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**JOHN McNEIL,**  
Montreal Boot and Shoe Manufacturer,  
Guelph, May 19, 1869. dawif

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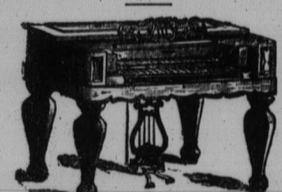
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**WM. STEWART.**  
Guelph, 16th April, 1869. dw

## Guelph Melodeon Co's.



## Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of **BELL, WOOD & CO.**, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

**WM. BELL**  
John Reed, }  
Witness, } **ROBERT BELL**  
**ROBERT McLEOD.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

**BELL BROTHERS,** of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square, Guelph, 15th April, 1869. W3

## BELL BROS

The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

## MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

in the old stand, under the name of **BELL & CO.** Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of **PRINCE & CO'S** best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

Pianos and Melodeons Tuned and Repaired.

All our instruments warranted for 5 years and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.

Address, **W. BELL & CO.**  
Guelph, April 9, 1869. daw

## EDUCATIONAL.

## MRS. WM. BUDD.

Organist of the Congregational Church

Steps to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open **MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869.** she will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 26. doly

## GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,

Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,  
Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,  
**GUELPH, Ontario.**

**J. WATT** **W. H. CUTTEN**  
Guelph, April 1, 1869. awt

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Guelph, May 6, 1869

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Boot and Shoemaker for the Million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.  
Guelph, May 18, 1869.

Four Journeymen Shoemakers Wanted Immediately.

### ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### FALSE ALARM.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury.

Sir.—The public have no cause for alarm, although our late partners seem to have been deceived by the advertisement in Saturday's Mercury, headed "Caution" would not have been noticed by us had not our anxious and spiritual opponents endeavoured to place us in a false position before the public. They state that only one of our firm can lay the least claim to the Exhibition prizes, as they hold Mr. Wood's receipt for payment in full of his share in the business; and therefore he was no partner, but a hired tinner. We can prove that this statement is incorrect. True Mr. Wood changed his position in the firm, and received his share of the profits different from his partners, but he was still a partner. His name and money remained in the business, and he received profits therefor until the 15th of March last, the time of dissolution of partnership. Why did they wish Mr. Wood to continue a partner, offering him every inducement to do so, were it not on account of his superior knowledge of the business, and further his name was not left in the firm to gratify his (Mr. Wood's) vanity, but for the sake of keeping up the reputation of the business, and by our late partner's request. Granting that Mr. McLeod had but a fourth of the capital, he considers that his knowledge of the business was equal to his late partner's boasted capital. We consider we were entitled to the exhibition prizes as the instruments were made, designed, and superintended by us, our late partners having had nothing to do with the making or designing of said instruments.

We consider we have established the melodeon and organ business in Guelph. Our late partners had commenced one-horse affair—we cannot call it the smallest share of credit to themselves for us as well as them had not such an affair been at all started, as it was uphill work to make people believe that a good instrument could be made in Guelph. It is different now, for instead of employing only one man, and selling from one to two instruments per month, at present a safe can be made of over fifty per month. These are well-known facts, but our opponents can but claim the smallest share of credit to themselves for bringing the business to its present position in Guelph. On these as well as on other grounds we claim the prizes as ours after the dissolution. We have every facility to fill orders more favourably than to the extent of from 10 to 15 instruments per week, or more. At present we have one-third more men than they have, and more than the late firm ever had. We have purchased one of Mason & Hamlin's organs, but not for the purpose of copying, but in order that the public may compare side by side other celebrated instruments with ours. We have had the Vox Humana, or ten tranches attached to one of our organs for at least three weeks before we got the Mason & Hamlin organ, and will have it ready for public inspection in a few days.

The subscribers conclude by saying that their friends and the public that every effort will be made to retain the reputation which has been built up, and guarantee that every instrument will be made of first-class material, workmanship and tone such as cannot be excelled elsewhere. We invite intending purchasers to call and examine the tone and quality of our instruments before purchasing elsewhere.

All the statements contained in the above were prepared to prove.

**R. McLEOD,**  
**R. B. WOOD,**  
Signed, daw if

Guelph, May 25.

### CHILDREN'S

## CARRIAGES

In great variety, and remarkably cheap at **MRS. HUNTER'S.**

### THE PATENT CLOTHES HORSE,

A most useful and convenient article. Every house should have one.

## AT MRS. HUNTER'S,

Something new in TOYS, at Mrs. Hunter's.

## Dress Making & Straw Millinery

At **MRS. HUNTER'S.**

Juvenile Clothing and Patterns at **Mrs. Hunter's.**

A large and select stock of Fancy Goods, Woollens, &c.

**At Mrs. Hunter's,**  
Bertha Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, May 12, 1869. dw

## MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

**LEMON & PETERSON,**  
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.  
Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dwt

## Evening Mercury.

THURSDAY EV'NG, MAY 27, 1869.

### Town and County Items.

**KILLED AT A HORSE RACE.**—At the horse races in Strathroy, on Monday, one of the riders, son of Mr. Robinson, was instantly killed. The horse bolted and threw him against a tree—he received a blow on the right temple and his neck was dislocated.

**WON THE MEDAL.**—Mr. James Hazelton having made the most points in shooting for the Rifle Association medal during the past twelve months, was presented with it by the late President, Judge Macdonald, at the annual meeting of the Association, held at Dady's Hotel on Tuesday evening.

**CLEARING SALE.**—We would refer our readers in Puslinch and surrounding Townships to the advt. of the clearing sale of Messrs. R. B. Morison & Co., Morrison. Great inducements are held out to intending purchasers. The goods which are the best in the market will be sold at a great reduction from the regular prices. Now is the time for bargains at Morrison.

**DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.**—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received ex steamships *Prussian* and *North American*, and ex ship *Lake Superior*, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

**EDINBURGH REVIEW.**—The April number of this Quarterly has been received from the publishers, Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. Its contents are: Confucius; Edible Fungi; the Competitive Industry of Nations; Memoir of Madame Lafayette; the Settlement of Ulster; Dilke's Greater Britain; Matthew Arnold's Critical Works; American Finance, 1865-69; Life and Times of Edward III.; Campbell's Lives of Lyndhurst and Brougham. For sale at the Bookstore in Town.

### Guelph Court of Revision.

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph finished its sittings last Tuesday night. The members present on the first occasion of its meeting, May 18th, were the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Chadwick, Mitchell, Howard, the Assessor, and the Town Clerk, who was Clerk of the Court. The following cases were called:

George Todd, real property, confirmed; Geo. M. Todd, do, do; Chas. Coffee, do, do; Edward McKeague, too low on real property, to be raised from \$240 to \$300; William Clarke, real property, Day's block, reduced from \$24,590 to \$23,280; Lach McDonald, real property, confirmed; McDonald, real and personal property, do.; Frances Hough, real property, do.; J. W. Hall, do, do; J. W. Hall, dog tax, one dog to be struck off; James Hough, real property, reduced from \$600 to \$500.

On Wednesday evening, the 19th, the Court met again. Present, the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Chadwick, Hefner, Mitchell, Howard, the Town Clerk, and the Assessor. The following business was transacted:

James O'Neil, real property, reduced from \$10,000 to \$9,000; James O'Neil, do, confirmed; John L. Lewis, real property, reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000; T. Holliday, do, reduced from \$6,900 to \$5,600; Francis Gauhan, name to be changed on Roll from Edward Carroll to F. Gauhan; David Dickson, real property, reduced from \$850 to \$600; Chas. Walker, fifty dollars to be added to his assessment for north part of lot No. 2; F. J. Gladwick, to be assessed for lot No. 435, Canada Company's survey South Ward, Durham-st., value \$250; also lot 36, Galt street, Ferguson's survey, value \$50, from non-resident list.

At the last meeting on Tuesday evening, 25th, there were present, the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Howard, Mitchell, Hefner, the Clerk, and the Assessor. The following cases were called:

Alfred Sharp, real property, reduced from \$4,500 to \$3,500; Chas. Sharp, do, do; Chris. Shewan, do, confirmed; E. Rotter, dog tax, confirmed; J. B. Archambault, to be struck off Roll, struck off; Thos. Couch, dog tax, confirmed; W. B. Robinson, for Canada Company's real property, too low on lot No. 2; F. J. Gladwick, personal property, confirmed; North Ward, No. 400 on the Roll, Jas. Ryan in stead of John Ryan, jr.; South Ward, Canada Company's survey, lot 483 to be 484, assessed \$900.

### Book Notices.

**ATLANTIC MONTHLY.**—This favourite American periodical has been received from the publishers, Messrs. Fields and Osgood, Boston. It contains articles as follows: Mallow, an Oldport Romance; VI; Noremburg; The Hamlets of the Stage I; Earthquakes; The Poe in the Household IV; By the Roadside; Bird's Nests; Buddhism, or the Protestantism of the East; A Carpet-bagger in Pennsylvania II; China in our kitchens; The Pacific Railroad—open III; Reviews and Literary Notices. The magazine is for sale at the bookstores.

**OUR YOUNG FOLKS.**—We have also received from the publishers mentioned above the June number of this literary pet of the little people. In illustrations and reading matter it is as interesting as usual. It contains the continuation of some stories, and a number of articles calculated to instruct while they amuse. It is for sale at the bookstores in town.

**HARPER'S MAGAZINE.**—A copy of Harper's Monthly for June has been sent us by Messrs. Tunn & Co., Clifton. For variety of contents there is no Magazine published equal to this, and the wood cuts are just such as are always exhibited by that establishment. It has a number of good readable stories and the ordinary quantity of racy selections from the drawer. For sale at Day's bookstore opposite the market.

## Volunteer Inspection.

The usual half-yearly inspection of Guelph Companies Nos. 1 and 2, Wellington Battalion, was made last night by Brigade-Major Service, in the Drill Shed. The Companies, with the Battalion Band, mustered about half-past seven o'clock, and being drawn up in line, presented arms on the entrance of the Brigade-Major. The clothing, arms and accoutrements of the men were then closely inspected, after which each Company was put through its drill, the men going through the various movements with precision, regularly and steadily. At the close of the inspection Brigade-Major Service complimented the officers and men on the efficient state of the Companies. It became his duty to inspect a number of Companies in his District, but he had not yet seen any so equal the Guelph Companies in the fine, soldierly appearance they presented, and for the way in which their clothing, arms and accoutrements were kept. It afforded him the greatest pleasure to speak of them in such terms, and it would be equally pleasant for him to send such a report to head quarters. He also highly complimented the Band for their fine appearance, and for their skill in playing. He had often heard of it before, but now when he had seen and heard it himself, he had to confess that it was ahead of the Band in the Battalion to which he was attached. He then enjoined the men to be regular and assiduous in attending drill, and informed them that it was most likely they would be called out for battalion drill in the course of the summer.

Before the men were disbanded Lieut. Col. Higginbotham came forward and presented the silver cup to Lieut. Hooper, of No. 2 Company, who won it this year at the annual match, for his Company, and in whose possession it remains until shot for next year. Lieut. Col. Higginbotham said he had great pleasure in making the presentation to such an old and worthy volunteer as Lieutenant Hooper, and he hoped that next year Lieutenant Hooper would win it again, when, according to the new rule adopted he would be entitled to keep it. He also paid a high compliment to the public spirit, liberality and patriotism of the ladies of Guelph for providing the cup, and felt sure that if at any future time it was won by a volunteer they would procure another, or come equally valuable prize for the volunteers to contend for.

Lieut. Hooper in replying, said he felt proud to be the winner of the cup this year. He was afraid his chances of winning it next year would be small, still he would do the best he could. He hoped that in future competitions more of the Companies in the Battalion would enter the lists to shoot for the cup, and that instead of shooting at one range, competitors should be required to shoot at two or three ranges. By doing so the merits of these shooting would be better tested.

The Band then played one of their favorite pieces in first-rate style, after which the Companies were dismissed.

### THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

**THURSDAY, 27th.**—*Saunder H. Harrel* was charged by George Smith, collector, with non-payment of statute labour tax. Mr. Smith said he had called upon the defendant, who said he would pay him, and he accepted the bill. The defendant then told the plaintiff he would have to take silver, and offered him something (his hand being partially cased) which the plaintiff refused to accept. Witnesses for the defendant said that they had heard him tell Mr. Smith he would never hear such expression. He said defendant that he would take bankable funds, and if he had seen Canadian silver proffered he could not have refused it. His Worship held that as the money had not been openly offered there was no tender, and fined the defendant \$5 and costs, the latter amounting to \$7.75.

**A SHREWD GUESS.**—Some time ago the *Globe* and the *London Advertiser* took objection to a report of a banquet given to Mr. Thomas White, of the *Emigration*, being embodied in a pamphlet which had been got up by the Provincial Government on the subject of emigration. Our Wyndham-st. contemporary gave the two first mentioned papers what he thought was a drubbing a few days ago, for daring to say a word against the report having been bound up in the pamphlet, and here is what the *London Advertiser* says: Our Guelph namesake, with praiseworthy promptitude at length notices the emigration pamphlet prepared for the Government of Ontario, and the Hamilton banquet to Mr. Thomas White. Of course the pamphlet is a great success. Our contemporary refers to our criticism of the honesty of embodying the report of a private banquet into a brochure printed at the public expense, and thinks the *Spectator* is very honestly entitled to any praise it may gain by the publication of its report. We are inclined to think, judging from internal evidence as well as from the ideas advanced, that the kinship between the compiler of the emigration pamphlet and the writer of the newspaper article to which we refer, is not very remote. Which may account for the milk in the cocoa-nut.

A little boy four years of age, residing with his parents in Hamilton, fell asleep 4 days ago and all efforts to awake him have been futile. The doctor attributes it to an affection of the brain.

The largest drum in the world has been forwarded for use at the Boston peace jubilee. It is eight and a half feet in diameter, and inscribed, "Let us have peace."

The Crown Land Commissioner of Ontario has ordered a survey to be undertaken of a township of land in rear of Fort William on Thunder Bay.

The gun carriages of the Artillery have been saved from the wreck of the *Greician*, and the Armstrong guns are likely to be recovered in a few days.

St. Louis had a lunatic who imagined himself Shylock, and who went about the streets with a huge knife, attacking fancied debtors.

A post-office clerk in England has been arrested for stealing his rival's love letters.

Prince Charles of Prussia has become owner of a part of the Waterloo battle-field.

## BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Liverpool, May 26.—Midnight.

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting to-night, and voted an address of welcome to Mr. Motley, the new American Minister. Mr. Patterson, in a speech in support of the vote, regretted the failure of the law officers to prevent the escape of the *Alabama*. The precedent was a bad one, and the maritime interests of England were sure to suffer from it. It was granted by England he was assured that the present ministry would meet the claims of the U. S. without compromising the national honour.

### THE DERBY RACES.

London, May 26.—The Derby was won by Pretender, recently winner of the 2,000 guineas at Newmarket, who beat Pedro Gomez by a short head; Drummer Boy being third, by a length behind Gomez. Twenty-two horses ran. Distance 1 1/2 miles, weight carried 132 lbs. Time two minutes and 52 seconds. Value of stakes \$6,900. Probably a quarter of a million of persons were on the ground.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, and Prince Teck were present.

The Epsom town plate was won by Conrad; the Bentnick plate was won by Myosotis.

### FROM FRANCE.

Paris, May 13.—The excitement over the elections is very great, the boulevards are crowded with people anxious to hear the results. So far the returns announce the election of eight official candidates—three independents, two democrats and two liberals.

Paris, May 25.—Despatches from Marseille report that there has been much excitement in that city over the elections. Large crowds paraded the streets, and there were shouts of 'Vive la Republique!' The places of business were closed in anticipation of a riot. At last accounts order had been restored.

The result of the elections in Paris and Lyons has been favourable to the anti-imperial candidates. It is reported that Mr. Rochefort has been chosen. Seventy-three elections completed. They show the following result.—The Government candidates official were elected in 49, the independent in 9, the Democratic in 3, and the remaining 12 there was no result.

### FROM SPAIN.

Madrid, May 20.—The Cortes is now debating the clauses in the Constitution which refer to the Colonies. Senor Castelar, alluding to Cuba, said it Spain had not followed the example of England in her treatment of Canada, by granting the liberties which the Colonies now claim for themselves, the outbreak in Cuba would have been prevented.

### FROM ITALY.

Florence, May 25.—The Austrian consul at Lughorn while walking with Colonel Grenville was killed by an assassin, and the Colonel wounded. The crime is said to have been prompted by motives of private revenge, and Colonel Grenville was the intended victim.

### FROM NEW YORK.

New York, May 27.—The letter in the *London Times* of the 12th inst., over the signature of "American Citizen," respecting the *Alabama* claims, treaty and citizenship, which has exercised a soothing influence in England, was communicated by U. S. Senator Grimes, of Iowa.

### FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington May 27.—Minister Thorton informed Secretary Fish yesterday that the steamer *Quaker City* was the property of a British subject, destined for Jamaica and not Cuba, and there was no reason why her clearance should not be granted. The Secretary conferred with Secretary Boutwell, and the two agreed it would be best to let her sail, but in the meantime information was received that she had been labelled by the Spanish Consul and seized. It was then decided to let the matter be judiciously settled by the courts.

A son of Mr. David Hyde, of North Easthope, was seriously injured by a blow from a stick, on Monday. He was in Strathroy and part of the fun was to "shy" a club at a cocoon on a stand. One man hurried it with all his might, and taking a wrong direction it struck the boy so heavily that it was thought it had killed him. There are now hopes of his recovery, although he will be disfigured for life.

**NEUTRALITY.**—The New York Tribune says the neutrality laws are to be strictly enforced by the Government, and no expedients which are supposed to have arms or recruits for the insurgent Cubans will be allowed to leave this port. The *Making*, one of the heaviest steam cutters in the service, has been ordered to this port to assist in enforcing the laws.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

**COULSON HOUSE,**  
GUELPH, May 23, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning:

M. Springer, M.F.P., Waterloo; W. H. Bowley, Berlin; A. H. Hill, Toronto; J. Hooper, Kingston; J. W. Smith, Hamilton; J. S. Milne, Ancaster; L. Colton, Service, Strathroy; M. A. Bosworth, Toronto; L. B. Goodworth, Toronto; W. Markle, Bosworth; H. M. Anderson and son, Mount Forest; J. Prall, Hamilton; Mrs. Berry, Durham; Mrs. Young, Goldstone; Henry Mortimore, London; James Charlton, Owen Sound; J. F. Cross, Ferguson; Henry Lane, Campbellville; Jonas Folch, Midway; W. Hall, Maple Hill; A. Peables, Hamilton; J. A. Cowan, Montreal; G. D. Ferguson, Ferguson; Hugh McLeod, Paisley; W. Whiney, California; Philip McIntosh, Sullivan; John Black, Ferguson; John Corbett, Owen Sound; John Marshall, Ferguson; G. Wylie, do.; C. Powney, do.; George Trowse, Ottawa.