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BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PRIZE PENMANSHIP!

Superior Advantages Offered!

The attention of young men looking forward to mercantile life is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits. The great characteristic of this institution is its actual business system. It is not only the first College in British America in which the system was established, but likewise the only one in which the system is rationally, practically, and efficiently carried out. The result is that any youth who passes carefully through the course is really on getting his diploma to take his place behind the accountant's desk. Both, therefore, by right of priority and unexampled success this institution has secured in fact what by its name it professes to be—The British American Commercial College.

One of the direct means of attaining and holding this position has been the constant and varied selection of thoroughly competent, energetic and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to six of the Provincial Exhibitions of 1863, 1866, and 1867, on all occasions on which we competed. As this honor undoubtedly places this College at the top of the "wheel," we shall always strive to maintain that superiority in this, as in all other branches of study which are characteristic of the institution. Plain legible business writing is the style to which we have ever given the most prominent place, our motto being "a business hand for a business man."

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to immerse the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks' board in order to make himself completely master of the course, and thus by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The confidence that such haste entails is highly detrimental and only to the student himself, but also to the College where he graduates, and besides it brings upon him the censure of his colleagues generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deceptive and altogether unbecomable.

For penmanship, circulars, &c., address—

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,
Toronto, 6th Dec. 1867. dw Toronto.

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

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

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw-tf

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.

JOSEPH STRAHAN.
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. dw-3m

CORDWOOD for SALE

IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at

BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woodlief Street, nearly opposite the Court.

Quantities from half a cord and up to
delivered in any part of the town by leaving
order at the wood yard. ALEX. BROWN.
Guelph, 25th November, 1867. dwm

The Wizard Soap

W. F. FOX & CO.

HAVE commenced to manufacture the cele-
brated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is su-
perior to any others.

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING

IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT,
GREASE OR TAR.

Does not injure the hands, takes less labor, and
gives the clothes a better appearance.

Sold at one-third the price of any soap of
the same quality in the market—14 lbs. for
50 cents. Orders sent to

JOHN HOWARD, Agent, W. F. FOX & CO.,
Guelph, 26th November, 1867. dw

STRAY CATTLE.

CAME on the premises of the undersigned on
the 4th December 1867, 2 Horses 2 years old,
and one two years old. The owner can have them
by proving property and paying expense.

W. H. HENRY, Testin.
Lot 2, 12th Concession, Township of Garafaxa.
Guelph, Dec. 18, 1867. (w 3)

Store House to Rent.

TO RENT, the premises formerly known as
Williams' old brewery, with three floors, and
extending by 25 yards, suitable for either storing
or for parking. A never-failing stream of
water runs through the premises. It is adjacent
to the Market Square. Apply to

WILLIAM DYSON.
224-4th, 17th Dec. 1867. dw-1

TROTTER & GRAHAM,

DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON,

Members of the Dental Association of the Pro-
vince of Ontario.

(Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.)

OFFICE:

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store

References.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs.
Clarke, Parker and Herold, Guelph; A. F. Scott,
Esq., County Judge; George Green, County At-
torney; 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
without pain.

W. K. GRAHAM.
Guelph, 1st Dec. 1867. (dw-13)

POETRY.

Christmas-Eve.

FROM SIR WALTER SCOTT'S "MARMION."

On Christmas-eve the bells were rung,
On Christmas-eve the mass was sung;

That only night in all the year
Saw the staid priest the chalice rear.

The daisied donned her kirtle shewn,
The hall was dressed with holly green;

Forth to the wood did merry-men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.

Then opened wide the baron's hall,
To vassal, tenant, serf, and all;

Power laid his rod of rule aside,
And ceremony doffed his pride;

The heir, with roses in his shoes,
That night might village partner choose,

The lord, undragging, shone
The vulgareness of "past and pair;"

All hailed with uncontrolled delight
And general voice, the happy night

That, to the cottage as the crown,
Brought tidings of salvation down;

The fire, with well-dried logs supplied,
Went roaring up the chimney wide;

The long hall-table's oaken face,
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace,

Bore then upon its massive board,
No mark to part the squire and lord;

Taken was brought in the lusty brew
By the old blue-coated servant man;

Then the grim bear's head frowned on high
Crested with rays and rosemary;

The wassail round in good brown bowls,
Complished with ribbons, lightly trolled;

Then the huge squire roared; a hardy
Plum-porridge stool, and Christmas pie;

Nor failed old Soot to produce,
At such high tide, her savory goose;

Then came the merry maskers in,
And carols roared with blithesome din.

If unmelodious was the song,
It was a hearty note, and strong.

Who lists may in their merriment see
Traces of ancient mystery;

White skirts supplied the wasp's need,
And snuffed and checked the wassail's lead;

But, oh, what managers, richly dight,
Could boast of bonnets half so light?

England was merry England, when
Old Christmas brought his sports again.

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.

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

427 Office over Berry's Confectionery Store,
Wellington Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

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OFFICE:..... MACDONELL STREET.

TUESDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 24.

Local News.

No Paper To-morrow.

To-morrow being Christmas Day, no
paper will be issued from this office.

CAPTURE OF A THIEF.—A young man,
named Frank Ackerman, a resident of the
11th Concession of Mornington, was lately
arrested for appropriating other people's
goods. Last week he went to Mr. Lang-
dale, watchmaker, Listowel to get a
watch repaired, and remained all night
at the Commercial Hotel, from which he
stole a suit of clothes. When he was
arrested for the theft, he was discovered
that he had stolen within the past few
weeks a watch, a clock, a suit of clothes,
and the key of Mr. Langdale's jewellery
store. He said he did not intend to open
the jewellery store with the key, but
thought it might open the doors of some
of the other stores on which he was com-
mitted to make a raid. He was com-
mitted to trial.

For the best flavored, strongest, finest
and cheapest Green, Black and Japan
Teas in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wil-
kinson's.

GARAFAXA RAILWAY BONUS. The
ratepayers of Garafaxa have passed the
By-law granting \$20,000 to the W. G. &
B. Railway. The majority we have not
learned.

A new and attractive stock of China,
Glassware and Crockery, suitable for
holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

Otto Klotz, of Preston, has just com-
pleted a German Grammar for the use of
pupils attending the German schools.
The work has been used in the Preston
school, and is highly recommended. It
is authorized by the Council of Public
Instruction.

Be sure to get the NEW BURY-
ER. No other will answer. Is to
be had at JOHN HORSMAN'S.

PERSONAL.—We notice that Mr. Joseph
Hobson returned to town this morning
after an absence of some three months,
during which period he was engaged on
a survey of a railway which is to run from
the coal districts to navigable waters in
one of the Lower Provinces. Mr. Hobson
looks well now, although he suffered
considerably from sickness during the
first month after his departure.

Nearly all gone are those large lots
of poultry. The reason why J. McArthur
sells them cheaper than any farmer can
raise them. A fresh supply in time for
Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Up-
per Wyndham-st., Guelph.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.—The festival of
the Masonic fraternity on Friday first (St.
John the Evangelist's Day) promises to
be a most successful affair. The tickets,
of which only a limited number were
issued, have been all disposed of. The
festival will take place in the new Lodge
Rooms, in Mr. Hogg's new block, which
are being gorgeously fitted up for the
occasion. The entertainment will consist
of a concert interspersed with addresses,
parlour and other amusements; a splen-
did supper, after which the volantes of
Terpichore will "trip the light fantastic"
to the music of the Preston Quadrille
Band.

STILLTON CHEESE.—Ingersoll Fac-
tory Cheese at John A. Wood's.

Christmas Meat Market.

The Guelph Butchers are past complet-
ing their Christmas arrangements, and
the different stalls are now packed to their
utmost capacity with the choicest of all
descriptions of meat, and poultry. Each
vendor with the other with former spirit
in providing the best of both roast, and
boil, with which it is expected people will
regale themselves on Christmas. As we
enter we find:

GEORGE HOOD, No. 1 STALL.—We
observe he has the following on hand
from which to make choice. The Pro-
vincial prize heifer 3 years old, fed by Mr.
Gideon Hood, weighing 20 cwt, and which
was bought for the sum of \$230; the
heifer which took the first prize at the
South Wellington Christmas Fair, and
which was fed by Mr. Jas. Graham, a
Hereford heifer from Mr. Geo. Murton,
and a heifer from Mr. Thos. McGee,
besides four or five more carcasses of
beef, all of extra quality. In the way of
mutton Mr. Hood has Mr. Wm. White-
law's sheep which took the first prize at
the Christmas Fair, four others fatted by
Mr. Swanton, of Eramosa, besides thirty-
five more purchased from the principal
sheep feeders in the section. In the way of
hog, from Mr. Charles Hawse, which
weighs 7 cwt, abundance of venison,
both deer, and goat; the first prize goose,
and a very large quantity of poultry,
together with a fine lot of game consist-
ing of pheasants and hares.

MR. JOHN TYSON No. 3 STALL has two
cattle from Mr. R. Burnett, of Wool-
wich, a famous stock feeder, a steer and
a heifer which took a second prize each
at the North Waterloo show, and the
price of which together was \$133; two
heifers from Mr. Arthur Wright of Wool-
wich which cost \$85, one cow at \$45,
from Mr. John Ry, of the same township,
besides one much larger than either,
from Mr. Sinner of Waterloo
township, a cow from Mr. Alex. Mackay
of Woolwich which was bought for \$50,
and two other carcasses of beef. He has
in addition twenty sheep and lambs of
a superior quality, two goats, two deer,
and four summer pigs from Mr. John
Chapman.

MR. JOHN HALE No. 3 STALL has on
hand four cattle, two of which are steers
fed by Mr. Charles Cockburn, Puslinch,
and which took a prize at the township
show. He has also six hogs, two of which
are spring pigs bred by the same gentle-
man, and which took prize in their class.
These together with eight sheep, and a
large quantity of poultry comprehend the
Christmas cheer which he has provided.
MR. PUDDY No. 5 STALL has eight
head of cattle for which he paid four cents
per lb live weight, four sheep, three pigs,
and a quantity of poultry.

MISS MARY HUCKLEY, STALL No. 6
have for the benefit of their customers
three heifers which were among the herd
that took the second prize at the Fergus
fair, two steers bought in Elora, two
cows which were showed at the Christ-
mas fair in Guelph and four sheep from
Mr. Nicholson, of Hagersburg.

MESSRS. MILLAR STALLS Nos. 7 & 8
have nineteen fed by Messrs. John Hob-
son, Clephorn and Laidlaw, Messrs.
Oakes' and Pallister's prize spring pigs,
two large hogs, one of which was fed by
Mr. Joseph Parkinson, Eramosa, and the
other by Mr. P. McGregor, of Puslinch,
besides one much larger than either,
brought all the way from Elora. They
have also twenty sheep and lambs. Two
of the former were fatted by Mr.
Jonathan Adamson, Nassagaweya, and
took prizes in the Fall. And in addition
to the foregoing they have a deer weighing
125 lbs, and prize turkeys and geese
from Mr. Wm. Evans, of Puslinch.

Briefly it may be asserted that if the
people of Guelph do not enjoy a good
Christmas dinner it will not be because
the butchers have failed in making the
most ample provisions for answering all
demands. On entering the market, beef,
mutton and poultry hanging around al-
most choke the passage, and all that skill
can do in the way of ornamentation has
been done. Sheep hang with gilded
heads, made in the most perfect imitation
of the natural head, and gruntings who
have shut their eyes forever on this world
clasp in their feet parts of artificial
tinsel, which encircle their necks.
Here we see a cow hanging with head
and horns still attached, the saw-cut be-
ing dexterously and skillfully covered by
a carefully wrought necklace of parti-
colored tissue paper; farther on a pig
stands on his snout with his legs in the
air, and at the farthest end hang a long
row of sheep set off with the most beau-
tiful and becoming decorations, and an
archway of evergreen boughs is suspen-
ded above all. It looks like Christmas,
does the Guelph meat market, looks as
if a season of general festivity and re-
joicing were close at hand.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that ex-
cellent sold for 62¢ per lb. by JAS.
MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st.,
Guelph.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey,
Old Rye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey,
at John A. Wood's.

IN RE GRAND and the CORPORATION
OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Judgment
was given in this case yesterday. Mr.
Palmer, solicitor for Mr. Grand, took out
a rule calling on the Corporation of the
Town of Guelph to show cause why the
By-law under which saloons and hotels
were charged different rates of license
should not be quashed. One of the chief
objections urged against the by-law was,
that the statute did not distinguish be-
tween a saloon and a tavern, and that the
Corporation therefore had no legal right
to charge the one more for license than
the other. The case was argued last
Term, and the rule discharged with costs,
or in plainer words the By-law was sus-
tained and Mr. Grand has to pay the
piper.

Have you seen the new
Coal Oil Burner at MR.
HORSMAN'S.

Reports from the South state that dur-
ing the present winter severe distress is
anticipated among both the whites and
the negroes, especially among the latter.
It is reported that the freedmen are be-
ing discharged in large numbers by their
employers, on account of a scarcity of
food and means, and starvation in many
instances is actually at the door of both
whites and blacks.

The manufacture of beet sugar is car-
ried on upon a large scale in California;
the beet root in that climate is said to
yield two per cent more saccharine mat-
ter than in Europe. It is said that 12-
000 tons of beet sugar was refined in
California last year.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present—
W. Peterson, Esq., Chairman; Messrs
Pirie, Knowles, Fraser, Newton, Howard,
McNeil, Ball, Watson, Herod, Bruce and
Innes.

A communication was read from Miss
Ferguson, asking for an increase to her
salary. Laid over till the re-appointment
of teachers comes under the consideration
of the Board.

Mr. Walker sent in his resignation as
assistant teacher of the Grammar School.
Moved by Knowles, seconded by Mr.
Pirie and carried, that Mr. Walker's
resignation be accepted. At the same
time the Board desires to express their
sense of his valuable services in the past,
and trust that he may meet with success
in his new enterprise.

The School Management Committee
presented their report to the effect that
they had visited the South Ward School
and found 112 names on the roll and 89
pupils present. In all the classes exam-
ined the children gave proof of great
application. The committee are of opin-
ion that a partition would obviate in a
measure the annoying echo and confusion
of sound consequent on two classes being
generally under instruction at the same
time. At the East Ward School there
were 42 names on the roll and 24 children
present. Considerable proficiency was
shown in the most of the studies, and the
children were orderly. The meagre at-
tendance at this school may in some
measure be attributable to its dangerous
proximity to the railway station and cross-
ing.—The report was adopted.

Dr. Herod presented the report of the
School Property Committee, to the effect
that at the expiry of the year the com-
mittee recommended the different schools in
town in the Wellington Mutual Insurance
Company to a total amount of \$6,325.
The saving which will result by insur-
ing in this Company was shown by the chair-
man from a tabular statement, in which
it appeared that during the past six years
the amount of premiums paid to six
companies for insurance was \$384.
Had they been insured in the same
amount in the Mutual during that period,
the premiums would only have amounted
to \$93, and a saving of \$174.88 would
have been effected.—The report was
adopted.

Moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr.
Watson, and resolved, That the follow-
ing be a special committee to enquire
into the necessity of appointing an as-
sistant teacher for the Grammar School, and
also to report on the advisability of in-
creasing the salaries of the different teach-
ers in town.

The Local Superintendent read his
report of the fourth quarterly examina-
tions of the town schools, which was re-
ceived and adopted.

The Board then adjourned.

Guelph Meat in Toronto Market.

If it were not for Guelph or rather for
the coast immediately adjacent our
neighbors would be somewhat at a loss
for meat, or at least for that excellent
quality of beef which is deemed indispen-
sable in the Christmas market. In the
notices of the butchers' stalls in Toronto,
as given by the *Telegraph* we observe
that a very large proportion of the slaugh-
tered cattle were brought from this neigh-
borhood, and they are all set down in the
foremost rank of the first class. For ex-
ample it is remarked of Mr. Britton.
"He showed some astonishingly fine cat-
tle, among which is a prize steer, three
years old and weighing 2,878 pounds. It
was fed by Mr. Gideon Hood, of Guelph,
and carried off the first prize at the last
Provincial Fair. It cost Mr. Britton
\$400." Again, "Mr. C. Dunning makes
a superior display. He shows a remark-
ably fine heifer, three years old, fed by
Mr. Gideon Hood, of Guelph, who is
famous for his fat cattle. Mr. Dunning
shows nine other head of cattle, also from
Guelph." We find also in the list of
cattle enumerated, a roke of oxen fed by
Mr. J. S. Armstrong, which carried off a
prize last fall, and which is spoken of as
being "a very fine." Another butcher
shows twelve cattle fed by different breed-
ers around Guelph, and ten from Elora.
Mr. James Bird, of Yonge street, has the
first prize heifer from Guelph, weighing
1,870 lbs and costing \$200; and another
firm on the same street show ten first
class steers from this vicinity. The last
that we notice is a sheep which weighed
400 lbs, and which was purchased from
Mr. James Holliday, Elora.

For pure Coffee in Mocha, Java, Ja-
maica, Rio and Laguayra, ground fresh on
receipt of orders, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP.

A meeting of the electors of the Town-
ship of Guelph was held in the school
house section No. 3, on Monday the 23rd,
for the purpose of nominating a Reeve
and Deputy Reeve and Councillors for
the ensuing year, when the following
parties were proposed and seconded—
Wm. Whitlaw for Reeve, Robt. Camp-
bell for Deputy Reeve, Thos. Anderson,
for Deputy Reeve; Messrs. Benham,
Darby, Holson and Creighton, for Coun-
cillors. The Returning officer at the
close of the hour declared Wm. Whit-
law, Esq. duly elected Reeve for the
ensuing year. Mr. Laidlaw moved,
seconded by Mr. Whitlaw, that a vote of
thanks be tendered to Mr. Murton for the
able and efficient manner in which he has
acted during the years he has held the
office of Reeve of this Township in dis-
charging the business in the best inter-
ests of the Township and so creditably to
himself.—Carried unanimously. Mr. Mur-
ton thanked them in a suitable manner
for the expression they had given him,
and hoped that the new Council would
work as harmoniously in the future as
they had done in the past. The meeting
then adjourned till Monday the sixth day
of January, when the poll will be opened
at nine o'clock. A. McCORKINDALE,
Returning Officer.

ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP.

A meeting was held at the Centre Inn
on Monday the 23rd inst. for the purpose
of nominating a Reeve, Deputy Reeve
and Councillors for the ensuing year.
John A. Davidson, Esq., Clerk of the
Council, acted as Returning officer. The
following nominations were made—For
Reeve, Mr. John Duffield; for Deputy
Reeve, Messrs. John Rea and Lazarus
Parkinson, and for Councillors, Messrs.
Wm. Farnish, John McKerlie, John
Grieve, John Dickeson, Arch'd McNab,
David Stewart, H. H. Swinford and James
Benham. As there was no other nomi-
nation, Mr. Duffield was declared duly
elected Reeve. A poll was demanded for
the Deputy Reeves and the Councillors.

Fight with Wolves.

The New Market Era has the follow-
ing:—As Mr. Addison Lawr, a teamster
in the employ of some timber dealers,
now shantying in the Township of Essa
was passing through a cedar swamp,
about 5 o'clock in the morning one day
last week, he was attacked by a number
of wolves. He at once jumped from the
bob sleigh upon the tongue, between
the horses; from which place he endeav-
ored to strike the wolves with the whip-
stall. After hitting one of them a pretty
severe blow, they fell back and left him
for a short time. Pretty soon they renev-
ed the attack, however, with their num-
ber increased to nine, and seemed de-
termined to make him their prey. Stop-
ping his horses, Mr. Lawr got off his
sleigh, with the view to scare them; but
the wolves made savage by the recent
cold and hunger, at once showed fight.

The only weapon of defence Mr. Lawr
had was an axe, and with this in his
hands the battle commenced. In the
tussle that ensued the horses became
frightened and started off at full speed—
leaving Lawr to make the best of his cir-
cumstances. As he had started some
twenty minutes or half an hour ahead of
the other teamsters, the only prospect
of his life, was in keeping off the mon-
sters till the others drove up. The jump-
ing, snapping, howling and tearing of the
wolves taxed his whole energies; but
being a strong muscular man, he was
able to stand it until his comrades drove
up. So intent were the animals in mak-
ing Mr. L. their prey that the other team-
sters came up within four or five rods
before being noticed—the wolves then
made off with howls.—For some distance
Lawr's comrades seen the fight, and they
were using his feet and the axe, as
was at a day's work. He was very
nearly exhausted, however, when the
other teamsters came up. He says he
has fought in crowds previously; but he
never tried his hand with wolves before.

COAL OIL LAMPS.

The Finest Assortment ever seen, at MR. HORSMAN'S.

Recommended by Railroad Engineers,
Railroad Conductors, Express men and
others requiring the use of an accurate
durable and reliable timepiece. See ad-
vertisement. 3m.

The New York Times, Tribune and
Commercial Advertiser are said to be about
introducing the Alden typesetting machines
in their establishments.

THE NEW BURNER at MR. HORSMAN'S saves one-third OIL, and gives a Light Clear, White, and Cheerful.

FIRE IN MONTREAL.—Nordheimer's hall in
Montreal, fitted up some time ago as a bill-
iard room, was destroyed by fire on
Sunday. Their total loss was about \$12,
000. Sixteen billiard tables valued at \$8,000
were destroyed, together with the champion
cue. Other tenants under the same roof also
suffered.

The best brands of Smoking and Chewing
Tobaccoes are kept at Geo. Wilkinson's.

THE NEW BURNER for Safety, Economy and brilliancy of flame is unsurpassed. To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.

Notwithstanding the opposition which
the French people last year showed to
the increase of the army, the French
Government is again urging the adoption
of the Army Reorganization bill,