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H. MARRIOTT. BEGS to inform the citizens of Guelph and the travelling public that he has started a Livery Stable next door to Mr. W. Armstrong's Blacksmith's Shop...

PLEASURE WAGGON! FOR PIC-NICS. Guelph, 19th June. 406m

R. J. EANNERET. From England. Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

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NEW HAVEN. CONNECTICUT OYSTERS, Wholesale and Retail.

AT GEO. WILKINSON'S.

Evening Mercury. OFFICE.....MADONNELL STREET WEDNESDAY EV'NG, NOV. 25, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous. FALL ADVERTISING.—THE FESTIVE HOLIDAYS.—THE GUELPH MERCURY—daily and weekly—acknowledged to be the best medium for advertising west of Toronto...

There is a probability that Jones, the Delaware murderer, will obtain a new trial.

Shooting buffaloes from car windows is a favorite sport on the Union Pacific Railway.

In Jefferson County, Florida, they have an "Honest Club," which administers justice on offenders with the whip.

It is a fact, perhaps, not generally known that three American poets—Longfellow, Whittier, and the late N. P. Willis—were born in the same year, viz.: 1807.

Eighty and one hundred bushels of wheat and barley to the acre are reported from various parts of California.

THE READINGS TO-NIGHT.—Don't forget Mr. Nichol's readings in the Town Hall to-night.

On Saturday evening last, Mr. J. C. Thompson, of London, while on his way home was knocked down by two men who robbed him of a gold watch, and a small sum of money.

LAW EXAMINATION.—Mr. W. H. Merritt, of Guelph, last week passed his examination for admission as an attorney, and was admitted first on the list without having to undergo an oral examination.

THE PRIZE HEIFER.—Mr. Henlock Young last week sold his heifer which took the first prize at the late Provincial Exhibition, and also the first prize at the South Riding Fall Show, to Mr. Armstrong, Fergus, for \$150.

KENNEDY COMING AGAIN.—Mr. Kennedy, the renowned Scottish vocalist, will pay Guelph one more visit previous to his departure for California, and give two concerts on the 8th and 10th of February next, in the Town Hall.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday, James Wallace, a mason engaged in the building of a stable for the Castle Garden Saloon, in lifting a stone on the wall overbalanced himself and fell to the ground, a distance of twelve or fourteen feet. He received some cuts and contusions, but no injury of a serious nature.

ERIN GRIST MILLS.—Mr. R. Taylor who last year leased these Mills from Mr. Corcock, and who during the summer has made great improvements in them, has sub-let the large mill to the Messrs. Horlop, of Eden Mills, for \$1,000. It is expected a good deal of wheat will be bought in the village this winter by the new lessees.

A young lady having chased, for three weeks, a young man belonging to St. Catharines, who had not used her as a man of honor should, at last came up with him at the door of his father's saloon in that town, and leveling a pistol at him demanded that he should marry her. The young deceiver had enough presence of mind to bolt before the shooting iron went off, and make his escape by a back way.

SEASONABLE PRESENTS.—We have to thank Messrs. Armstrong, McCrae & Co. for some very reasonable and acceptable samples of their manufacture, which for colour, quality, make and finish are fully equal to their far-famed goods which are so highly spoken of throughout the Province, and which have taken so many prizes at the Provincial Exhibition.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.—The anniversary celebration of St. Andrew's Day this year promises to be one of the best and most popular yet held under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society. Several of our best vocalists in Guelph, from Hamilton and other places will take part in the concert. In the interval between the parts of the programme refreshments will be served to the company. Immediately after the concert the Ball will commence, and for those who do not fancy a hop in the Hall there will be pleasant parlour entertainments. Mr. Miller has the getting up of the supper and refreshments, and we may be sure will do his part well. The committee are actively maturing their arrangements in order to secure a most successful celebration.

The following from Dr. Mack, one of the most successful and widely celebrated surgeons in Canada, should convince the timid and most skeptical that Dr. Briggs is not a quack in his speciality, but reliable beyond a doubt.

It gives much pleasure to certify to the skill and dexterity of Mr. Briggs as a Chiropodist. I consider him deserving in every way of the confidence of the public.

Yates-St., St. Catharines, Oct. 16, 1868. Dr. Briggs will remain at Coulson's Hotel, Friday and Saturday the 27th and 28th November—hours from 7 to 10 a. m. and 1 to 10 p. m.

Town Council. An adjourned meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday night. Present, the Mayor in the chair, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Harvey, Mitchell, Mays, McCurry, Chadwick, Sayers, Melvin, Buckland, Howard, Thomson, Day and Hoffmann.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a contract from James Armstrong for constructing two tanks; also of one from Alex. Ferguson for putting down two single tanks. Mr. Howard read a petition from Templeton Brown for the remission of dog tax. Mr. Thomson read a petition from Richard Baker, relative to some lots which had been unjustly sold for taxes, the amount against them having been paid. Dr. Herod read a petition from H. C. Walker and others asking for the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of holding a quadrille class once a fortnight. The foregoing petitions were referred to appropriate committees.

Mr. Harvey presented the report of the Fire and Water Committee, which was as follows: FIRE AND WATER REPORT. The Committee on Fire and Water beg leave to report contract with Alex. Ferguson for two single water tanks and with James Armstrong for one double tank and submit the same to Council.

Your Committee recommend that five members be added to the Fire Company to enable them to take charge of the whole department, engine, hooks and ladders. Your Committee also recommend the usual allowance be paid the old Hook & Ladder Company upon their returning all property in their possession belonging to the town; and that John Ewing be paid \$7.50 for taking out an engine.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report, Dr. Herod in the chair. The contracts with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Ferguson were read, and after a short discussion, the report was adopted in committee, and passed when the Council resumed.

Mr. Sayers presented the report of the Relief Committee, which was adopted.

RELIEF COMMITTEE. They submitted a statement of their disbursements to this date, amounting in the total to \$411.34. Having expended \$11.34 over the appropriation, they will require an additional grant of \$60 to pay said balance, and also enable them to resort to despatching applications for relief which may be presented to them during the remaining portion of the year.

The sum of \$150 placed to the credit of the Committee for relief to the Red River Settlement has been forwarded to John Ferrie, Esq., Hamilton, by a draft to his credit. Your Committee would beg to acknowledge a sum of \$5 kindly contributed by the Ladies' Benevolent Society in aid of the railway fare of a female emigrant, and the maintenance of Henry Mellor's children.

Mr. McCurry presented the report of the Special Committee, which was as follows: SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT. The Special Committee appointed to consider such changes in the Municipal and Assessment Acts as are deemed advisable beg leave to report, that having carefully considered the law as now existing the following changes therein suggest themselves to your Committee, as being those that they can recommend being brought under the notice of the Parliamentary Committee.

Your Committee think that County Attorneys should be eligible as members of a municipal corporation, but not as Reeve, or Deputy Reeve or Mayor.

That the qualification of electors should be twenty dollars, in towns, annual rental, or a freehold of \$300, and of Mayors, Reeves, Deputy Reeves and Councilors \$800 freehold or \$120 annual rental, and that rates as having paid taxes up to date to be fixed should be disqualified from voting and a return in such date by the Collector to the Clerk of the Municipality of all parties having paid taxes shall be the returns from which the voters' lists shall be made out.

Your Committee would further suggest the consideration as to whether Mayors, Reeves and Deputy Reeves should not be selected from, and elected by the Council; also that all persons actually paying rent for the occupation of any house or portion thereof sufficient to entitle them to vote should be so entitled.

In the Assessment Act the following: That property rented be rated on the rental and otherwise held at not less than 6 per cent. on the actual value. That a duplicate of all plans of Town lots should be filed with Clerk of the Municipality, and in case of the sale of a portion of any such lot, that notice be forthwith given to the Clerk of the Municipality, otherwise each lot will be liable for the payment of all taxes due on any part thereof. Your Committee recommend the abolition of the sliding scale of rating income, and an assessment on the actual amount, also in case of persons that personal property be jointly assessed. That the time for return of rolls be extended to the first of May in each year. That all notices of appeal to the Court of Revision be given to the Clerk at least seven days before the sitting of said Court; and that the power to sell lands for arrears of taxes be vested in the Treasurer of all towns, and that all necessary powers be given to him for that purpose.

In conclusion your Committee submit that to prevent mistakes in the assessment of town lots for arrears of taxes, no redress should be had by any person for the sale of such for arrears, unless he give to the Assessor a full list of all lands in which he is interested, with the numbers and description thereof.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report, Mr. Harvey in the chair. Each clause was discussed and the report passed in committee, also when the Council resumed.

Mr. Gow had written to the Clerk asking for any suggestions he might consider of importance. The Clerk read a copy he had drawn up which had reference chiefly to difficulties at present experienced with the Assessment rolls.

The Council adjourned.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A young girl, 14 years of age, named Mary McDonald, whose father resides on the first concession of Kinloss, was killed by a threshing machine on the 23rd ult. She had gone for curiosity to see the machine work, and her clothes being caught by the turning shaft, she was whirled round until she was so mutilated as to be unrecognizable. The horse ran away as soon as she was caught, and this cut off all her chances of escape.

Legislature of Ontario. TORONTO, Nov. 23. About 80 or 90 petitions were presented in support of superior education.

The bill to secure the independence of the Legislature was read a third time and passed.

The House went into committee on Hon. Mr. Richards' mineral resolutions, when they were passed, and the committee rose and reported them without amendment. They were then concurred in and a Bill relating thereon and introduced.

The bill relating to the fees of Sheriffs was read a second time, also the bill to diminish the sittings of County Courts and Quarter Sessions, and to abolish Recorder's Courts. In the country, two of the Quarter Sessions Courts were dispensed with. It was proposed that all cases which could be tried in the County Courts could be tried either there or before the judges of the superior courts, and that the expense would be the same in either case.

The suitors had, in this way, the privilege to go from one court to the other, at the same cost. Again, in the present measure the Government proposed to remedy what was considered a standing grievance, and that was the necessity of keeping jurors so long at every inferior Assize. In cases where parties did not propose in their pleadings that there should be a jury, there might, it was proposed, be a trial before the judges instead, without a jury; and it was also to be submitted that even in cases where the intention was to have trial by jury, yet where the counsel met in court and agreed that that might be done. This would greatly expedite the business of the court, and remedy one great grievance in the country, the protracted attendance of jurors. It was an experiment—and undoubtedly in the right direction—and would, he hoped, be a success.

TORONTO, Nov. 24. Forty-three petitions were received, praying for aid to superior education.

Mr. Ferrier introduced a bill to divide the township of Garrafrax into two Municipalities. Read a first time.

Atty-General Macdonald moved the third reading of the Bill to define the privileges, immunities and powers of the Legislative Assembly, and to give summary protection to persons employed in the publication of Sessional Papers.

Mr. Blake moved an amendment, but it was lost, and the bill was read a third time.

The House went into committee on the Attorney General's Bill respecting election of members of the Legislative Assembly. The clause requiring every member elected to the Legislature of Ontario to be possessed of freehold property to the value of \$2,000 was with the consent of the Attorney General struck out. Several other amendments were made, when the Committee rose and reported progress.

A number of bills were advanced a stage, after which the House adjourned.

RESURRECTION IN LUTHER.—Some-time last week two hunters pursuing their avocations along the western side of the "Big Marsh," came upon a newly made grave with a stone at the head and foot, and moulded in proper form. As soon as this was noticed abroad conjecture became busy; some thought a horrible murder had been committed, others that some Indian had there found a resting place, while not a few were impressed with the belief that some lone fair one had committed suicide. But curiosity must be satisfied and justice done, so on Sunday last seventeen philanthropists with brave hearts and brawny arms mustered courage to sally forth, pick and spade in hand, to the mysterious spot.

With palpitating hearts and trembling knees the work of resurrection was begun. The earth gave forth a hollow sound at each drive of the spade, and the pile of earth thrown from the grave grew gradually higher. After excavating about two feet three chips were met with and were with reverent caution exhumed, when lo! the diggers discovered they had no more to do for they had reached the bottom of the grave. The explanation of the mystery was that some person had been examining the quality of the soil, and had modelled the grave by way of perpetrating a joke on the credulous.

RAISED FROM THE COFFIN.—The following curious story is told by the Erie Dispatch of last Wednesday: On Saturday the 7th inst. Mr. George Warren, of Meadville, at all appearance breathed his last. His body was placed in a coffin, and in every way prepared for burial, and the remains were to have been sent to the city for interment. On Monday a hearse and carriage went to the depot, but the object of their search was not there and they received word that the funeral party had missed the train. The hearse went to the depot again yesterday, but instead of the corpse, there came a despatch, stating that Mr. Warren showed signs of life. A despatch received at a later hour, stated that he had been removed from his coffin, and was sitting up. What must be the feelings of his friends at this having restored to them one who was mourned, as dead, beyond a possibility of doubt. He lay in the death-like trance state for about forty-eight hours, before exhibiting signs of animation, and it was almost a providential circumstance that the interment was set for a place some distance from where the supposed death occurred. The disease that prostrated him was typhoid fever, and the contemplated interment at Erie, was probably the means of averting that horror of horrors—unconsciously burying a human being alive.

A SKILFUL OPERATION.—Friday, at the General Hospital, Drs. Fenwick and Campbell, and Dr. Bell, of Ottawa, performed a most delicate and difficult operation, the first of the kind, we believe, ever done in this city, namely, cutting out a man's tongue. The man's name is Armstrong, and his tongue was diseased with a cancer of a year's growth. The operation was performed by inserting an instrument under the chin, by means of which the roots of the tongue were held and hemorrhage prevented. In this the doctors were most successful, the wound bleeding but very little. Armstrong is doing well since the operation.—Montreal News.

NEW SAW MILL IN ERIN VILLAGE.—Messrs. J. & D. McMillan have recently put in a new saw mill in Erin Village, and it is now in operation. The machine was put in by Messrs. Evatt & Inglis, of Guelph. The new mill will be of great service to the inhabitants of the village and of the surrounding country.

MAN KILLED.—On Monday evening the switch at Cainsville was turned by some party as yet unknown, which caused the mixed train going West to run off the track. The driver and fireman both jumped off the former, named Sunter, falling under the cars was instantly killed. The fireman escaped unhurt.

AMERICAN DESPATCHES. New York, 25th.—Sir John Young, the newly appointed Governor General of Canada and Secretaries, arrived here yesterday.

Newgate Literature. Another illustration of the corrupting influence of highwayman literature has been seen in the vicinity of Newbury, England. Several persons have been recently attacked on the neighbouring roads, after dark, by a man in a mask, who, by the gentle logic of a levelled pistol, has induced them to pay unwilling tribute in the shape of money, watches, chains, &c. One evening, however, the robber found more than his match.

He demanded contributions of a young man named Syndell, who was not content to yield either his valuables or his life. He accordingly struck aside the ruffian's arm, causing the pistol to go off in the air, and seizing hold of the highwayman by the waist, detained him until, by the help of others, he was enabled to lodge him in the lock-up. The delinquent proved to be a youth of nineteen, by trade a painter, and by external appearance a very inoffensive fellow—so inoffensive, indeed, that the police had never suspected him in connection with the robberies. This amiable lad had been keeping company with a servant girl, and to her he had given, as delicate tokens of his affection, divers numbers of two romances, entitled the Black Highwayman, and Black Bess, or the Knight of the Road; some portraits of Dick Turpin, and a colored illustration of one of the stories. The young fellow had furthermore adopted the flash name of a favorite character, and told some of the persons that he had stopped to report that they had been in the hands of Captain Hawk. The captain, no doubt, regarded himself as a high-spirited noble fellow, with a soul above painting, and a special genius for the elegant pursuit of highway robbery. The mischievous books had distorted his moral sense, and his common sense as well; and they have performed the like evil service for a great many other persons of whom we hear from time to time.

Mr. David McRea, who has been visiting this continent, gives through the Glasgow Herald his impressions as to our people and country. Of the women of the West he says: They are just as gentle and kind, as lovely and agreeable and affectionate as our own. Their loveliness is of a different type, pale and more ethereal. A beautiful Canadian, or American girl comes nearer the popular idea of an angel than any being I have ever beheld out of dreamland. Pale features, of exquisite symmetry, a delicately pure complexion, eyes radiant with intelligence, a light, graceful, often fragile form—this is the vision of loveliness that meets the eye in almost every drawing room. I never saw, during all my life before, so many fair forms, which it would have surprised me less to see shooting on wings and flying up into the empyrean.

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