River. The village has grown rapidly, and now boasts of several good hotels, stores, and two newspapers. It is at the head of the navigation on the river, the "falls" a little above the steambot landing, forming an insurmountable barrier to further progress. They can scarcely be called falls, for the water merely rushes through a narrow gorge formed in the rock and descends into the placid basin below. Still, the scene was a striking one and was greatly admired by all the visitors. The falls on the south branch of the river, some miles distant from the village, are far more imposing, and would have well repaid a visit had time permitted. Advantage has been taken of the water power at the first mentioned falls, where a saw mill is in operation, and further up the gorge a woollen factory has been built, and will soon be in operation. The land about Bracebridge is rough and rocky, but farther back is greatly improved, and considerable clearings have already been made. Indeed, it seems to be a feature in this district that along the travelled routes the country presents its dreariest and roughest aspect, and that as you go farther into the interior it presents a much better and less rugged appearance.

Business has not been so good this season in Bracebridge as last year, from the fact that but very few immigrants have come in or settlers arrived for the purpose of taking up land. The people attribute this to the very wrong and short sighted policy of the late Government of Sandfield Macdonald in selling the timber in two or three of the best Townships lying contiguous to the village. If a settler takes up land in any of these Townships he is deprived of the timber on it, which for the first few years is about the only source of income or profit that he has. The land is, therefore, allowed to lie waste, and the timber remains on it till it suits the convenience of the lumbermen or speculators who purchase these timber limits from the Government to us it. A more suicidal policy, or one more calculated to retard the progress and settlement of this District, cannot be imagined. Farmers now prefer to go to Manikoba, or to the States, and Muskoka must suffer from the effects of the bad legislation of our late Local Government for many a day.

(Concluded to-morrow.)