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DAILY AND WEEKLY.

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

Advertising rates are very moderate, and may be learned on application at the Office.

Book and Job Printing,

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

McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.
 Office—Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.
 October 29, 1867. daw-4f

Eating House.

C. H. DAVIS
 RESPECTFULLY informs the people of Guelph and neighborhood, that he has opened a public

Eating House and Refreshment Rooms,

A few doors above the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, where will be provided Meals at all reasonable hours, at moderate prices.

Oysters, Sardines, &c

TO ORDER ON SHORT NOTICE.
 An opening for a couple of Boards.
 CHAS. H. DAVIS. 514 d o f
 October 22, 1867.

NEW FRUIT!

For CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS.
 Crop of 1867:

- New Layer Raisins,
 - New Bunch Muscatel Raisins,
 - New Prime Valencia Raisins,
 - New Seedless Raisins,
 - New Patras Currants,
 - New Choice Turkey Grapes,
 - New Soft Shelled Almonds,
 - New Walnuts and Filberts,
 - New Brazil Nuts,
 - New Canned Fruits
 - New Candied Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel.
- A new stock of General Groceries, Crockery, China and Glassware, now complete in every department.
- GEORGE WILKINSON.**
 Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.
 Guelph, 27th November, 1867. daw-4f

Valuable Building Lots for Sale

IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being Nos. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Hoskins, Esq., F.S.S. There are two-fifths of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Disciples Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form excellent sites for building on. For terms apply at the Mercury Office, or (by letter post-paid) to DUNCAN ROBERTSON, Everton P.O. Guelph, Nov. 15th, 1867. wt

COLT STRAYED:

STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, on Wednesday the 27th, a roan two year old filly, in good condition, both hind feet white, also high fore foot, mane light colored. The name is badly matted with burrs. She was bought at Mr. John West's sale, and he bought her from Mr. John Hewitt, who bred her. Any one returning her to the owner, or giving such information at this office as will lead to her recovery, will be suitably rewarded.
 JOHN W. ARMSTRONG,
 Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa.
 Guelph, 20th Nov, 1867. d3w1

The Wizard Soap

W. F. FOX & CO.
 HAVE commenced to manufacture the celebrated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is superior 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., Woolwich-st.

Business Education!

THE importance of a thorough Business Education is pressing itself upon the attention of commercial circles more and more every day, and its advantages are felt more emphatically shown by nothing more than by the vast ground on which it places the fully trained clerk above the imperfectly trained one, when looking for a situation.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE has in full operation such a course of instruction as to give it practical fitness to do the work proposed. An important characteristic of this Institution is its naturally organized actual business system, whereby the College is made a type or model not only of an extensive business house, but even of a large trading community. Another distinctive feature of this College is that it attempts no extraneous teaching. Its work is confined to the accomplishment of that work every effort is directed. Just as the University and Grammar Schools must be separate institutions, so the Commercial College and the Elementary School must be distinct. Common sense and experience alike show that such a combination is not compatible with efficiency.

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 term of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to incur 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 crudeness that such haste entails is highly detrimental, not only to the student himself, but besides to the College where he graduates; and, worse, it brings reproach on Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deplorable and highly reprehensible.

We were again awarded the **First Prize** at the late Provincial Exhibition, Kingston, for the best specimen of Business Penmanship, and an Extra Prize for our system of Writing.

For Penmanship, Circulars, &c., address—
MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,
 October 12, 1867. daw-4f TORONTO

TEAS. TEAS.

A LARGE Lot just received of New Crop
TEAS.
 A SPLENDID ARTICLE.
 AT 75 CENTS,
 Equal to any sold at 87 1/2 Cents!
E. CARROLL & CO.
 No. 2 Day's Block.
 Guelph, Nov. 13, 1867. daw-4f

NEW LIVERY STABLE.

HORSES FOR HIRE.
 PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.
HUGH STRAHAN.
 Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. do-3m

XXX OYSTERS!

ARRIVING daily at WALKER'S.

Yarmouth Boaters, Kipperd Salmon Trout, Smoked Salmon, Pickled Salmon, Fresh Salmon, in cans.

HUGH WALKER.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.
 Guelph, 29th Nov, 1867. (dw)

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)
 OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
 GUELPH.
 CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.
DENIS BUNYAN.
 Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawly

STRAYED SHEEP.

CAME on the premises of the subscriber, about the 20th of June last, a two year old Cotswold Wether, with the point of the left ear. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can have him. If not claimed within a month from this date he will be sold to pay expenses.
 JOHN CURRIE,
 Lot 12, 6th Con., Eramosa.
 Guelph, 20th Nov, 1867. wt

CIGARS! CIGARS!

AN IMMENSE STOCK of Foreign and Domestic Cigars, Wholesale and Retail.
H. BERRY.
 84 WY 32
 Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867.

Four Corners Hotel,

ERAMOSA ROAD.
 JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of recommendations for travellers. First-class tables and cigars. Good accommodations.

The Best White Coal Oil

Can now be had at **MR. HORSMAN'S** for 15 cents per gallon. Cans of any size are also supplied.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

WEDNESDAY EVE, DECEMBER 4.

GUELPH POST OFFICE.

Arrival and Delivery of Mails.

	DELIVERY	CLOSE.
Hamilton	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
Great Western	8.00 12.30	6.30 4.15
Grand Trunk, west.	8.00 12.30	6.30 4.15
Toronto	10.30 6.30	9.30 2.30
Arkell		
Elen Mills,		
Nassagaweya,		
Campeleville,	6.30	10.30
Lowville,		
Nelson,		
Wellington Square,		
Aberfoyle,		
Freselon,		
Greenville,		
Morrison,	6.30	10.30
Punnett,		
Strabane,		
Eramosa,		
Rosedale,		
Ovington,		
Elora	8.00	1.30 12.30 9.00
Windsor	8.00	1.30 12.30 9.00
Paris	8.00	1.30 12.30 9.00
Ponsonby	8.00	1.30 12.30 9.00
Alma	8.00	1.30 12.30 9.00
Wynford	8.00	1.30 12.30 9.00
Montreal	10.30	6.30 2.30 9.00
Grand Trunk, east.	10.30	6.30 2.30 9.00
Orangeville	6.30	2.30
Way Mail, between	10.30	2.30
Fergus, Nichol, Ar.		
thor, Durham, Mt.		
Forest, Chateworth		
Cummock, Latona,	8.00	9.00
Engennot, Kenil-		
Worth, Sullivan, G.		
Sound, Orchard,		
Elora, Alma, Bowrth		
Clifford, Neustadt,		
Glenlyon, Rodhays,		
Harrison, Parker,	8.00	9.00
Teviotdale, Walker,		
Wynford, Cots-		
wold, Midway,		
Gourock	8.00	A.M. 4.15
Berlin	10.30	3.30 9.30 5.30
Waterloo	10.30	3.30 9.30 5.30
Guelph P. O., Nov. 18, 1867.		

Cattle Fairs.

Elora, 1st Tuesday of every month
 New Hamburg, 1st Tuesday of each month
 Guelph, 1st Wednesday of every month
 Berlin, 1st Thursday of every month
 Elmira, 2nd Monday of every month
 Crosshill, 2nd Monday of every month
 Waterloo, 2nd Tuesday of every month

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
 SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
 CONVEYANCERS, &c.
 S. B. FREEMAN, Q.C. G. O. FREEMAN.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
 Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Local News.

THE "WEEKLY MERCURY,"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1867.
 40 COLUMNS.
 THE GREAT FAMILY NEWSPAPER OF ONTARIO.

THE WEEKLY MERCURY

For to-morrow (Thursday) morning is a superb number. It contains a full report of St. Andrew's Celebration, the proceedings of the Town and County Councils, the meeting of the Wellington Mutual Insurance Co., Debates in Parliament, Editorials on the leading topics of the day, a vast amount of interesting local news, poetry, births, marriages and deaths. New type being introduced, the largest portion of the interesting tale "Norah Cuckaleen" is given than usual. Ready for the English mail, at all the bookstores and at the office of publication, Macdonnell street, East of the Golden Lion, at 7 a. m. Now is your time to subscribe.

SUICIDE IN STREETSVILLE.

A young man named Thos. Henry committed suicide on Tuesday by hanging himself in his bed room.

APPOINTMENT.—Benjamin Hillon

has been appointed Turnkey, of the Court House, in place of the late Mr. Robert Cairns, and will enter upon the duties of that office in a few days.

FAT CATTLE SHOW.

This show will be held in Guelph, on Thursday the 12th inst. Prizes will be given in all the various classes as formerly. Particulars may be seen by reference to the bills.

LAW CARD.—We beg to call attention

to the card in today's paper of Messrs. Freeman & Freeman, who have opened a law office in Guelph. The senior member of the firm, Mr. S. B. Freeman, has been long known in this section as a sound lawyer and an able pleader. The office is over Mr. Berry's Store.

THE RIFLE MATCH.—The first Rifle

Match under the auspices of the Guelph Rifle Association begins to-morrow at ten o'clock, a. m., at the new range on the York Road. Much interest is attached to this match, and we have no doubt the competition will be keen and the attendance large.

TEA MEETING IN PUSLINCH.—The

annual Tea Meeting of the Morrison Town Sabbath School will be held in the Town Hall, Morrison, on Friday evening the 13th inst., when addresses are expected from Rev. Messrs. McDonald, Forsyth, Youm, Torrance, Ball, Little, McLean, and others. A good choir will be in attendance. Tea served at 6 1/2 p. m. Tickets 25 cents, children half price. The proceeds to be applied to the purchase of books for the Sabbath School.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors beg to submit to the Stockholders at the annual meeting assembled a statement of the affairs of the Company during the year now ended, and have to congratulate them on the small amount of losses sustained when five have been so prevalent. The losses during the year have been as follows: Robert Hill's hotel, Hillsburg, \$800; estate of the late C. Israel, hotel and store, Preston, \$1200; Armstrong, McGrae & Co., Guelph, damage to Factory, \$2015—making in all \$4015. A claim was put in by Mr. Charles Ferguson, of Erin, for a loss occasioned by the burning down of his store in Erin by the kindling of a fire in the wood-shed attached to the store, where no fire place or chimney was erected, contrary to the conditions in policy, which they have rejected.

A call of 4 per cent has been ordered to cover the last two losses with the expenses for the year, which they trust will be promptly paid.

The financial statement showing a small balance due the Treasurer, is here by submitted. It has been audited and found correct.

The increase in the amount of policies during the last six and a half years, with the proportionate amount of insurance, are the best indications as to the standing of the Company and the favor in which it is held by the public. Number of policies in force June 1st, 1860, (the end of the fiscal year) 477; do. in force 1st Decr, 1867, 925; increase 448; amount insured 1st June 1860, \$635,281; do. 1st Dec. 1867, \$1,050,290; increase \$415,009.

Amount of assessments made during that period were 22 1/2 per cent, making an average of nearly 3 1/2 per cent, per annum call on the premium equal to 23 cents in the Mutual on every \$100, or under one-third the cost of a proprietary Company, which must satisfy all of the care and attention bestowed on the selection of risks, and the safe position in which the affairs of the Company stand, as they feel assured the preceding figures must be convincing to the most skeptical that the Company is one of the safest and cheapest in the country.

It was considered necessary to define some of the clauses more clearly, and to add some additional ones, to the conditions of the policies, and for that purpose the Solicitor has drawn up a By-law, which will now be submitted for your approval.

In conclusion they feel much pleasure in handing over the trust confided to them in such a prosperous state.

RICHARD JACKSON, President.
 CHARLES DAVIDSON, Secretary.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

From San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Steamship Sacramento from Panama arrived with New York dates to 21st ult. Steamship Great Republic, which sails to-morrow for Hong Kong and Yokohama, carries a full cargo including 6000 brls. flour.

Fenian Meeting.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—The Fenian brotherhood here have called a meeting of all naturalized citizens on Saturday night, to express their views on the duty of the American Government towards its citizens called by duty or pleasure to ports within the jurisdiction of foreign governments. It is expected the meeting will be participated in by persons of all nations.

Seizure of Vessels.

New York, Dec. 3.—The European str. Baltic, Tripoli and Manhattan were seized to-day by Marshall Murray and bonded on the ground of conveying an excess of passengers.

Small Pox on Shipboard.

New York, Dec. 4.—The barque Jupiter from Bremen, 63 days out, with 214 passengers on board, arrived yesterday in Quarantine, having 4 cases of small pox on board. All the well passengers of the City of Cork were discharged on Monday. There remains 21 in hospital.

Mortality in New York.

New York, Dec. 3rd.—There were 382 deaths in New York and 101 in Brooklyn last week.

Cable News!

London, Dec. 3.—All the cabins of this metropolis have left their stables and refuse to go to work because of an obnoxious regulation which has been put in force requiring them to attach lamps to their vehicles. The cabmen held a meeting to-night, at Exeter Hall, to protest against the new law and to take measures for keeping up the strike.

Despatches from India report that a disastrous cyclone visited Bombay and vicinity. In the city many houses were demolished, and crops in the surrounding country were destroyed. The ground was being swept bare, and great damage was done to the shipping—many vessels were sunk.

London, Dec. 3.—The Bill for a tax of 1d. on incomes to defray the expenses of the Abyssinian war, passed the House of Commons to-night. Parliament will adjourn on the 7th inst. No additional particulars of the cyclone at Bombay have been received.

The meeting of the cabmen at Exeter Hall to-night was very large. Another meeting was held at the same time in Trafalgar Square. Many speeches were made and resolutions were enthusiastically adopted, expressing a determination not to submit to the regulation and to persist in the strike until the law is abolished. The movement creates quite a revolution in this city.

A despatch from Gibraltar announces the arrival at that fortress of Admiral Farragut and the United States squadron under his command.

FIRE IN ELORA.

We learn by special telegraph that the general merchandise store of Mr. John Waddell, on Metcalf street, Elora, was destroyed by fire last (Tuesday) night. There was an insurance on the stock, but to what amount we have not learned. The building, a substantial brick one, was the property of Mr. John Godfrey.

Elora Items.

Rain, wind, frost, snow at last and in close succession. Already broom, curling stone and skate are being prepared for exciting sport on the ice. How quickly the climate of Canada changes! A few hours, as in this last case, transports us from mild summer to severe winter weather.

St. Andrew's Day was celebrated here by a dinner at Biggar's Hotel, on Friday evening 24th ult. Over 60 sat down to a sumptuous board. The president, Dr. Middleton, vice-president, J. M. Fraser, Esq., occupied their respective places. The evening was spent in a joyous and social manner. Toasts, song and speech wiled away the time till wattledear gave warning of the coming dawn. The speeches of the evening were delivered by Rev. John Duff, Messrs. J. Millan, Finlayson, Middleton, Wilson and Moore. Heart stirring and patriotic songs were given by Messrs. Spalding, Thomson, Moore, Young and Robinson. At the sum up, the night was spent as true hearted and loyal Scotchmen alone can spend it.

SOIRÉE AT HESPELER.—A soiree will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hesper, on the evening of Wednesday the 11th of December. The object is clear off the debt which still remains due against the church. Rev. Messrs. Ba Guelph; Straith, Ingersoll; Duff, Elora; Hill, Hesper; James, Paris; and McMillen, Woodstock, are expected to deliver addresses. Such a goodly array of talent to say nothing of the promised music or the laudable purpose for which the soiree is getting up, should be the means of securing a large attendance.

WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE RANGWAY.—During the past week, a deput commission composed of Messrs. Adam Brown, President of the Company, A. T. Wood, John L. Mackenzie and William Macmillan, held meetings in advocacy of this line in the Township of Peel, preliminary to the vote for a bonus of \$40,000 (which takes place on Tuesday next) towards the enterprise. On Wednesday night a meeting was held in the village of Glendon at Watson's Hall, which is spoken of as having been successful. On Thursday at 2 p. m., a meeting was held at the same place, at which the same evening at the same place.

they might be understood, as charges of such a nature, when not cleared up, had a tendency to weaken the influence of the Company.

On motion of Mr. Guthrie, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the President and office-bearers for their efficient management of the affairs of the Company during the past year.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman, when the meeting broke up.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Richard Jackson, Esq., was re-elected President of the Company, and Chas. Davidson, Esq., Secretary.

Coroner's Inquest.

The inquest resumed again on Tuesday evening. George Foster was called on to give evidence and testified as follows: He was married on the 21st, ult; did not stop at his father's on Friday night, not considering it safe to brave another charivari. He returned on Monday with the intention of remaining; there was a charivari that night—his father, mother, wife and himself being in the house; his mother was still unwell; when the charivari commenced he said