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Business Cards.

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

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

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.
DR. HEROD
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.
THOS. AUCHMUTY KEATING, M.D., M.R.C.S., England
A. A. MACDONALD, M.B., L.R.C.P., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin.
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. d1m wém

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

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

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

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

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

E. A. A. GRANGE,
Veterinary Surgeon
Graduate Ontario Veterinary College.
Office and Residence, Coghlan's Hotel Macdonnell street, Guelph.
N.B.—Horse bought and sold on commission May 17, 73.-d&wly

GUELPH ACADEMY.
WILL RE-OPEN (D.V.)
On Monday, January 5th, 1874.
A few pupil boarders can be accommodated. JNO. MARTIN,
Guelph, Dec. 30, 1873. 2wd2tw

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT.
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.
GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. d1y

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.
Guelph, Feb. 1873 dw

ROBERT CRAWFORD,
PRACTICAL
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces, Jewelry repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety.
Guelph Feb. 12, 1873. dwv

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

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

RICE'S
BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

NEW COAL YARD,
The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of
Hard and Soft Coal
At moderate prices. Orders left at the office of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.
GEO. MURTON,
Guelph, 7th July dy

MONEY TO LEND,
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.
Apply direct to the undersigned.
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
April 24, 1873. dwtf Guelph

The Guelph Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms $4 per annum in advance; credit $5. Delivered in town, by the week, 10 cents.

Rates of advertising—first insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion 2 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the other 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional.

Paragraph advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among it, 25 cents for 8 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has NOW A GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms:—$1.50 a year in advance; credit $2.00.

RATES OF ADVERTISING:—For transient advertisements 6 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, solid nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement are 40.

Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among it, 50 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; $1 for 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional.

Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. Contract advertisements changed oftener than once a month charged extra.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

New Advertisements.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—At the Cash Store, a few first-class Tailoresses. Apply to R. Clayton. 18dtf

HOUSE TO LET.—To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office. Guelph, Dec. 3rd, 1873 dtf

NOTICE.—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.
Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. d&wtf.

BERKSHIRE BOAR—The pure Berkshire Boar owned by the subscriber will serve sows this season. Terms $1 cash;
ALLAN SIMPSON.
Guelph, Dec. 3, 1873. 7wdwtf Blacksmith

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

WANTED TO PURCHASE — A small house containing from five to seven rooms. The purchase money paid down. Apply at the residence of Mrs. Sterling, Hatch's Block, Norfolk street. dtf

EDUCATIONAL.
The Misses McDonald will resume their classes for young ladies on Monday, 5th of Jan., in Mr. Hatch's Block, Norfolk Street. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence, Queen Street. twd-2tw

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Agricultural Office, on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at 2 p.m.
GEORGE MURTON,
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. w12d Secretary.

WANTED A LIGHT OCCUPATION, where a bit of intelligence is required. A practical knowledge of dry goods, and plain book-keeping, a little in grocery, &c. Address forthwith to Acton, Ont. Salary a secondary consideration. References. A 1.
J7-1td1tw. HENRY DRAKE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
All parties indebted to the firm of Chance & Williamson are requested to make payment of the same, as the partnership will shortly be dissolved.
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON,
Golden Lion.
Guelph, 5th Jan., 1874. dw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
In the matter of HENRY METCALF, an Insolvent.
NOTICE.
All parties indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
HENRY HATCH,
Assignee.
Guelph, 9th Jan., 1874. 2tw-2wd:

TENDERS FOR A
NEW WESLEYAN CHURCH.
Tenders will be received up to the 26th Jan'y for the erection of a brick church in the Town of Guelph. Plans and specifications can be seen at any time previous to the above date at the office of Messrs. John Jackson & Co, Organ Manufacturers, Guelph. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders may be addressed to
REV. I. B. HOWARD.
Jan 9, 1874-w1t-dtt. Guelph.

Pay your Accounts promptly and save costs of Collection.

All contra accounts to be sent in forthwith.

JOHN A. WOOD.
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. w2t6

GIVING UP BUSINESS.
The subscriber for various important reasons is constrained to give up his boot and shoe business on and after the first day of January, 1874. All those indebted to him by book account are requested to make payment at a early date, and those accounts remaining unpaid will be placed in the hands of the Clerk of the Court for collection. The remainder of the stock on hand will be sold cheap for cash. Repairing done for cash till the business is wound up.
JAMES TINDALL.
Dec. 20th, 1873. d&w3w.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—Will be sold or leased on easy terms the premises well known as Blatchford's Tavern, (about four miles from Guelph, on the Waterloo Road), together with about 10 acres of excellent land in a high state of cultivation. There is also a good bearing orchard of about 100 choice fruit trees. The house and stabling are in good repair, with pump and cistern convenient. It is an old established place of business and well patronized by the public. Possession can be given immediately. For further particulars apply on the premises to Geo. Blatchford, or if by letter prepaid to the same at Gourock P.O., Ont.
Dec. 17, 1873. 4tw.

SOUTH RIDING.

Meeting of Reformers

A public meeting of the Reformers of SOUTH WELLINGTON will be held in the TOWN HALL, GUELPH,

On Tuesday, 13th Jan'y,

AT HALF-PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK,

For the purpose of organization, and to select a Candidate in the Reform interest at the approaching General Election.

All supporters of the present Dominion Government are invited to attend.

GEORGE ELLIOTT,
Chairman of Reform Association for South Wellington.
Guelph, Jan. 5, 1874. dw

TRUST.

The clouds hang heavy round my way,
I cannot see;
But through the darkness, I believe,
God leadeth me.
'Tis sweet to keep my hand in His
While all is dim;
To close my weary, aching eyes
And follow Him.
Through many a thorny path He leads
My tired feet;
Through many a path of tears I go
But it is sweet
To know that He is close to me,
My God, my guide.
He leadeth me, and so I walk
Quite satisfied.
To my blind eyes He may reveal
No light at all.
But while I lean on His strong arm,
I cannot fall.

A MAIDEN'S WANTS.

WANTED—a hand to hold my own,
As down life's vale I glide.
Wanted—an arm to lean upon,
For ever by my side.

WANTED—a firm and steady foot,
With step secure and free,
To take its straight and onward pace
Over life's path with me.

WANTED—a form erect and high!
A head above my own
So much that I could walk beneath
The shadow o'er me thrown.

WANTED—an eye within whose depth
Mine own might look and see
Uprisings from a guileless heart,
O'erflown with love for me.

WANTED—a lip whose kindest smile
Would speak for me alone;
A voice whose richest melody
Would breathe affection's tone.

WANTED—a true, religious soul,
To pious purpose given,
With whom mine own might pass along
The road that leads to heaven.

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SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 10, 1874.

Town and County News

A Christmas Tree and concert was held in the Christian Church in Drayton, on Christmas Eve, for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the organ.

FRANK BAINBRIDGE, Jr., Harriston, broke both bones of his right arm, about an inch above the wrist, on Jan. 5, by falling upon the T. G. & B. track whilst running. Dr. Cowan set the injured limbs.

THE CATTLE FAIR at Elora was one of the best in point of numbers which has been held there for some time, and a large number of cattle changed hands. The prices were not as high as formerly. Most of the cattle appeared to be in good condition, but a few of the farmers said they were compelled to sell on account of want of feed.

WOLF POISONED.—Mr. James Louhead, of the 15th con., Garafraxa, about four miles from Fergus, recently poisoned one of the largest wolves ever seen in the neighborhood. It weighed 82 lbs., notwithstanding that it was very lean. Mr. Louhead will get the Government bounty of $6 for killing the brute, in addition to $3 for the pelt.

The Port Elgin Free Press comes to us this week enlarged by four columns, and improved in typographical appearance. *The Free Press* is in its fourth year, and has made good progress since its first appearance. We congratulate the proprietor on the success he is meeting, and wish him continued success.

COUNTY TEMPLE, I. O. G. T.—At the recent meeting of the County Temple, I.O. G.T., was held in Elora, it was decided to hold the next meeting in Guelph on the 2nd of June next, at 10 a.m. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Worthy Chief, Brother Hodgkinson; Worthy Vice, Sister Smart; Secretary, Bro. Tripney; Treasurer, Sister Conon; Marshal, Brother Robinson; F. Secretary, Brother Fairleigh; I. Guard, Sister Farrow; O. Guard, Brother Groom.

CHARGE OF CHILD-STEALING.—A case was heard before the Mayor of Whitby recently in which J. Madill, of the township of Pickering, charged James Adams, of the same township, with having enticed and decoyed from the care of his parents in June, 1870, one King William Madill, a lad then about 13 years and 11 months of age. It appeared from the evidence that the boy was very badly treated at home and was being brought up in the grossest ignorance, as were his brothers and sisters, none of whom were able to read or write, or even tell their age. Naturally, he wished to leave his home to get an education and otherwise better himself. Mr. Adams, the defendant, owned a farm in the county of of Wellington. The boy Madill went west with Mr. Adams, and getting a good situation near the village of Drayton, remained there ever since. The friends of the boy's family also, as well as the boy himself, concealed his whereabouts from his parents and brothers and sisters, so well that up to the time of the arrest no trace of his residence could be found. At the trial, the defence urged was the bad treatment of the boy at his father's house. Although the statutes presume a child under the age of fourteen cannot consent to anything, still the magistrates thought best to dismiss the charge. There was no direct evidence of coaxing, enticing, or decoying away, as required by statute; and as the whereabouts of the lad was now known and he had fared well since his departure from what was in no sense to him a "home" it was perhaps the wisest thing to do.—*Whitby Chronicle.*

"The Plough and the Pulpit."

The lecture announced for Friday night, at the Wesleyan Church, delivered by the Rev. John B. Clarkson, M. A., of Galt, to aid in paying off the debt on the Galt Church, was not nearly so well attended as might have been expected, owing, no doubt, to the unfavourable weather, and the mesmeric entertainment in the Town Hall in aid of the Mechanics' Institute; those who were present, however, had an intellectual treat.

Mr. Howard having opened the meeting with singing and prayer, introduced the lecturer.

Mr. Clarkson, on coming forward, portrayed the character of his subject, William Dawson, the great pulpit orator and laborer. His father was a small farmer in Yorkshire, who died while young Dawson was yet a boy, which left him entirely under the control of his mother, who took every pains to train him, and make home attractive for him and threw around him proper influences. William Dawson got a good common education, and the selection of his reading and companions raised him to the noble position which he afterwards attained. Mr. Clarkson showed how the choice of a youth's literature and companions often decided his whole future career. He denounced the trashy green and yellow covered literature so universally read both in Canada and the States. Efforts were made to educate young Dawson for the Church of England and for the Wesleyan Church, but for some reason he declined, and stuck to the farming, yet he became a local preacher, and made himself a name as an orator. William Dawson as a man was upright, honorable and generous—a steady, hard-working laborer, and presented a marked contrast to those men who prided themselves upon their mere laziness—whose occupation in life was to squander money, and keep from honest labor, thereby laying a heavier burden on industrious men. We could only attain to any honorable position by hard work. William Dawson had a large heart, and though he was poor was always ready to help the poorer. Mr. Clarkson described to the preaching of William Dawson, and the grand life-like pictures he was able to place before his hearers. He was able by this great power to bear the multitude along with him. In conclusion Mr. Clarkson referred to the sudden death of this great and good man, after 40 years' hard work in his calling. The lecturer at the close was heartily applauded, and a vote of thanks returned him, when the meeting closed with singing the Doxology and the benediction.

The Benefit Performance.

There was a crowded house at Miss de Montford's performance on Friday night for the benefit of the Guelph Mechanics' Institute, and a substantial sum was realised by the institution. At the close of the performance a vote of thanks to Miss de Montford was moved by Mr. Raymond, seconded, and passed by a hearty round of applause.

There were three amongst the "subjects" for the evening who were particularly good ones. For convenience we shall designate them by their trades, and call them the painter, the plasterer, and the weaver. Following up the remarkable "God bless the Prince of Wales" experiment with the latter, Miss de Montford on Friday night mesmerised these three men, and commanded them to come to her at the hall at ten minutes past 8 on Saturday night, bringing certain articles. One is to bring a cat, another a sackful of old boots, and the third the oddest thing he can find in the house. This experiment illustrates one of the most remarkable features of the mysterious influence called mesmerism. The mesmerist leaves an influence on the mind and nerves, which remains dormant, as it were, until the time set, when it causes the subject to become mesmerised, and he at once obeys the command laid on him. "The Judge and Jury Scene" was acted by these three subjects last night. There was true humor in the solemn gravity of the weaver as judge, and in the shrilly voluable distress of the painter as a woman accused of fatally ill-treating the child. The defunct infant was represented by a doll. Defendant maintained that it was not dead, and caused roars of laughter by offering to prove it by sticking a pin in the poor baby. "Your honor" said the defendant, taking up another plea "I have twelve more like this at home, and I can't get a living for them all, so I thought this was the best way to get rid of one or two."

Another entertainment will be given to-night. Miss de Montford then goes to Brampton, and on Friday next returns to Guelph to give an evening's performance for the benefit of the poor. Next Saturday afternoon a matinee is to be given, which we believe concludes Miss de Montford's present visit.

Curling.

At Fergus, on Friday, the annual match between the Guelph and Fergus clubs was played, resulting in favor of Guelph by 28 shots. The snow interfered somewhat with the curlers in the afternoon, but there was some good play. The following are the particulars of the game:—

Guelph.	*Fergus.*
RINK NO. 1.	
J. Emslie,	Thos. ——,
J. Dobbie,	C. Tobin,
J. Spalding,	A. Anderson,
T. Dobbie, skip, 23.	M. Anderson, skip, 18
RINK NO. 2.	
C. Spalding,	John Davie,
R. Emslie,	A. Perry,
W. D. Hepburn,	J. C. Donaldson,
D Kennedy, skip, 23	W Hamilton, skip, 12
RINK NO 3.	
Wm. Reper,	T. A. W. Gordon,
Jas. Anderson,	C. Young,
J. Robinson, Jr.,	P. King,
A Congalton, skip, 27	Hy. Michie, skip, 16
RINK NO. 4.	
W. F. Clarke,	Wm. Graham,
John Anderson,	E. Osler,
W. Mitchell,	Peter Greer,
W Congalton, skip, 17	Jas. Wilson, skip, 16.

NOVA SCOTIA.—News from this Province is very encouraging. The Opposition will make their hardest fight there, but the Government are sure of a handsome majority.

The Government Policy.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's Address.

The address of the Premier to his constituents the electors of Lambton has been published. It contains the following statement of the policy which the Government will carry out if sustained in the coming election:—

We will strive to elevate the standard of public morality, which our opponents have done so much to debase; and to conduct public affairs upon principles which honest men can approve and by practices which will bear the light of day.

We shall endeavor by wise legislation and a just and impartial policy to remove those sectional jealousies and local prejudices which were aggravated by our predecessors, and to effect a genuine consolidation of the Union, under which the members from the various Provinces shall meet not as delegates from distinct Provinces but as representatives of the Canadian people, secure in the maintenance of their Provincial rights, and animated by the desire to advance the interests of their common country.

The establishment of a system of trial of elections by judges, forced upon the late Government by the persistent agitation of the Liberal party, affords good hope for the repression during this election of the bribery and undue influences so obviously prevalent in the late struggle. The writs have been issued simultaneously, thus carrying out in spirit the law, which we hope soon to place on the Statute Book, providing for simultaneous polling. The Government willingly foregoes the great advantages which have been derived by its predecessor from the power of controlling the issue of writs, and rests itself with confidence on the justice of its cause.

We shall endeavor to frame laws for such a liberal adjustment of the franchise as may best suit the varying circumstances of the different sections of the Dominion; for the taking of votes by ballot; for the abolition of the real estate qualification for members, thus giving the people greater freedom in the choice of their representatives in Parliament; and for increasing the efficiency of the existing agencies for the prevention and punishment of improper practices at elections. But we must not forget that these, as all other laws, will owe their main vigour and efficiency to the spirit in which they are accepted and worked by the people at large; and I trust that the supporters of the Government will in this election set the example of scrupulous observance of the law on their own side, and firm repression of its violation by others.

We must meet the difficulty imposed on Canada by the reckless arrangements of the late Government with reference to the Pacific Railway, under which they pledged the honor and resources of this country to the commencement of that gigantic work in July, 1873, and to its completion by July, 1881. That compact has already been broken. Over a million has now been spent in surveys, but no part of the line has yet been located, and the bargain is, as we always said it was, incapable of literal fulfillment. We must, therefore, endeavor to arrange with British Columbia for such a relaxation of its terms as may give time for the completion of the surveys and the acquisition of the information necessary to an intelligent apprehension of the work, and for its subsequent prosecution with such speed, and under such arrangements, as the resources of the country will permit without too largely increasing the burden of taxation on the people.

In the meantime, with a view to obtain a speedy means of communication across the Continent, and to facilitate the construction of the Railway itself, it will be our policy to utilize the enormous stretches of magnificent water communication which lie between a point not far from the Rocky Mountains and Fort Garry, and between Lake Superior and French river on the Georgian Bay, thus avoiding for the present the construction of about 1,300 miles of railway, estimated to cost from sixty to eighty millions of dollars, and rendering the resources of the country available for the prosecution of those links of the Pacific Railway which are necessary in order to form a complete line of rail and steamboat communication from east to west.

This will involve the construction of a short line of railway from the mouth of French river, on Georgian Bay, to the south east shore of Lake Nipissing, and a grant in aid of extension to that point of the existing and projected lines in Quebec and Ontario.

We propose also to facilitate the construction of the branch line from Fort Garry to Pembina, already provided for by Parliament, although we cannot hope that this will be accomplished by December next, the time limited by the late Government for its completion.

We shall endeavor to make these great works auxiliary to the promotion of immigration on an extensive scale, and to the settlement and development of those rich and fertile territories on which our hopes for the future of Canada are so largely fixed.

The proper mode of dealing with the question of Insolvency has long been a problem in other countries besides our own. Our present Insolvency law gives great dissatisfaction. It will be the effort of the Government to frame a measure which, while preserving to creditors the advantage of obtaining a summary and fair distribution of the assets of their insolvent debtors, shall be calculated to discourage reckless dealings, to render more difficult the commission and more easy the punishment of fraud, and to simplify the machinery and lessen the expense of winding up estates.

The time seems to have arrived when the union of the various Provinces may be promoted by the creation of a General Court of Appeal for the Dominion, and to this subject the attention of the Government will be directed.

The work of improving the canal system of the country will be vigorously prosecuted, and every effort to attract to Canadian channels the traffic of the West, and to foster, by a judicious expenditure in public improvements the vast maritime interests of the Dominion.

The Militia system demands revision, and will receive the immediate and earnest attention of the Government with a view to increasing its efficiency.

As to the other subjects which will attract our attention—having already exceeded the usual limits of an address—I will take an early opportunity of meeting you in public, and, in the meantime, I will content myself by assuring you that our endeavour will be to promote such an honest, vigorous, just, and economical policy as may redound to the true welfare of the Canadian people.

BY TELEGRAPH

Prince Consort's Statue.

The Emperor Napoleon.

An Impending Battle.

Another Steamer Wrecked.

London, Jan. 9.—The Prince of Wales unveiled the statue of the Prince Consort at Holborn Viaduct to-day with appropriate ceremonies, in the presence of vast crowds of spectators. An immense breakfast was subsequently given at Guildhall, at which toasts to the health of the Royal Family were given and responded to, with speeches expressing the warmest sympathy and affection for the Queen.

The remains of the late Emperor Napoleon were transferred to-day to the sarcophagus presented to Eugenie by Queen Victoria. A number of leading Bonapartists attended the ceremony. Prince Napoleon was absent.

The British steamer Ravensworth Castle, Captain Sergeant, which sailed from Baltimore Dec. 13th for Queenstown, was totally wrecked. The officers and crew were saved.

Madrid, Jan. 9.—The Ministry have issued a long manifesto, addressed to the nation, declaring their objects to be identical with those of the revolution of 1868.

The decree was promulgated to-day dissolving the Cortes, and announcing that the elections for the new body will be held as soon as order is rendered secure, and freedom and universal suffrage are unhindered.

Bayonne, Jan. 9.—Don Carlos and Gen Elio, with 25,000 men and eight pieces of artillery, have entered Sanitor. Generals Moriones and Aster Jana have received reinforcements. A battle is expected to take place soon, the Carlists making the attack. The Carlists have now completely surrounded Bilbao, and are about to renew the attack on Portugalet.

FERGUSON FALLS is taking steps to be incorporated.

REV. J. C. MUKISH was recently presented by a number of the members of the Baptist Church, residing in the Township of Egremont, with a handsome book-case and writing-case combined. It was given at a surprise party.

FIRE.—The house of Dr. Graham, Brussels, narrowly escaped being burned down on Tuesday. Some sparks from a stove below ascending the stov-pipe and falling down the chimney into an open grate in an upper room, igniting some cinders, which fell out on the floor.

A BUGGY ACCIDENT happened in Dumfries, near Galt, on Monday, Jan. 5. Mr. Alex. McKenzie had his leg badly broken, Mr. Buchan's uncle was put out of joint, and Mr. McLeish received a severe scalp wound. The horses had run away, and one of the lines broke in trying to pull them up.

LISTOWEL YOUNGSTERS have good times of it—at least, those connected with Sunday-schools. They all met on New Year's Day, and had a splendid ride in sleighs supplied by their parents. After the drive, they went to the Presbyterian church, and consumed candies, &c., &c.

MORNINGTON.—On Saturday last, while Mr. Manley was threshing a the barn of Mr. Moses Poole, the walk being soft, several of the men began carrying straw to put on it. While passing the machine the coupling caught the clothes of Mr. James Radley and instantly wound him round the tumbling rod, injuring him so severely, that he died on Monday morning. He leaves a wife and eight small children.

FIRE.—The house of Alexander Bruce, opposite Fulton's saw mill, on the Sangeen gravel road, was burnt to the ground with its entire contents, on New Year's Eve. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce had left the house in charge of their two children for a short time, and upon returning found it in ashes, together with all their furniture, clothing, and seventy-eight dollars in cash besides something ever three hundred dollars in notes. There was no insurance.—*Tribune.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Huston, was crowded on the occasion of the Xmas Tree and distribution of gifts. The choir under the management of Mrs. Bell and assisted by Miss Watson, and Mr. and Miss Harban, of Guelph, and Mrs. and Miss Henry, rendered efficient service. The Sunday School, under the energetic supervision of Mr. Robison, assisted by a faithful staff of teachers, reports in a most prosperous condition, numbering over one hundred of a regular attendance.

SURPRISE AND PRESENTATION.—On Thursday evening a party of one hundred residents of Berlin and Waterloo surprised the Rev. C. Cookman, Wesleyan minister of Berlin, by unceremoniously taking possession of his residence for the time being. After appointing Dr. Wright as chairman, Mr. Thos. Hylliard, editor of the Waterloo *Chronicle*, read an address, and presented the astonished host with a purse of $40. In addition to this, the visitors left behind them a profusion of groceries, dry goods, &c. After amusing themselves by speeches and singing till 11 o'clock, they quietly resigned possession to the lawful owner.

Attempted Suicide.

Elmira, Jan. 9.

Last night one of our residents named McLean attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. For several days previously his relatives and friends noticed an unusual strangeness in his manner. About 6 p.m. he went out to the outhouse, and, not returning, his wife became uneasy and called him. Receiving no reply, but hearing a strange noise, she went to the door and shoving it open he placed his cold hand upon hers. Becoming alarmed she called on the neighbors and immediately sent for medical aid, and upon the doctor's arrival he had him removed from the place when it became evident that the man had made a most determined attempt at self destruction, having made an incision with the razor across his throat five inches long, severing important structures, including his wind-pipe. He is lying in a very dangerous condition.

THE anniversary soiree of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Doughs, will be held on Monday, 26th inst.