

Business Cards.

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New Advertisements.

WANTED - To rent, by Sept. 1st, a new Cottage, 5 rooms, West Ward... SITUATION WANTED - As house-keeper, by a respectable elderly lady... TWO ASSISTANT MILLINERS WANTED... HOUSE TO LET - To let, a dwelling house near the Great Western Station... TWO BOYS WANTED - To work in the paint work... BOARD - A few respectable gentlemen can obtain board in a healthy locality... TWO SOFT WATER TANKS FOR SALE... BASE BALL MATCH. Star vs. Maple Leaf. A match game of base ball will be played on the Guelph Grounds... On Monday, May 25th, between the Stars of Seaford and the Maple Leaf Club of Guelph... GARDENING. The subscriber is prepared to attend to all kinds of GARDEN WORK... MAKING CROQUET GROUNDS... JOHN HALL, Guelph, May 15, 1874... TO BUILDERS. The subscribers have on hand and will continue to keep Glazed Sewer Pipes... FLUE PIPES... H. CLEARHUE & CO., Successors to Robert Rae & Co., Guelph... NEW Paint Shop. The undersigned beg to announce that they have commenced business as Carriage and House Painters... MONEY TO LOAN... BRASS CASTINGS... MINERAL BATHS... SUMMER RESORT... NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON... MAGIC! The Vanishing Photograph, will appear or disappear at pleasure of the performer... Manufacturers of Puzzles, Novelties, &c. Agents and dealers liberally dealt with.

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1874. Town and County News. Remember the social in the Wesleyan Church this evening. BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL.—The monthly social of the Baptist Church will be held this evening. A good time is expected. Admission free. All are welcome. A GOOD CATCH.—Mr. St. Clair Simpson, of the Bank of Commerce, went a few miles north for a day's fishing on Wednesday and returned in the evening with twenty-two fine trout. PERSONAL.—We notice that Mr. A. B. Macfarlane, for some time in the Bank of Commerce in Guelph, has been appointed Cashier of the Dalnuth Savings Bank. ELOPEMENT IN MOUNT FOREST.—A young painter named Hickey, recently from Guelph, eloped with the daughter of W. Hewitt, inn-keeper, Mount Forest, on Friday last, and the twin were made one flesh the same day by a Holstein Divine. MONEY ORDERS.—The Postmaster-General, in order to increase facilities for the transmission of small remittances, is now making arrangements for having money orders issued up to \$4, at two cents each. This will be particularly advantageous to parties sending small payments by post for newspaper subscriptions. POTATOES.—Really good potatoes cannot be had in Hamilton for less than \$1.30 to \$1.50 per bag. Inferior ones can sometimes be obtained for \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.25. We understand that some exporters from Prescott are making money by purchasing them there for 40c. and 50c. per bag and sending them to the ambitious city. OFF THE TRACK.—A freight train on the G. T. R. ran off the track last night near Rockwood, and caused a disarrangement of trains. In consequence the morning mail was half an hour late. A car or two was thrown off the rails and smashed, but beyond that we have heard of no other damage being done. THE 'COMING CELEBRATION.—The Queen's Birthday this year falling upon a Sunday, the Lieutenant-Governor has by proclamation, appointed Monday, 25th inst., as the day on which Her Majesty's birth will be duly celebrated. A proclamation of the Governor General also fixes the celebration for Monday next. These proclamations make the day a legal holiday, and all business will be suspended. WORSWICK'S MACHINERY ABROAD.—A new and improved iron lathe, for turning iron and brass, has been sent by Mr. T. Worswick, of the Guelph Machine and Tool Works, to Mr. Jones, of the Markham bell foundry. The Economist says of the machine:—The bed is eight feet long. There are many unique attachments; amongst others, it can be arranged to cut numerous sizes of wood screws, varying from four to fifty threads to the inch. The machine is most perfect for its size. NEW DIRECTORY.—Messrs. Fisher & Taylor, who lately got up the best Directory of Toronto yet published, have issued the prospectus of a new Directory which they are compiling of the Northern, Toronto, G. & B. Toronto and Nipissing, and Credit Valley Railways. The work will be a valuable one, and of great service to business men, and as the publishers are thoroughly up in their business, its correctness may be relied on. The same firm contemplate getting up a directory of this County. If they undertake it we feel sure they will get up a reliable work. TAYLOR AND BURGESS.—We call attention to the advertisement of Taylor the Comique and Cool Burgess, whose combination will be here this evening. Beyond the shadow of a doubt the hall will be crowded. The company advertise the assistance of fifteen artists, which will fill up the programme well. Since Taylor and Burgess have been travelling together they have done a wonderful business, and are now playing to enthusiastic audiences in the Province. Admission 25c, reserved seats 50c. HANDSOME GIFT, AND HOW OBTAINED.—He's a wonderful man, that John Anderson! Now, for the information of the public we may state that we printers, —devils positively excluded, for they have no part or lot in this matter—are a rather religious lot of fellows, and represent nearly every denomination in town. Such being the case it can easily be imagined that frequent and warm discussions on religious subjects take place between us worthies. The other day, a more than ordinary interesting subject came up "Whether a debtor did right in not paying his debts believing that by so doing he would deprive the creditor of the interest on such money in the hereafter." How was this to be decided? We had no Bible, and were too poor to buy one. The Imp came to our assistance and suggested—you know he is always up to evil—that we should borrow one from John and pay him in the blessed hereafter. John hearing the whole thing sent us down a handsome New Testament, elegantly bound in black morocco. We have since argued Baptism and Foreordination to the greatest satisfaction. John says we can keep the book. He knows we would never pay for it any how.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Farmers' Lock-Out. Relief to the Sufferers. The Arkansas Squabble Again. New Presidential Election Bill. London, May 20.—The Carlists report that the Republicans lost 600 killed and wounded in the engagement which took place yesterday at Alcanahija. The protracted lock-out of farm laborers in Lincolnshire has been ended by a settlement which will probably be adopted in other agricultural districts of England. Paris, May 20.—It is rumored that the demand for the dissolution of the Assembly is deposited by the Left and extreme Right. This report served to flatten the Bourne. Washington, May 20.—The following is an extract from a private letter from the Mayor of New Orleans:—"Unless resources for relief be increased in some way to \$1,000,000, many thousands must perish by famine. Even that sum will not more than suffice to save the lives of the inundated till the flood subsides, and the overflowed lands are again tillable. Cincinnati, O., May 20.—Seven persons were buried in the ruins of a house which fell last night. New York, May 21.—The total fund raised so far for the sufferers in Massachusetts in this city reaches about \$12,000. A large number of persons on the rolls of the Board of Education and drawing salaries aggregating one hundred thousand dollars per annum were discovered by a committee, and they are to be discharged or put to work in schools where there are less than the regular number of instructors. Sheehan's gambling den on Twelfth street was broken up last night by the police. Little Rock despatches state that Gen. Newton issued an address to his soldiers saying that they had been insulted by both Houses in admitting members to seats who had borne arms under Brooks. Governor Baxter sent a message to the Legislature disavowing and censuring such address. The Legislature marched in a body to the State House yesterday, and took possession of their respective halls. Senator Morton is reported as saying that the Senate Committee will in a few days report a Bill for the election of the President by the people direct, and he believes it will pass this Congress so that it can go to the different State Legislatures next fall. Despatches from Leeds and Northampton, Mass., state that food is needed and the amount of subscriptions so far forwarded has been gratefully received, but where so many are in immediate want of help it has gone but a little way. Col. Wilson, engineer, of Boston, yesterday said of the broken dam:—"That such work was a homicide, and the dam is a perfect abortion." Mexican advices state that General Comales who styles himself Governor of Tamaulipas, has ejected Cortina from the Mayoralty of Matamoros. The Monitor, a Mexican paper, has been assaulting the Rev. Wm. H. Cooper, a Methodist Clergyman of Chicago, whose preaching and remarks relative to the course of the Mexicans as to the murderers of Rev. Mr. Stephens did not meet its approval. The murderers of Stephens have not yet been punished. METHODIST NEW CONNECTION CONFERENCE.—The annual Conference of this section of the Methodist Church met at Milton on Wednesday. The pulpit and Presidential chair were draped in mourning on account of the lamented death of Rev. S. B. Gundy, the President. The ex-President, the Rev. W. Williams, occupied the chair, according to discipline, and at ten o'clock proceeded to open the Conference by announcing the hymn, "And are we yet alive?" The Secretary read the Scriptures and two senior brethren engaged in solemn prayer. The forenoon was spent in receiving credentials. About one hundred and twenty ministers and lay representatives duly accredited were present. Unusual interest centred in the election of President, inasmuch as it is regarded as an index of the present feeling of the Connection on the question of Union. Rev. D. Savage, editor of the Evangelical Witness, being the nominee of the Unionists, and Rev. J. Medlicraft that of those opposed to Union. Notwithstanding his eminent abilities, as well as the prestige of his position as general Superintendent, Mr. Medlicraft received but twenty votes, while Mr. Savage received ninety-four. It is but due to Mr. Medlicraft to say that but for his peculiar position on the Union question the Conference would have been delighted to honour him by unanimous election as President. Mr. B. Irwin was elected Secretary. BATHS.—The subject of cheap public baths has been agitated in St. Catharines with good success. Tickets for the mineral baths are now sold at some of the hotels at 40 cents each. Messrs. Bookless & Boulter, of the Welland House, have come forward and offered to provide the citizens with free baths, and if arrangements can be made, the proposal will no doubt be accepted. Mr. Merritt, who has lately purchased a valuable mineral spring, has signified his willingness to put on an extra force pump for the benefit of the Welland House proprietors.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, May 20. Dr. Orton moved the concurrence of the House in the report of the Select Committee on Agricultural Interests. He advocated protection to agriculturists and millers. He was proceeding, amid expressions of impatience from all parts of the House, to debate on the subject-matter of the report, when Mr. Mackenzie called attention to the fact that the report was out of order, as it contained the opinion of a former Committee. The Speaker ruled that the objection was good, and the report was therefore withdrawn. Mr. White moved for documents relating to a survey of a certain portion of the Ottawa River. He charged the Government with political motives in connection with this matter. Mr. Mackenzie indignantly repudiated the suggestion. The motion was agreed to. The Bill relating to Bills of Exchange was amended in Committee, read a third time, and passed. The motion to read a third time the Permanent Building Societies Bill, Mr. Oliver moved an amendment in the interest of the smaller class of Building Societies. He urged that the Bill, if it passed in its present form, would prove highly injurious. On a division the amendment was carried by Yeas 105, Nays 32. Mr. McDougall (Renfrew) moved the second reading of the Bill to provide for compulsory voting. He made a few remarks in support of the motion. The order was discharged, Mr. McDougall intimating that he would bring up a Bill early next session. The Election Bill was reconsidered in Committee, and one or two amendments were agreed to. Among others, it was provided that the Bill should come into operation on the 1st July. The Bill was then read a third time and passed. The Inspection Bill was read a third time and passed. Mr. Mackenzie moved the third reading of the Canadian Pacific Railway Bill. Mr. Kirkpatrick moved an amendment to the 13th clause, providing that no part of branch line should be contracted for except with the approval of Parliament. Mr. Mackenzie explained why it was that while the contracts for the main line will be all submitted to Parliament, it would be necessary that liberty should be left to the Government to let the small branch lines without waiting for the assent of the House. The amendment was lost on a division. Mr. Bunster moved an amendment to the 17th clause, to the effect that the road should be commenced on the mainland of British Columbia within a year, and not less than one-tenth of the total cost be expended annually. The amendment was lost by Yeas 5, Nays 77. The Bill was read a third time and passed nem. con. The loss by the fire at the Kingston Penitentiary on Tuesday is estimated—Government building, \$30,000, clothing, \$6000, S. T. Drennan, contractor, \$15,000. Sir John A. Macdonald was absent from his place during the debate on the Canadian Pacific Railway on Tuesday evening. Boston claims to have a diamond ring which once belonged to Sir Isaac Newton. That is nothing. St. Louis has the lead pencil with which Noah checked off the animals that went into the ark. Prince Leopold, the youngest son of Queen Victoria, has just been made a Freemason at the ceremony being performed at Oxford, where the Prince is still pursuing his studies. The Board of Health in Montreal has given instruction for the preparation of a By-law, which shall regulate the inspection of milk as well as meat—two very desirable provisions. Joseph William Spencer, B. A., of Hamilton, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada. He left on Wednesday morning to join the party about to explore a region west of Manitoba. Dr. Wiggins, the late Principal of the Brantford Blind Asylum in Montreal, and proposes to establish a large workshop to instruct the blind in trades, hoping to obtain \$100,000 by subscription, towards the erection of the building. The Province of Quebec will not be represented in the next Dominion Wembleton team, as the Dominion Rifle Association has made new rules, to which the marksmen decline to submit on the grounds that it might result in the selection of inferior representatives. At the annual meeting of the Montreal General Hospital, a table was submitted showing the very large proportion of deaths of unvaccinated persons among small-pox patients. Of the total deaths during the year, 160-30 were due to this cause. Arrangements have been made for holding at Montreal next October a conference of the Canadian branch of the Evangelical Alliance, to which the leading clergyman and laymen of the various provinces of Great Britain and the United States have been invited. The sittings of Courts of Revision for the Town and Township of Niagara have been postponed, in obedience to the law which makes illegal any sittings of such Courts before the 25th of May. Present appearances give every promise of an abundant crop of peaches in the great peach orchard of Ontario, running east from Hamilton to Niagara. The trees are loaded with buds, nearly all of which are healthy and augur fruitful growth. A telegram on the part of the Board of Trade and Corn Exchange Harbour Commission and Shipping interest has been sent to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, protesting against the imposition of the tax on vessels passing Quebec for Montreal, and an answer was received that the proposition has been abandoned. HARBOR'S MONTHLY.—Messrs. W. E. Tunis & Co., Clifton, have sent us the June number of this valuable monthly. It contains several features of great merit, and no doubt will be read with much interest and pleasure by all who are so fortunate as to receive it. The Pennsylvania fish law contains this clause:—"No person shall have in his or her possession, after the same has been killed, any black bass, pike or pickerel, except alive for stocking other water!"

GOVERNMENT COERCION IN VOTING.

Some of the Government papers are making a great deal of noise over the publication of a letter from the Minister of Militia, instructing a postmaster in Nova Scotia to go and vote for the Ministerial candidate, and they seek to throw the responsibility of this ill-judged and improper act on the Reform party. Because the Conservatives practised this sort of work, and their organs openly defended or winked at it, is no reason why Reformers should go and do likewise. We are opposed to coercion in any case and in every form, and hold that no Minister should in the slightest degree use his influence or power as such to secure votes or support. Reformers are, however, no more responsible for Mr. Smith's letter than are the Conservatives for the many and vile attacks made by their organs, notably the Mail, which delights in making false charges, and glories in the boast that its business is to "stab some political opponent under the fifth rib every morning." We have not yet seen a Reform paper which justifies Mr. Smith's act. THE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.—Dr. Orton seems determined to make himself ridiculous. In the House on Wednesday he brought up the report of the Committee on Agricultural Interests, and in moving concurrence in the same, began to preach protection at a great rate. He was brought up all standing by the Premier, who pointed out that the report was not in order, inasmuch as it embodied the views of another Committee. The Speaker held the objection good, and ruled it out of order, but the irrepressible Doctor, after the Speaker's ruling, got up to speak in defence of his pet report, in open transgression of all rule, got laughed at for his pains, and was ultimately put down. The Doctor is bound to make a show of some kind, and it is quite immaterial whether or not he gets his name into the papers. He has certainly succeeded in attaining such questionable notoriety, and in making himself the laughing-stock of the House. The number of Russians now proceeding on foreign tours, especially to England, is very great, and it is noted that those now travelling consist of the mercantile classes, whereas formerly the greater number of travellers belonged to the privileged ranks. At the present time the postal rates between France and the United States are so high that it is cheaper for letters between these countries to be first sent to England, then retransmitted to their destination, than for letters to be carried by the French mails. There is an agency in London which makes money by undertaking this business of retransmitting letters between the two countries. IMPLEMENTS FOR MIMICO.—It will be recalled that during the regime of the late Ontario Government, the then Premier had an order sent to England for a full supply of agricultural implements for the Model Farm at Mimico. The order was duly filled and in time the collection arrived. But such a collection! We'll, seven Scotchmen, six Irishmen, twelve Yankees, eleven Englishmen, and four each of other nationalities, all scientific and practical agriculturists, have already met four times over the heap without arriving at any satisfactory conclusions as to the use for which about nine out of every ten of the articles are designed, and the Premier declared "he knew nothing about it." THE FIRST TRIP TO LAKE SUPERIOR.—The Steamer Manitoba arrived at Kincardine on Wednesday morning on her return trip from Lake Superior. In going through the canal at the Sault the men had to hitch ropes to the crib work and pull it asunder to effect a passage. She ran through the ice in 48 hours, reaching Prince Arthur's Landing on the night of the 15th. Some of the inhabitants had got to their last loaf. There were great demonstrations of joy at the arrival of the first boat of the season. Mining prospects are reported excellent. The Manitoba left Thunder Bay on the night of the 16th. She tried to go up Nepequin, but was prevented by thick ice stretching 30 miles from the mouth of the river. She called at Pic and Michipicott Rivers. On the 18th passed through 85 miles ice. This is the sixth year Captain Symes has made the first trip to Lake Superior. A LEATHER MEDAL.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle says:—"A good joke has come to light in connection with Sir Francis Hincks' representation of Vancouver in last Parliament. It appears that the 'free and independent' electors of that riding were so delighted with the conduct of their member that they could not allow him to retire from Parliament without bestowing upon him a mark of their appreciation. In order to stamp the act with a character of endurance they decided to have a medal struck. It was made of the very best sole leather in the constituency, and bore the following inscription: 'obverse side. To Sir Francis Hincks' reverse, the greatest of Bilka.' As a work of art it was unique, and was duly forwarded to the gallant old knight by mail. Now, imagine the disgust and mortification of the good people of Vancouver to find that he does not return their sentiments of appreciation, even so far as to return an answer to their courteous attention."