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Business Cards.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. dw

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

CARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's distillery. dw

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

WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

JOHN KIRKHAM,
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher
All orders promptly attended to.
Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec street, Guelph dwy

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Offices.
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON. | County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871 dw

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
15dw JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

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

W. H. TAYLOR,
CARRIAGE SILVER PLATER,
GUELPH.
Is only one this side of Toronto.
All work warranted the best. Please send for price list. f26d1y

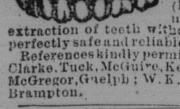
IRON AND BRASS
Castings of all kinds made on short notice at
THE GUELPH UNION FOUNDRY
We also keep on hand four qualities of
BABBITT METAL.
HARLEY & HEATHER.
Huskisson Street, Guelph. m11-dw3m

L. MARRIOTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M.R.C.V.S., L.; H.F.V.M.A.S.
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the MERCURY Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.
Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. o19dwy

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL

Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory by Street. Teeth extracted without pain.
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, 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
☞ 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, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

J. H. ROMAIN & Co.,
Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co.,
CANADA HOUSE,
General Commission Merchants.
AND SHIPPERS,
26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.
REFERENCES: Sir John Rose, Banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., Banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, Bankers; Hon John Carling, London, Ontario; Messrs. Gault Bros., Merchants, Montreal; Senator Frank Smith, (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J. Merton Millar, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Millar & Co., Commission Merchants Chicago); Walter Watson, Esq., Banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; Joseph Whitehead, Esq. M. P., Clinton, Ont; Chas. Magill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ontario; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., Toronto; Samuel B. Foote, Esq., Quebec.

New Advertisements.

$30 WILL BUY A YOUNG NEW Milch Cow. Apply at this office.

HOUSE TO LET.—To let a house in Oxford street, rear of Dr. McGuire's. Apply to Mr. Hugh Walker or at Anderson's Bookstore. n22-3td

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.—For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new, cheap for cash. Apply at the MERCURY Office.

PURSE FOUND — Found, on Wyndham street, near Petrie's Drug Store, this (Saturday) forenoon, a purse containing some money and jewellery. The owner, on proving property and paying expenses, can have it by applying at Mr. John Stewart's, Fairview, Everton. d3

BUILDING SITE FOR SALE — In town, well cultivated, well fenced, 4½ acres, spring creek running across, 60 assorted fruit trees, frame stable, &c. Terms easy. For particulars, apply to Robt. Mitchell, No. 1, Day's Block. Mr21dtf

BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE WANTED. — Wanted immediately, a Journeyman Blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the Blacksmith business. Apply at once to Jas. Laing, Morriston. f5dtf

TO LET—With immediate possession, the stone cellars, rooms, offices, and upper story in Brownlow's Buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Horsman, or William Day.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873 dtf

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham-Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffee
Guelph, December 27th, 1872 dtf

10,000 BUSHELS OF CORN and 3000 BUSHELS OF OATS for sale.
A. R. DAVIES,
Guelph, Mar. 13. dwtf On the Market

MONEY TO LEND,
On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to
FRED. BISCOE,
Barrister, &c.
April 4, '73.-dwtf. Guelph.

NOTICE. — The undersigned having disposed of his business to Messrs. J. & R. Millar, all parties indebted to me either by Note or Book Account, are requested to call and settle the same forthwith.
JOSEPH BRADLEY.
Guelph, April 21, 1873 dtf

RESIDENCE FOR SALE OR TO LEASE IN GUELPH.—Stone house, eight rooms, wash house, stable, &c., with 1½ acres, planted with fruit trees, half mile from Government Farm. Apply to
A. G. THORBURN,
Guelph, April 9, d&wtf Guelph P.O.

WM. NELSON,
Clothes Cleaner and Renovator.
All Clothing entrusted to his care will be Cleaned and Renovated to the satisfaction of his customers. Residence at the Laundry, Devonshire street, Guelph.
Guelph, April 22nd, 1873. 3md

DR. PUNSHON'S
Sermons and Lectures.
Notice.—Persons desirous of subscribing for this valuable book, on whom the Agent has not been able to call, will please leave their names and address at this office, and the book will be delivered the first week in May. d2w1

50 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE IN PUSLINCH.
Northwest Quarter of Lot 27, Con. 1, 9 miles from Guelph, 2 from Morriston or Aberfoyle, and 1½ from Brock Road; comfortable house, and large log barn and stables. Will be sold cheap, and on liberal terms of payment, or town property will be taken in exchange. Apply through Guelph Post Office, box 161, or to Messrs. Hart & Spiers, Guelph. mr22-dwtf

NEW
Lumber Yard
IN GUELPH.
The subscriber has opened, under the superintendence of Mr. Richard Maddock, a Lumber Yard on Paisley and Oxford streets,
Near the G. W. Railway Station,
and is prepared to supply the various descriptions of building and other lumber.
Shingles, Lath and Pickets.
Lumber, etc., delivered in either large or small quantities, in any part of the town, or delivered by the car load on the track here, at any station on the G. W. R., or in cars at the Mill Siding north of Walkerton.
Laid Lumber sized to order, and delivered with promptness.
Sokasippi Mills Lumber Yard.
CHARLES MICKLE.
April 21st, 1873. 10wdw

BUTCHER STALL NO. 7.
J. T. WATERS,
Thankful for past favors, begs to notify his old customers and the public that he has now closed his shop on Upper Wyndham Street, and that the business formerly carried on there will in future be done at his stall, No. 7, in the Market.
Always on hand, besides Fresh Meat, Sugar-cured Hams, Bacon, Lard, Pork, Sausages, &c.
Avail from all his old friends respectfully solicited.
J. T. WATERS.
Guelph, April 7th, 1873 dtf

POTATOES FOR SALE.
Potatoes, suitable for Seed, and Culinary purposes, consisting of Early Rose, Peerless, Climax, Buckeye, Chilis, Peach Blows, Kidneys, and all other kinds, wholesale and retail. Will be sold as cheap as they can be bought on the market, and delivered in any part of the town.
JAMES HEWER,
Grain Warehouse, Macdonnell-st. East.
Guelph, April 16, 1873. dwtw.

RED MILL
Flour and Feed Store,
Opposite Alma Block.
Flour, Bran, Middlings, Oatmeal, Cornmeal, and all kinds of Feed and Grain for sale.
All orders delivered in any part of the Town.
Gristing AND Chopping
DONE AT THE MILL.
WATERLOO ROAD.
ROBERTSON BROS.,
Agents for Waterlime.
Guelph, April 15, 1873 dtf

NEW AND
SEASONABLE GOODS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR,
ILLINOIS WHITE CORNMEAL
ILLINOIS RYE FLOUR
ST LOUIS HOMINY
NEW PRUNES
OLD PRUNES
DRIED APPLES
WHITE BEANS
PEARL BARLEY
POT BARLEY
PATNA & ARRACAN RICE
Canned Peaches, Tomatoes, Corn, Peas and Cherries,
At John A. Wood's,
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-street.
Guelph, March 26, 1873. dw

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Town and County News.

THE CANADA HERD BOOK.—Subscribers or others wishing to get the second volume of the Canada herd book can get them by applying to Mr. Geo. Murton, at his office over Sharpe's Seed Store.

MR. JOHN HENNING, an employee for many years on the Welland Canal, has received an appointment from the Ontario Government in connection with the Agricultural Farm at Guelph.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—Services were held last night in this Church, and also this forenoon, when the Rev. Dr. Boomer preached. To-night there will be service at half past 7 o'clock, when the Rev. J. D'Arcy Cayley, Rector of Whitby, will preach.

W. G. & B. RAILWAY.—At a meeting of the Egremont Township Council on Monday a by-law was submitted granting a bonus of $35,000 to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company for an extension of the railway to Mount Forest and Holstein.

TOO SOON.—We see by our exchanges, that some of the "*Season*-able Poets" have already commenced their Spring warblings. They are in the field a little early, we imagine—at least, judging from the weather we had the past few days, and the snow storm on Monday evening, we should be inclined to think so. But we live in hopes of having a spring yet—sometime in the course of the year.

GREAT FEAT IN SAWING.—At Messrs. Douglas & Bannerman's Grove Mills, Georgetown, on Thursday last, there was cut in five hours, with a single circular saw, no lest than 16,118 feet of lumber. The engine, (of Inglis & Hunter's make,) is 25 horse power, and the saw 5 feet 2 inches in diameter. This is one of the greatest feats in sawing we have heard of, and is good evidence of the capacity and power of the Grove Mills, now owned by our old Townsmen.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—We have received from the publishers Blackwood's Magazine for April. We have first an imaginary dialogue on Shakespeare's Funeral on the 25th April, 1616. It is admirably written. The contents of the other papers are No. 6 of The Parisians; Sir John Burgoyne; Part 14 of A True Reformer; Lord Hatton—a tale of Castle Comet of Guernsey; The late Attempt at Suicide. For sale at the Bookstores.

HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY.—We have received the May number of this magazine from Tunis & Co., Clifton, Ont. The contents are varied and pleasing. An article "Life under the ocean wave" will be read with interest,—as also the article on "Vienna." There are further instalments of Miss Thackeray's "Old Kensington," Reade's "Simpleton," and Collins' "New Magdelen." The poetry is up to the usual mark, one touching piece, "The Newsboy's Debt" being especially beautiful. For sale at the Bookstores.

THE ACCIDENT TO DR. MCGUIRE.—We are glad to learn that the injuries which Dr. McGuire sustained by being thrown out of his buggy on Monday are not so serious as were at first anticipated. During the afternoon he manifested slight symptoms of concussion of the brain, but these happily wore off. The system, however, has sustained a severe shock, his arm and side are badly bruised, and it may be some little time before he is able to be about again. Last night he rested well, and to-day he is progressing as favourably as could be expected.

GRACE EGERTON. — The very large audience which filled the Town Hall to overflowing on Monday night, shewed unmistakably the high esteem in which Miss Grace Egerton is held as an accomplished *artiste* and delineator of character. Time has dealt but lightly with her, and her impersonations have lost none of the sparkling vivacity and brilliant wit which made them so popular. Nor must we forget to mention Mr. George Case, whose performances on the violin and concertina were really excellent, and added materially to the evening's enjoyment. The imitation of the Scotch bag-pipes was capital, and elicited a deserved encore. We bespeak for these talented artistes a bumper house on their return visit to this town next month.

GATEZ, who was shot by Revetzeer, in South Eastcope last Friday, died on Monday morning.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Imperial Parliament.

The French Atlantic Cable Broken.

The Late Baron Liebig.

Arrests in Spain.

Terrible Prairie Fire.

Fearful Storm.

Dreadful Accident.

The Modoc War.

LONDON, April 21.—Parliament re-assembled to-day.

In the Commons, Mr. Fawcett's Bill, abolishing religious tests in the University of Dublin, passed its second reading.

BREST, April 21.—The French Atlantic Cable is broken. The electricians of the company locate the break at a distance of 230 miles from Brest.

MUNICH, April 21.—The funeral of the late Baron Liebig took place in this city yesterday, and was attended by a large number of distinguished persons, including Dr. Dollinger.

BARCELONA, April 21.—Several persons known to have served recently in the Carlists ranks, have been arrested in this city.

ATCHISON, Kansas, April 22.—A letter from Belleville, Republic County, gives an account of a terrible prairie fire in that vicinity, which destroyed many houses, stables, cattle, grain, &c. The same letter records a dreadful accident which occurred on Monday night, a week ago, during a fearful storm which passed over that country. The house of Mr. Crane, near Belleville, was burned on Saturday, and his family, consisting of his wife and four children, took shelter in the residence of Mr. Bennett. On Monday night the storm took the roof off Bennett's house, a stone building, and blew in a gable, which fell into the cellar, where the inmates had taken refuge, and struck Mrs. Bennett, who was severely injured. In the morning Bennett went to procure assistance, and when he returned he found that the floor had fallen in and his wife and three children, together with Mrs. Crane and two of her children, were crushed to death. A boy and girl of Crane's were still alive and were carried to a neighbor's; but the boy died shortly after reaching there.

Wheat crop throughout Northern Kansas is in a good condition and promises a large yield.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—A courier from the front reports that 11 bodies and 1 live Modoc were found in a lava bed cave on Friday, making 16 warriors slain. Some of the bodies found were horribly mutilated by shells. Our total loss was 6 soldiers and one civilian slain, 11 wounded, two seriously, four disabled by sprained ankles. A latter despatch says the death of the Chief, Schonchin, is fully confirmed.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Arrived steamers "Piviere" from Havre; "City of London" from Liverpool; and "Morro Castle" from Havana.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.
Tuesday, April 22nd.

Robert McLennan was charged by J. F. Rainer with making use of threatening language in the Piano factory on Monday. He was bound over to keep the peace for a year, himself in $100 and two sureties in $50 each.

THE CHIEF INCUBATOR ON "THE MAIL."—So much attention having been drawn of late to the charges preferred by the *Mail* against members of the Ontario Government and others, a brief description of the "grand incubator" may not be without interest to your readers. The gentlemen known in Bohemian circles by this designation is Mr. Edward Farrer, of the *Mail*. His special and particular department is that of outrages, frauds and swindles, to which that journal has during the past few months given so much prominence. Farrer is a florid-complexioned, thick-set, brawny, broad-shouldered man, a thorough Irishman, with all the traditional humor and joviality of the race to which he belongs. He has an inexhaustible fund of anecdote and illustration, a ready pen, and a good classical education. His style is vigorous rather than polished, and he is fond of racy, idiomatic expressions which impart a marked individuality to his writings. Farrer was formerly employed on the *New York Tribune*, but came to this country some three years since, when he obtained a position on the *Telegraph*, then in its decadence. His articles during the crisis which resulted in the defeat of the Sandfield-Macdonald Government attracted the attention of the Tory leaders, and on the establishment of the *Mail* he was offered a position on the staff of that journal, which he accepted, and has since been engaged on the outrage department, in which he shows indefatigable and tireless industry. The "Proton," "Speak Now," "Canoe Couch Damask," "Horrocks Cocks," and other outrages are all his handiwork, but his special and peculiar glory, his *chef d'œuvre*, upon which he has bestowed his utmost care is the "Elgin Frauds." "Wherever you see a head hit," is his motto—and he oftens seeks to compensate for the bluntness of the weapon by the force, energy and persistency of his blows. Like Abe Lincoln, he "keeps pegging away," with a firm belief in the virtue of reiteration, and an industry worthy of a better cause.—*Toronto Correspondent of the Stratford Beacon.*

Town Council.

The Town Council met on Monday evening last, the Mayor in the chair. Present, Messrs. Elliott, Heffernan, Massie, Horsman, Kennedy, McLagan, Crowe, Bell, Hogg, Rich. Mitchell, Robt. Mitchell, Howard, Chadwick, Coffee.

The Mayor read a communication from James Goldie asking permission to draw gravel, &c., from any of the streets requiring cutting, for the purpose of rebuilding his dam. The clerk read a communication from George McLean, of Aberfoyle, asking for $60 compensation for loss occasioned through the destruction of Gow's Bridge.

The several tenders for the materials in the ruins of St. George's Church were then read.

The following petitions were then presented, and referred to the appropriate Committees:

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Elliott—From Jonathan Kelly, Chief Constable, praying for a full uniform, &c.

By Mr. Kennedy—From James Hough and others, praying that suitable provision be made for Wm. Snelling; from George King praying to be refunded taxes.

By Mr. Coffee—From John Murphy and others, respecting boundary road between Con. C, of the Township of Guelph, and the town, praying for a grant to improve said road.

By Mr. Massie—From John Harris, on behalf of the Trustees of Separate School, asking permission to draw on the Town Treasurer for such money as they may require for the payment of teachers' salaries.

From Thos. Couch and others, praying that a side walk be laid on the south side of Woolwich street.

From George Lee and others, for improvements on Paisley street.

By Mr. Hogg—From W. H. Mills and others respecting the sidewalks between Upper Wyndham street and Armstrong's crossing on Eramosa road.

By Mr. Chadwick—From J. F. Marsh, praying to be refunded the sum of $4 for ticket on wood sold by contract.

The Clerk also read a communication from the Treasury Department, respecting the Municipal Loan Fund, and placing the indebtedness of the town at the sum of $52,221.62, and calling attention to the fact that the Municipality is bound to pay interest on the debt at the rate of 5 per cent.

With reference to the petition of Mr. Hough and others, it was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Howard, that it be granted, and that the Relief Committee be instructed to make arrangements with the ladies of St. Joseph's Hospital, for the admission and maintenance of William Snelling in that institution. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hogg, that leave be given to Mr. Goldie to take gravel from Norwich-st to the extent of grading required. Carried.

Respecting the petition of the Board of Separate Schools Trustees, Mr. Massie moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the second clause of the petition be granted, and the chairman of the Board be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for 75 per cent of the amount collected for separate schools for 1872 with interest at 5 per cent.

The following reports were then read:

By Mr Massie, Report of Finance Committee, in which they recommend that they be instructed to ask permission from the Lieutenant Governor in Council to issue debentures to the extent of $50,000 beyond the liabilities of the corporation to the Municipal Loan Fund, for following purposes—to provide the sum of $30,000 asked for by Board of Public School Trustees; for the purchase of St George's Church $6,250., and the floating debt created in part by Central Exhibition Buildings, of $14,000.,—and that a detailed statement of the total indebtedness of the town be submitted to the Lieut.-Governor in Council, as follows:—

The total debt of the Corporation of the Town of Guelph amounts to $86,229.50 composed of the following items:—

1st. Deficiency carried forward from 1872, $14,007.74, viz.,

Paid by Treasurer to Relief Committee	$98.33
Market House "	999.09
Road & Bridge "	560.95
County Rate	5266.67
Separate Schools	815.57
High Schools	1247.70
Miscellaneous	498.35
Debentures under By-Law 67	22.08
" " " 97	3514.00
" " " 35	600.00
Due Jas. Hough " " 67	630.00
" " " " 86	1290.00
Mrs. Foster " " 97	440.00
Non-collection of Taxes and Collectors' commission	1065.15
	$16952.69
Less balance on hand	$378.23
" of assess	2560.72
	2944.95
	$14007.74
Debenture debt under By-law No. 35	$20,000.00
" " " 97	19,000.00
Municipal Loan Fund	52,221.62
	$91,221.62
Less Preston and Guelph Township Debentures	19,000.00
	$72221.62

By Mr. Robert Mitchell, Report of the Road and Bridge Committee, referring to the petition of Messrs Scroggie and Newton, declaring that the Committee could not recommend any settlement of their claim. Passed.

By Mr Chadwick, the Report of the Tree Planting Committee, in which reference was made to the losses sustained by the department from the dryness of past seasons, and the wanton destruction of trees by ill disposed persons. The Committee do not think it advisable to plant trees until the ground is properly prepared for their reception; and urge upon the residents, of Waterloo Road Avenue especially, the propriety of taking a little care and trouble in looking after the trees in front of their own property, as empowered by statute. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Elliott that as is apparent from the statement of the Premier, when presenting the report for the distribution of the surplus and settlement of the Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, that an error has been made in this calculation of the amount credited to this coporation, adverse to the interest of the Town through the interest on the Railway subsidy having been calculated from 1855, whereas a part of the debenture debt for Railway purposes was contracted in 1853, that the Finance Committee be instructed to have the error corrected, and if necessary, a deputation from that Committee proceed to Toronto to accomplish it.—Passed.

Mr. Elliott said that Mr. Massie had insinuated, that he (Mr. Elliott), as a member of the Finance Committee, had given rise to the report that our assessment for the current year would be 2 c. on the dollar, independent of school tax. He (Mr. Elliott) substantiated his assertion by figures and showed that in reality it would be 2½ cents in the dollar, including school tax.

Mr. Massie said that, in the main, Mr. Elliott was quite correct. Capital had been made, by a paper in a neighbouring town, out of the report that our taxes would be 2½ cents in the dollar, in order to injure the standing of this town. He thought the difficulty could be settled without taxing the ratepayers more than a cent and a half, by issuing debentures which would float our debt over for a number of years, thus making a heavier tax on the ratepayers quite unnecessary.

On motion, the tender of D. Kennedy of $205 for the material in the ruins of St. George's Church was accepted, and the Council adjourned.

Attempted Bank Robbery at Fergus.

On Monday morning the village of Fergus was surprised to hear that burglars had been at work, the Bank of Montreal being the place of operation. It appears they commenced late on Saturday night, and were working both Saturday and Sunday nights. No person going to the Bank on Sunday of course their operations were not detected till this morning. A noise was heard in an adjacent building both on Sunday and Monday morning. A search was made through the premises and everything was found to be all right, and no alarm was raised. They succeeded in getting one or two of the doors of the vault and safe opened, and got some loose silver, jewellery, and a gold watch, but they did not get to the bulk of the money in the safe, on opening which, the bills were found to be blackened with powder. The tools used were taken from some blacksmith's shop, and goes to show that the party or parties were clumsy and not expert at the business. No clue as yet has been found, the bank being the only place broken into.

We understand from Chief Constable Kelly, who has had the matter in hand, that the tools in question have all been claimed by the parties from whom they were stolen. The gold watch, which, together with the tools, was left behind in the hurry of departure, may prove useful as a clue, but so far nothing further has yet been learned as to the perpetrators of the burglary.

The Earthquake at San Salvador.

Panama, April 11.—The intelligence received by previous mail is not only confirmed, but brings news that the eruption came to a climax with the entire destruction of the capital of Salvador and the ruin of the population of 40,000 people. The first really violent shock occurred on the 4th of March at about 5 p. m., destroying many houses. The quaking continued at frequent intervals until the morning of the 19th, when at 2 a. m. two light shocks, succeeded by a strong one, destroyed the entire city. San Popango, Lapango, San Tomas, and Santa Tecla, have all suffered to a lesser extent; as well as every city within a radius of twenty miles. Fortunately, owing to the alarm of the 4th, such residents as had not left the city were living in the patois or in the public plazas; hence the lives lost, though great, were thereby diminished. Only two buildings, the Hotel del Plague and the Government Palace, are left standing. The loss is estimated at $12,000,000. The aggregate loss of life and wounded is 500.

Though every one has, of course, suffered more or less, great fears are entertained that the stoppage of sewers, exposure and fright, the dead bodies uncovered from beneath the ruins, and other morbific conditions, may bring on epidemic. The fine bridge lately built across the river on the road to Popargo was thrown down. More than 40 bodies were displaced from out the niches in the cemetery. The earthquake is supposed to have been caused by the suppressed volcano of St. Thomas, one of the seven volcanos within a radius of thirty miles. Izalcors is at present in full blast, throwing down its sides constant streams of lava, visible at night along the whole coast of the Balsam region. During the two days three officers remained in San Salvador, they felt eight shocks; in some places the ground cracked a foot wide and very deep. Visitors consider it is a temptation of Providence to rebuild the city in the same spot. The crust below it is evidently a mere shell. The ear placed to the ground hears a noise like running water, and the fall of a heavy stone produces a hollow sound. The Indians would never build on this site.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES.—A new post-office has been opened in Halton, called Speyside. The post-offices at Glenlyon, Co. Bruce, and Scotch Block, Co. Halton, have been closed.