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

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OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church,
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THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.
Nov 14/72 JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

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Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO. (dw)

J. M. AMBROTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M. B. C. V. S. L. F. V. M. A.,
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Veterinary Office, 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.
Guelph, Oct. 19, 1872. (dw)

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

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.
Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Cowan, McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. (dw)

NEW MUSIC STORE,
Quebec St., Guelph.

F. C. Whiting, Importer of all kinds of Musical Instruments, Fittings Strings English Music, Novello's Music, Instruction Books, &c. wholesale and retail.
Melodeons, Flutinas, Concertinas, Accordions, &c., tuned and repaired. Tuning done for the Trade. Agent for Nordheimer & Co's Pianos and Organs. Also, Agent for Victor & Yorston, publishers. (dw)

BOY'S HAND SLEIGHS
OF
NEW AND STYLISH PATTERNS.
FOR SALE BY
JOHN M. BOND & Co.,
DIRECT IMPORTERS,
GUELPH.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.
The Right Man in the Right Place.
The undersigned recognizing the felt want of a butcher's shop in Upper Wyndham Street, which will be open at all hours during the business part of the day, has started a branch establishment in that shop next to Bradley's Grocery Store and opposite the new Baptist Church, where he bespeaks fair share of public patronage. Prices—That previous to 25¢ per lb. for 25 lbs. to \$5 to \$7 per doz; roasts and stews 9¢ to 12¢ per lb.
Lamb in quarters 6 to 10 cts. per lb. Hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
GILBERT AMOS,
Butcher, No. 3,
Guelph, Nov. 18, 1872. Market Stall. (dw)

DOMINION SALOON.

FRESH OYSTERS
IN EVERY STYLE
had at this saloon.
The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Sept. 30, 1872. (dw)

New Advertisements.

WORKING HOUSEKEEPER WANTED where another servant is employed. Apply to Mrs. Horne, Market St. (dw)

FURNISHED ROOMS.—To let, furnished rooms, suitable for a man and his wife. Apply at this office. (dw)

CORN FOR SALE.—For sale, 10,000 bushels of corn. Apply to
A. R. DAVIES,
On the Market.

TO LET.—The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall. Suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Enquire at the Mercury Office.

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.
For sale, the Wawaneer, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Enquire at the Mercury Office.

SHEEP STRAYED.—Came on the premises of the subscriber, on Tuesday, the 3rd, 4 sheep. The owner, on proving property and paying expenses, can take them away. DWL J. W. SMART, York Road.

CITY WOOD YARD.—The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard, next to the new English Church, where he will keep at all times, and for sale, cut and split, and will deliver it in quantities to suit purchasers, in any part of the town. Orders can be left at Mrs. Ferguson's shop, opposite Chase's Hotel, York St. Hay and Straw kept on hand.
THOS. KERSE,
Gordon Street Bakery.

ESTABLISHED 1835.
J. SOLE hereby tenders his sincere thanks to his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage he has received, and begs to intimate that he is now building a second LARGE OVEN in order to meet the requirements of his steadily increasing business.
The bread, &c. will be delivered by J. Sole, junior. All orders promptly attended to. Remember the stand—next to F. W. Stone's store, Gordon St., Guelph.
Dec. 5, 1872.

BUSINESS NOTICE.
The undersigned having purchased one of Messrs. Gowdy, Stewart & Co's, Steam Saw Mills, near Georgetown, on the Grand Trunk Railway, and being about to remove from Guelph, beg to notify all parties indebted to us, either by Note or Book Account, that the same must be settled on or before the 14th December, otherwise they will be positively placed in Court for collection.
DOWGLAS & BANNERMAN,
Guelph, Nov. 29, 1872. (dw)

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the house and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Erin, at present occupied by Mr. Mackelton, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the road between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be done and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MASSIE, Guelph, Nov. 24, 1872. (dw)

ANNIVERSARY SERMONS. Will be preached in the WESLEYAN CHURCH, Guelph, on SUNDAY, 8th December, inst.,
By the Rev. W. H. POOLE, OF HAMILTON.
Services at 10 o'clock, a.m., and at 6 o'clock, p.m.
A Collection after each sermon will be made on behalf of the Trust Fund.

The Annual Tea Meeting
Will be held in the Lecture Room of the Church on WEDNESDAY, 12th December, inst., from 6 o'clock, after which AN ADDRESS will be delivered by the Rev. W. GARDNER, of Toronto.
Admission, 25 cents. (dw)

THE GUELPH "M. P. C."
Cigar Factory.
Enlargement of Business.
S. MYERS,
Having recently enlarged his Cigar Factory, having in his employment the best workmen in the Province, and being constantly in receipt of fresh supplies of the finest Havana Tobacco, is now prepared to receive orders for his Famous Cigars in any quantity.

Country Orders
Left at the store of Messrs. Massie, Paterson & Co., will be promptly and satisfactorily filled.
Ask for the "M. P. C.," the best Cigar in the Dominion.
S. MYERS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Dec. 4, 1872. (dw)

NORTH BRITISH Cattle Food Company.
NOTICE—
We have appointed
W. H. MARCON, Seedsman, Guelph,
Our Sole Agent for the sale of our Food for Guelph and vicinity. G. GORDON, Manager.
Dec. 2, 1872.

HATHRELL'S Stove and Plough Depot
The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinney's Patent Improvement Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c., are so constructed that no smoke, smell and steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old-fashioned fire-place. Ladies, give them a trial.
Sole agents for Guelph,
A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLOUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest prices.
WM. HATHRELL,
Corner Woolwich-st., and Eramosa Road, Guelph, 23d August, 1871. (dw)

PHENIX MILLS, WATERLOO ROAD.
Chopping and Gristing
Carefully attended to, and satisfaction promised.

Family and Fall Flour, Graham Flour, Cracked Wheat, Corn Meal, Chopped Corn, Feed and Millers' Offals
Of all sorts for sale at the old Stand,
Upper Wyndham Street
Next door to D. Naimish's.

Having our own Mill, a little dealing with us can rely that our Flour, Feed, &c. is fresh, good, and as cheap as any place in Town.
Buckwheat Flour for sale.
Orders promptly attended to.
McWATTERS & HUTT
Guelph, Oct. 31, 72. (dw)

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November:
Grand Trunk Railway
Trains leave Guelph as follows:
WEST
2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 11:50 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:35 p.m.;
To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin.
EAST
8:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:38 p.m.

Great Western—Guelph Branch.
Going South—4:50 a.m.; 12:35 p.m.; 1:05 p.m.; For Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.
Going North—1:15 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Clifford; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 7:25 p.m. for Fergus.

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Town and County News.

HENRY DUCKWORTH, Jr. of Garafraxa, new days ago shot a full-grown bear on Henry Hewitt's farm, lot 15, con. 8.

ANNIVERSARY SERMONS.—Remember the anniversary sermons in the Wesleyan Church to-morrow. See advertisement.

The nomination for Municipal Officers takes place in the various Municipalities throughout the country on Monday, 23d inst.

The bake house of Mr. John Fisher, Drayton, had a narrow escape from being burnt on Friday morning last, as it was, part of the roof was damaged.

The Wesleyan Methodists on the Peel circuit have just concluded the purchase of a fine property in the village of Glen Allan, to be used as a parsonage hereafter.

CHROMOS.—One more collection of fine oil Chromos, neatly framed at F. C. Allan's, will be sold cheap. This is the last chance of getting good pictures for a mere trifle.

The Tribune says that the name of Harrison, as a produce market, is now above par. Farmers from the North of Wingham are going there daily with their grain and pork.

Mr. Thomas Sims of Lot 25, Con. 1, Luther, has threshed, and the yield of his grain was about 1,200 bushels, from 50 acres. A portion of the soil upon which this grain was sown was swamp a few years ago.

The Reporter says that Mr. John Mandell, for many years past freight agent on the Great Western Railway at Galt, has been appointed station-master at Paisley station on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway.

BONUS TO THE WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE.—The Durham by-law, granting the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway \$20,000 bonus in aid of the Clifford and Durham branch, was voted on at village on Friday with not one vote against it.

ENGLISH ANECDOTES.—Mr. Anderson has sent us a neat book, containing a large collection of modern English anecdotes. It is a fit companion to the book of Scotch anecdotes, both of which are for sale at Anderson's bookstore.

On the 29th ult., Mr. George Bolan, of East Garafraxa, had four good sheep killed by wolves. The ravenous brutes were quite close to the barn, to commit the degradation. A few nights ago Mr. Adam Stewart, of the same Township, had 6 sheep killed by these voracious proflers.

On Wednesday evening, while Mr. Jas. Griffith, of Eramosa, was ascending the slope in his barn to feed his cattle, he fell back a distance of 14 feet, lighting on his back across a log. Mr. Griffith lay for a time insensible, but afterwards so far recovered as to be able to crawl to the house on his hands and knees. He was severely bruised.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—The Leonard Scott Publishing Company have sent us Blackwood for November. Some of the papers in this number are of a very interesting character. The Parisians No. 2; The Shores of Biscaya; On a Resurrection; The End of the Night; Le Montebanquet; La Bruyere; The End of the Banquet; and Our Autumn Manoeuvres. For sale at the bookstores in town.

FIRE IN NASSAGAWEYA.—A correspondent sends us the following more correct account of the fire in Nassagaweya than we had in Thursday's issue:—On Wednesday afternoon, between one and two o'clock, a fire broke out in the barn on the west half of Lot 27, Con. 2, Nassagaweya, during the absence of the owner, Mr. Henry Atkinson, and family at Guelph. The fire consumed the barn and stables, with their contents, the whole of his hay and straw, a large quantity of which was last year's straw, 130 bushels of oats, 30 bushels of peas, 30 bushels of wheat, and all of his turnips, together with a valuable horse. The neighbors, by great exertions succeeded in saving his driving shed, with some little damage, together with the agricultural implements therein. As none of the family were about the place at the time, the origin of the fire is a mystery. Loss heavy, but partially covered by an insurance of \$1,600.

WARDEN'S SUPPER.—The Warden on Friday night gave his annual supper to the members of the County Council and a number of other invited guests, at Ellis's American Hotel. After the company had discussed with good appetites the excellent repast provided by mine host of the American, the Warden, who presided, gave in very appropriate terms the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. To that of the "Army and Navy and Volunteers." Dr. Orton and Lieut. Nicol responded. Mr. John McKerie, Vice-Chairman, proposed the "House of Commons," which called for a brief but suitable response from Col. Higginbotham. Mr. Massie gave "The health of the Warden," and in doing so paid a well-deserved tribute to his worth and to the great ability manifested in the discharge of his responsible duties. He had held the position of Warden for four years, and no one who ever filled the chair had made himself better acquainted with the affairs of the County, or had manifested a more earnest desire to discharge his duties with efficiency, and to advance the interests of the County. The toast was drunk with all the

Hope On.

When days grow dark with autumn showers,
And Summer beauty slowly dies,
Among deserted woodland bowers,
And under sadly frowning skies;
When in the valley, on the hill,
The sun is setting, and the moon is still,
We sadly wander, search in vain
For gleams of light, my song is still,
With dim eyes I read to thee
Hope on, the spring will shine again.
When lives grow dark with earthly loss,
And weary hearts beat low with pain;
When sad souls bow beneath their cross,
And household bands are rent in twain;
When spirits faint beneath their trials,
Of this world's life, my song is still,
With dim eyes I read to thee
Hope on, there comes a brighter Spring.
H. T. T. HAZELWOOD.

WELLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Friday.
The Council met this morning pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock. The Warden in the chair and all the members. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed.
The Warden read an account from the *Elora Observer* for \$18 72; also account for \$3, for publishing Division Court List, accompanied by a letter from Mr. John Smith protesting against the latter item being rejected by the Finance Committee.
Mr. Massie read the reply to the Warden's Address, which on motion was adopted.
The Warden read a communication from Mr. H. C. Kaye, Township Clerk of Minto, relative to some official dispute between him and the County Treasurer in regard to the return of rates on non-resident lands in Minto by 1st of Nov. in each year, so that they might be included in the municipal roll of the year. The Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Darby in the chair.
The Treasurer was heard in explanation of his conduct in the matter, showing that he acted on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and endorsed by the Council. Messrs. Connell and Brain made a few explanatory remarks on behalf of the Minto Council, after which the Committee rose reporting no action.
Mr. Leslie presented the report of the Commissioners for Dundas and Guelph Road, showing that there had been expended the sum of \$428 95 in repairs, \$50 of which was expended in planking the Dundas bridge, and leaving an unexpended balance of \$50. The road will require a good deal of graving next season.
The Warden read an account from the *Orangeville Advertiser* for \$16 for printing. Referred to Finance Committee.
Mr. Massie presented report from Special Committee on General Hospital, Guelph, recommending that whilst no grant could be made at this session, yet that it was a scheme worthy of the best consideration of the Council. Adopted.
On motion of Mr. Connell, seconded by Mr. Brain, leave was given to introduce a By-law incorporating the village of Harrison. Read a first and second time.
The Council then adjourned.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Bronze Statue to Horace Greeley.

New York, Dec. 7.—A bronze statue is to be erected to Greeley in Central Park. The subscriptions now being made for the children may perhaps be used for that purpose.

The Maryboro' Trouble.

We learn that the trouble in Maryboro' between the Sheriff's officers and the people in regard to the taking possession of Mrs. Gray's farm on an ejection suit, has quieted down. The Reeve put himself in communication with two or three leading men in the Township, who exerted their influence in preventing a riot or anything which would savour of defiance of the law. We are glad to say they succeeded in this, and that the indignation of the people was so allayed as to give hope that the Sheriff's officers will be allowed to perform their unpleasant duty in peace and quietness. At the same time there is a strong feeling of sympathy for Mrs. Gray, and a movement is on foot to get up a subscription in her behalf, to enable her to put the case in Chancery for the recovery of the lot which she considers she has been unjustly deprived of.

NEWS ITEMS.

A Mrs. Day, of Springfield, Ill., lately gave birth to quadruplets. The bereaved father says Shakespeare was quite right when he said we do not know "what a day may bring forth."
Chicago is going to build a large crystal palace for the accommodation of a mammoth exposition to be held there next October. The building will be six hundred by one hundred feet, with a transept of two hundred and fifty feet.
The condition of George Macdonald the lecturer is still critical, though not altogether alarming. He has had no fresh attack of bleeding at the lungs, but is quite weak. He is at Dover, N. J., with friends.
The Clinton News says that since the change of gauge on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, a marked difference is noticeable in reference to the ease and comfort now enjoyed by travellers over that route. The trains run along very smoothly, and the passenger coaches are almost equal to a Pullman.
"Look out there, what are you kicking my dog for?" "I'm kicking him 'cause he's full of fleas, and I don't want to get 'em on my clothes." "Fleas, the deuce! Why that dog sleeps with me." "Yes, I dare say, there's where he gets 'em."
The Walkerton gaol enquiry case has caused the report of the Inspector is that the Sheriff be severely reprimanded, and he is ordered to dismiss the gaoler, who has been done.
The liabilities of George Dodds, cattle dealer, &c., Waterloo, are about \$60,000, with no assets.
Mr. Geo. Lowe Reid, chief engineer of the G. W. Railway, has left Hamilton for a lengthened sojourn in Europe. Pre-arranged for his departure he was entertained at dinner by a number of the leading men of Hamilton.
Some months ago a poor dog, having been pelted with sticks and stones by cruel boys until his flesh was bruised and his leg fractured, limped into a stable. In one of the stalls was an intelligent young horse, which seemed touched by the distress of the dog. He bent his head and inspected the broken leg; with his forefoot pushed some straw into a corner of the stall, and made a bed for the dog. An affectionate intimacy was at once established between the horse and dog. One day when the horse was eating the bran mash which formed a part of his feed, he gently caught the dog by the neck, and with his teeth lifted him into the trough. For weeks the two friends fed together, and the invalid grew strong. At night the horse arranged a soft bed for the dog, and entertained at dinner by a number of the leading men of Hamilton.
Hair Dressing.—The hair dressing of the ladies of the present day is a mystery to the whole of the male sex. This is how a lady explains a trick, but she wants to know the use of telling the man everything. A fashionably dressed head with all the actual hair on it, is then put on a wig, and within this enclosure the comb is stuck. Some very stylish affairs are made of crescent shaped pieces of pasteboard, covered with velvet, the colour of the costume, sewed on narrow-backed combs, and put slightly on one side.
The Antipodes Reached.—The telegraphic wire has at last been laid to Australia, and the civilized world is now in almost instant communication with the far outlying islands of New Zealand and Tasmania, as well as the great continent of Australia itself. This group of colonies was the last important segment of society unlinked by electricity with the rest of humanity. It is true that the earth is not yet girdled with the magic belt, but now so very important country is beyond the immediate telegraphic influence of London, New York and the other great commercial centres. Within a few years China, India, Cuba and the Pacific Coast of the United States have been brought within the circuit of the magic wire, and the tiny civilization is rapidly creeping towards South America and Japan.
Mr. Hugh Roberts has purchased from the trustees of the late Robt. Armstrong, of Guelph, the farm in Pilkington lately leased by Geo. Whitlaw. The farm consists of 135 acres, and was purchased for \$2900.

Local and Other Items.

The flax crop of the past season was almost a failure in the County of Perth, owing to the great drought.

THE RAILWAY TO LISTWELL.—The iron on the Southern Extension is laid to within a short distance of Listwell. The formal opening of the road will take place on the 19th inst.

ISAAC LOTTREDD, an Indian, from the Reserve near Bradford, and who escaped from the Kingston Penitentiary some two years ago, having been placed there for life, for committing rape, was arrested on Tuesday last in the house of one Charles, another Indian residing on the Reserve.

The Stratford Beacon says that on Monday last one of the men employed on the railway had a very narrow escape. He was going along the track to his work when he was knocked over by the rails by an engine, which passed over him, but, singular to say, without causing him any worse consequences than a fright.

On Thursday a melancholy shooting case occurred in the Township of Adelaide. Mr. Robert Freiler rose before daylight, and his son, leaving his footsteps, thought him a prowling robber, and fired a gun at him. The charge lodged in a vital place, and the case of the unfortunate man is pronounced hopeless.

T. G. & B. R.—The surveyors of the T. G. & B. R. arrived at Teeswater on the 22nd ult., and expect to have finished in about ten days, and let the contract on the 15th December. The work on the road between Wroxeter and Harrison is being rapidly pushed forward, a great part of it being already graded, and the Company have the prospect of finishing it to Teeswater, their present terminus, by November next.

ATTEMPTED RAPE.—Wm. Armstrong, a colored man from the neighbourhood of Buffalo, on Thursday evening entered the house of a family named Sailor, in Bertie Township, under the pretence of wanting to get warmed, and, there being no men in the house, made a criminal assault on a girl about 17 years of age. Falling to accomplish his design, owing to the determined resistance of the girl and her mother, he then assaulted the latter with intent, but was stabbed with a carving knife by her son, who is about ten years of age. Being unable to escape, from loss of blood, the negro was brought to Guelph and lodged in the lock-up. Next morning, after a preliminary examination, he was committed to stand his trial at the ensuing assizes.

Local and Other Items.

ACCUMULATED GRIEF.—The deep affliction of the daughters of the late Horace Greeley—Ida L. and Gabrielle Miriam—in having lost within a single month their beloved mother and their kind and indulgent father, has been the subject of much pathetic comment. The grief of Miss Ida is also augmented by the loss, within the same period, of her accepted lover, who was the pursuer of the ill-fated steamer Missouri. And now the orphan sisters are menaced with a still further bereavement, their aunt, Mrs. John F. Cleveland, sister of Horace Greeley, being dangerously ill at her residence in New York. The experience of these estimable young ladies is, indeed, most bitter.

EXPLORATION OF AFRICA.—Stanley's recent expedition to find Livingstone has given a renewed interest to African exploration, and the expedition now fitting out by the Berlin Geographical Society is expected to start on its adventurous journey, with some little delay, to the annual attention in Europe. The German Society is acting upon the theory that there is an area in the middle of Africa of about a million square miles, which has never yet been entered by any travellers, although Livingston, Burton, Grant, Speke, Mungo Park, Barth, Du Chaillu, Dr. Schweinfurth, and others have approached it on all sides. It is believed that it constitutes one and the same geographical province, with different flora and fauna from the rest of Africa, and inhabited by different people. The great obstacle to travellers hitherto has been the slave trade, and the dangerous condition of the country to which it gives rise, which renders passports or arrangements for safe conduct of no avail. The expedition of the German Society will be organized with reference to overcoming this obstacle, and if, as is similar instances of so rapid a payment of a great national debt to be found in the history of nations.

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