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READY'S WELLINGTON HOTEL. The undersigned begs to intimate to his numerous friends and the travelling public generally that he has assumed the management of the above hotel, and trusts by courtesy and strict attention to business to make the "Wellington" one of the most popular hotels in town. The best wines and liquors kept at the bar. Superior stabling; and a careful and attentive hostler always on hand. MARTIN DEADY, Guelph, April 27, 72.

GUELPH PUMP FACTORY. The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has now fitted up his new shop in the most complete manner, and has on hand a large stock of Pumps, &c. He is prepared to make to order, and furnish on the shortest notice, pumps of superior quality of all kinds. Having had long experience in the trade he feels sure that he can turn out work to the satisfaction of the public. All orders for new pumps or repairs promptly attended to. Remember the factory, on the banks of the Speed, near the Erasmus Bridge, and directly opposite the New English Church. E. BRYCE, Guelph, Aug. 12th, 1872.

OTS FOR SALE.—For sale twenty-four lots in Jackson's Survey, near Mr. John Horsman's residence. Twenty-three of the lots are a quarter of an acre each; more or less. For one-fifth of the purchase money down, the balance in five years, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply to John Jackson, Guelph.

New Advertisements.

TO LET.—Two rooms and kitchen, being part of a cottage already occupied. Apply at Day's Bookstore.

TINSMITH, first-class, wanted immediately, to do work on good wages and steady work will be given. MILLS & GOODFELLOW.

STOREHOUSE TO LET.—On Switch connecting Grand Trunk and Great Western R.R.'s. Capacity 12,000 bushels, with horse-power Elevator. Apply to John McGraw.

EDUCATIONAL. MRS. BUDD Begs to announce that her school and music classes will be open on Monday, Aug. 20th, Guelph, Aug. 13th, 1872.

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL. Miss Wightman Begs to intimate that her school will reopen on Monday, September 2nd, Guelph, Aug. 23rd, 1872.

DOG FOUND.—Came to the premises of the subscriber on the 23rd ult., a large black pup. The owner on proving property and paying expenses, can take him away. For particulars, enquire at this office. Guelph, Sept. 2, 1872.

CENTRAL EXHIBITION.—Tenders for Booths No. 2 and No. 4, will be received on the terms previously advertised by the undersigned until SATURDAY, the 7th September, at 12 o'clock, noon. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. GEORGE MURTON, Secretary. Guelph, Sept. 2, 1872. Herald copy.

STRAW, STRAW. TENDERS WANTED FOR Supplying Straw for Central Exhib'n Parties tendering to state price per ton, and number of tons they can supply. Tenders to be sent in not later than the 10th of September. GEO. MURTON, Sec. Guelph, Sept. 2, 1872.

TWO COWS STOLEN OR STRAYED. Stolen or strayed from the subscribers premises, on the night of Saturday, 27th, one black cow, one horn bent down and shorter than the other, the second a strawberry colour, bands bound strapped on her face. Any one returning them, or giving such information as will lead to their recovery, will be rewarded. JAMES BARCLAY, Guelph, Aug. 27. dwtf. Builder.

NOTICE To the Ladies and Public Generally.

P. C. ALLAN Begs to inform the public that should they during the tremendous crush in his store on Saturday evenings, lose any Hats, Coats, Bonnets, Waterfalls, Crinolines, Grecian Bands, Dolly Vardens, etc. etc. etc., they will be duly taken care of, and delivered to the owners on Monday morning without a reward.

POSITIVELY A FACT. Mustard's Catarrh Specific Cures Catarrh, Cold in the Head, Neuralgia, Toothache, Nervous and Sick Headache, Weak and Sore Eyes. The Specific is a new remedy, prepared from Medicinal Herbs, Roots, Gums and Flowers. Free from poisonous Drugs, it is harmless, novel, and philosophy in its operation. Try it if you are afflicted with the above diseases. It is also one of the best Cough and Croup Remedies extant. Mustard's Vegetable Pills should also be used in connection with the Specific for Sick Headache and Catarrh; and those who are afflicted with Rheumatism should try Mustard's King of Oils. Sold in Guelph by McCallough & Moore, Druggists. Manufactured at Ingersoll by W. H. Mustard, Proprietor. sp24wtf

R. CRAWFORD'S Jewellery Store, NEXT THE POST OFFICE, YOU CAN GET AT REDUCED PRICES Elgin Watches, Waltham Watches, English Levers, Detached Levers, Clocks in every style.

Manufacture of Watches As soon as the stock is sold out. Special attention given to Fixing Watches, Clocks & Jewellery

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Accident Policies issued, Fidelity of Employees Guaranteed, and Life Risks taken on the most reasonable terms.

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WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Agent at Guelph. 31y26-5w

PURE BRED DURHAM CATTLE FOR SALE CHEAP.—For sale one cow, 10 years old, one two year old heifer, both supposed to be in calf, one yearling heifer, one heifer calf, one bull calf. Pedigrees can be produced, and are unquestionable. The above will be sold cheap on account of the scarcity of feed. Apply to

WILLIAM AVREY, Lot of land, Guelph, Ont., Aug. 14/72.

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Local and Other Items.

BEFORE the ashes of the late disastrous fire in Mitchell were cold, preparations were made for rebuilding many of the houses destroyed.

STRAW.—We would call the attention of those having straw to dispose of, to the advertisement, in another column, of the Secretary of the Central Exhibition.

ON Saturday morning, two men by the name of Cannon and Cooper were fatally injured by the falling of a scaffold at a house being built by Mrs. (Nicholson, Barrie, the bricks and scaffolding falling on the men.

A WELL contested game of cricket was played at Hawkesville on Saturday, between the Juniors of Berlin and the Juniors of Hawkesville, which resulted in a victory for the Hawkesville team, by one run and one wicket to go down.

IN CHANCERY.—The Walkerton Telescope says a bill has been filed, on behalf of the ratepayers of Bruce, against the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company, to prevent any more debentures being given, because the Company have failed to come up to their agreement in some respects.

SAW MILL DESTROYED NEAR STRATFORD.—Between nine and ten o'clock on Saturday night a fire broke out in the saw mill owned and worked by Mr. Coleman of Gadshill, about six miles north of Stratford, on the gravel road leading to Millbank. The building, contents and an adjoining dwelling were totally destroyed. Loss between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Partly insured.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS.—A preliminary meeting of Public School Inspectors of Ontario was held in Toronto on the 20th ult. After spending two days in discussing various proposed amendments to the Consolidated Public School Act, it was resolved to form a Provincial Association. A Constitution was accordingly drafted, and officers-bearers appointed for the year.

OUTRAGES IN TORONTO.—A despatch from Toronto says:—Rufianism, swindling and robbery appear to have run riot here. Every few evenings we hear of the policemen, the guardians of the people, being assaulted, and in some cases, rendered unable for duty thereby. No less than five robberies have been committed last week, besides numerous minor thefts.

IN two cases, ladies have been insulted after dark, and on Thursday night four men attempted to outrage the persons of two young women on Don street, and succeeded with one of them, after gagging her.

HOUSEKEEPERS cannot be too cautious in examining cabbage before it is consigned to the kettle. An exchange tells of a woman who died last week from eating cabbage. The report is that a part of the same cabbage which is said to have killed the woman, was given to a cow, and after eating it the animal died also. Another report is to the effect that a woman in a neighboring town either died or came near dying from the same poisonous food. The fact seems to be that cabbages are wormy, and, if so, the plant ought not to be eaten.

FIRE IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—On Saturday night about midnight a fire broke out in the house occupied by Mr. Henry S. Watson—grandson and tenant of Mr. Wm. Bilby, on the Fergus Road—doubtless originating from some cause in connection with the stove-pipe in the back kitchen. When Mr. Watson retired at 10 o'clock everything seemed secure, and about midnight he was aroused by the crackling of the flames in close vicinity to his bed. The neighbours were promptly in attendance, and by their valuable assistance the barn and other adjacent buildings with difficulty were saved. Scarcely anything was rescued from the burning house—which was a frame one—and insured in the Guelph Township Mutual Insurance Company for \$400.

SWAMP FIRES.—The high wind of yesterday (Sunday) sent up dense clouds of smoke from the various swamps in the neighborhood, that had been set on fire either by design or accident. A thick volume of smoke issued all afternoon from the Paisley Block direction, somewhere in the neighborhood of Mr. Thos. Hood's farm. We have not heard whether it caused serious damage or not.—Hatch's Swamp also was ablaze, we hear, in consequence of a spark from a passing train, from one of the engines of the W. G. & B. R. Co., and that 80 cords of wood piled in the swamp, belonging to the Wellington Oil Company, have been consumed in the flames. A spark from one of the passing engines of the G. T. R. ignited something combustible in the swamp on the other side of the Railway from Mr. John Horsman's, and so alarmed were the inmates of one of the houses situate there, that they began to remove the various articles of furniture to a place of safety. Fortunately, however, the danger was not so great as they supposed. The wind subsided considerably about sundown, and there was a slight shower this morning, with appearance of more rain, which it is to be hoped will fall in abundance, both to allay anxiety on account of fire, and replenish the many empty springs with which this part of the county is unluckily only too well supplied.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES BY TELEGRAPH

More about the Shipwreck of the Metis.

Record of the Lost and saved.

The Price of Coals in England.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—The Tribune this morning publishes a note from W. H. Clarke denying having been interviewed by the reporters of the Times about Stanley, and declares that while an interview was sought he refused to give it, and that the reporters wrote a statement of his published some time ago in the Yorkville, Illinois, News.

Norwich, Conn., Sept. 1.—The steamer Stonington mentioned in despatch of the Metis disaster was not within a hundred miles of the scene.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 1.—Probably a hundred and fifty delegates to the Democratic Convention are now in the city. A part of the delegations from New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Arkansas, Indiana and Pennsylvania are here. The Convention will meet at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. The talk is that Senator Bayard will be permanent chairman.

New York, Sept. 2.—A Stonington despatch says 107 lives were saved from the wreck of the Metis, 25 are known to be dead and 23 are missing.

London, Aug. 31.—The price of coal has again been advanced, notwithstanding the recent heavy importations from Belgium.

Oswego, Aug. 31.—A gale of unusual severity for the season of the year has prevailed here since Thursday. The schooner Alpha, from Toronto for this port, went ashore five miles below the harbor, and will probably be a total wreck. Her crew were taken off in a life boat last night. The schooner Orion, from Cleveland for Kingston, with a cargo of building stone, was sunk off Long Point, Canada. Her crew drifted ashore in a yawl yesterday, ten miles below here. The schooner Richardson, from Toronto, most of a cargo of lumber, went ashore at Presque Isle.

Base Ball Notes.

The fourth game between the Eckfords of Brooklyn, and the Baltimore nine was played on Friday afternoon, the latter winning easily by a score of 11 to 1.

THE STARS DEFEATED THE RED STOCKINGS, by a score of 45 to 13.

The Resolutes of Elizabeth defeated the Champions of Jersey City by a score of 26 to 10.

A Sensation at the Falls.

On Wednesday last, while visiting the Whirlpool Rapids, Charles Matthews, a physician of Philadelphia, found in a crevice in the rock the following letter, and after perusing it carefully, has become satisfied of the truthfulness of its contents, and offers it for publication, hoping thereby to throw some light on the mystery connected with another unfortunate case:—

"DEAR CHARLES,—I waited at the Montague, anxiously waiting for your coming, until at length the truth has dawned upon me that you have deserted and deceived me. I never can stand the exposure of my disgrace in my present state of mind. I have decided on the step and wish no longer to live.

Your cruel desertion has driven me mad. I have been to the river, and the hope that you would come saved me, but now hope has fled and my brain is on fire.

(Signed.)

"ONE WHO YOU HAVE WRONGED."

On the envelope was written, "Will the finder please address the within note to CHARLES MATTHEWS, Stratford, Conn. A request from one who is but one step from eternity."

A reporter visited the Montague yesterday, and learned that a young lady registered herself there as Miss Brooks, on the 19th, and remained until Monday, a case which time she has not been seen. Her hotel bill remains unpaid—she had no baggage, and the general opinion is that the brain-fried young lady has been trying to injure the character of her "dear Charlie," who agreed to meet her there, but failed to carry out the terms agreed upon.—Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.

CENTRAL EXHIBITION.—The Executive Committee of the Central Exhibition met at their office on Saturday afternoon, to open the tenders for booths during the exhibition week. For Stand No. 1, the following were the tenders:

Thomas Gully \$70 00
Dan. Heffernan 80 00
David King 150 00
James Hewer 115 00

For Stand No. 2 there were no tenders. For Stand No. 3:

Jos. Gerow \$82 50
Dan. Heffernan 81 00
Thos. Hewer 110 00

For Stand No. 4:

Augustus Keleher 77 00
Thomas Gully 125 00
Messrs. D. King, \$150 for No. 1; Thos. Hewer, \$110 for No. 3; and Thos. Gully, \$125 for No. 4, were the successful tenders. The Booths will be required to be closed at 8 o'clock on each evening during the holding of the Exhibition.

Mr. Thomas Gully having stated that he had tendered under a misconception as to the position of booth No. 4, his tender was allowed to be withdrawn, and the Secretary was authorized to re-advertise Booths No. 2 and 4, under the same conditions as formerly. The number of Booths let last year was three, and the amount realized therefor \$285. This year 2 Booths alone fetch \$265 with two more next.

Mr. Witton, M. P. for Hamilton.

Although politically opposed to Mr. Witton, one of the members elect for Hamilton, we take pleasure in publishing the following sketch of his life from the Montreal Witness. By patient study, and through his own energy and application, he has risen to a high position in his adopted country. He is a credit to the working men of Ontario, and the younger portion of them may learn a useful lesson by a perusal of the following sketch. The same path which he has trod is open to them, but they must go and do as he has done before the reward comes:—

Henry Buckingham Witton, M. P. for Hamilton, was born at the small village of South Lopham, Norfolk, England, October 28th, 1831, and is now forty-one years of age. His birthplace is in the beautiful valley of the Waveney, the delightful scenery of which has been so admirably described by the poet Bloomfield in his "Farmer's Boy." Near South Lopham is the town of Diss, famed of old as the residence of Skekton, whom Shakespeare named "the glory and the light of British Literature." At Diss Mr. Witton received such education, very imperfect and rudimentary, as his parents, who were poor, could with much difficulty and many sacrifices of their own comfort, afford to give him. Here also he was apprenticed to the trade of coach-making, but in consequence of the discontinuance of this business by his employer, he was thrown on his own resources at the early age of seventeen. His subsequent employments were in Theford, London and Manchester. In the latter city there has always existed an active public spirit, which is never without its effect on young ingenious minds with a capacity for work in the service of the race. There Mr. Witton was attracted into fields of usefulness, and became a worker in the cause of education and other much-needed reforms, many of which have now happily been accomplished. In 1853 he emigrated to the United States, and for three years remained a resident of Troy, N. Y. In 1856 he removed to Hamilton, Canada, where he has resided ever since, and for nearly the whole period has been in the service of the Great Western Railway. For some years past he has been foreman in the paint shop of that Company, and has performed his work faithfully and well. On his first appointment the Company had a cargo of lumber, and in consequence of the pitiable economy from which workmen suffer, but the wise ones of paying for the best article and the best man all that they are worth, and making the most out of them. During all the years of his working life he has been gradually improving his originally scanty education. After coming to Hamilton he acquired French and Latin, and applied himself with enthusiasm to the study of practical geology, astronomy and microscopy, to the latter of which especially he has for several years devoted most of his leisure time. In January of this year he read an able paper before the Hamilton Association, on the "Local Forms of Life found in Burlington Bay," which was printed in full in the Hamilton Spectator. Mr. Witton has the happy faculty of having a general interest in and investing it with interest; for the most unscientific of his friends. His style is easy and pleasing. He is the possessor of a telescope, an expensive microscope, and one of the most extensive and valuable scientific libraries. His reading, however, has not been exclusively scientific, but varied and catholic, and his knowledge of general literature, history, politics and political economy, makes him an agreeable companion for those who care for neither the mysteries of the stars nor the marvels of the ponds. He has been essentially a quiet one, spent in work and study. He has in a larger degree than most men commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow-workmen, and many votes were cast for him and his ticket during the late election on grounds purely personal. His views on general political and political economy, which, in a greater or less degree, is not an unusual result with English residents there; the most notable instance, perhaps, being that of Professor Goldwin Smith. Since Mr. Witton's residence in Hamilton he has been an active participant in the party now known as the party of "Union and Progress." His mother still survives in a hale old age, and will read with pride in the Old World of his triumph in the New, and will have the pleasure and gratification of feeling that not in vain were all the efforts and sacrifices she made to give him that education and training which has led to such results.

East Middlesex Election.

The London Advertiser says the most glaring fraud that have yet come to light in connection with any election in this country have been discovered in the manner in which the late contest was conducted in East Middlesex. Names of Reform voters were changed or dropped altogether from the rolls, and unscrupulous partisans were appointed as poll-clerks and returning officers. In one polling subdivision of London Township, Wm. Taylor acted as returning officer, poll clerk, and Glass scrutineer, and at 3 o'clock p. m., Evans' scrutineer was forcibly ejected from the polling booth for protesting against the frauds that were being perpetrated. In the remaining two hours, Glass's majority at this one point was increased 34, as no one was present to watch infamous proceedings of the villains in charge. Blanks were left at the top and bottom of each page of the poll-book, and these were filled up during the two hours Tory harvest. Those well informed in the matter consider that Glass will not be able to hold his seat, won by such disreputable means.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN BAOK.—A fire broke out in the tannery owned and worked by Messrs. C. Doering & Son, of Phillipsburg, on the night of the 31st of August, about 9:30 p. m. The building is totally destroyed, loss \$9,000. Insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$2,000 and in the North British and Mercantile for \$2,500. By a mere miracle, the large general store and dwelling of Mr. Doering, which adjoined the tannery, was saved.

NEWS ITEMS

The Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, the celebrated Baptist minister of Liverpool, England, has arrived in New York.

The St. Thomas Home Journal says:—We venture the statement that no town in Canada has progressed so rapidly as St. Thomas within the last twelve months, and yet its progress is far from keeping pace with its requirements. An immense number of new houses have gone up this year, but still the demand far exceeds the supply. Rents have run up to an unusual pitch, but no rent is considered too high if the people only get accommodation.

OFF THE TRACK.—This (Monday) morning some empty flat cars attached to a wood train on the Grand Trunk Railway ran off the track a short distance west of the Freight House. The morning accommodation from Berlin was in consequence obliged to remain there, which disappointed a number of parties who intended going by it to Toronto to see the English cricketers play. Mr. Oxnard, however, made up a special train at ten o'clock, and sent them off. About fifty went by this train. The track was cleared in a short time, the morning mail going east being only delayed about twenty minutes.

The Port Elgin Free Press says:—As an indication of the benefit the farmers of the County of Bruce may expect to derive from the establishment of a line of boats from Sarnia to Port William, we mention the fact that there has been shipped from Port Elgin this season, 12 first-class horses and 9 head of cattle, and a number have been shipped from Southampton. All were intended for the American market, notwithstanding the high rate of duty charged on stock entering the United States.

WIFE MURDER NEAR ANCASTER.—An inquest was held at Ancaster on Saturday, by Coroner Orton, upon the body of an unfortunate woman named Mary Nick, wife of Nicholas Nick, who belonged to a party of Oneida Indians who were passing through the township and encamped the night in the woods. From the evidence it appeared they were both very drunk, and a fracas occurring, Nick struck his wife upon the head, inflicting a mortal wound. A post-mortem examination was made by Drs. Richards and Bronson, who deposed that the deceased came to her death from the effects of a blow upon the head causing apoplexy. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts.

AN UNCOMFORTABLE LODGER.—An Ottawa paper tells a story of a man named Edwards, employed on the Ottawa and St. Lawrence R.R., who took ill, and became reduced to a skeleton from some cause that could not be ascertained. Medical treatment was of no avail, and the sufferer lingered on till last week, when a friend visiting him gave him some sugar candy. He partook of this, and after some painful efforts, vomited a live lizard seven inches long. Since then he has regained his former health and condition. The men employed on the above railroad, it seems, are in the habit of quenching their thirst from water in ditches along the line, and in this way it is supposed the lizard got into Edward's stomach when small, took lodgings and grew there.

WHAT DID HE THINK OF IT?—The other day, at the Post Office corner of Wyndham Street, a colored "gemman" of the town met an apparently respectable "gemman" of the white fraternity, who was evidently suffering from an overdose of "summut" ardent. It is impossible to say what thoughts possessed the colored "gemman" at the sight; but, oh, Jerusalem! if he didn't stand as if he were transfixed to the spot, shake his head and show the unexampled purity of his dentals, and we left him grinning his most horribly comical best, at the unsteady retreating figure of his afflicted friend, moralizing, meanwhile, no doubt, on the much vaunted superiority of white over black, and the practical proof of its correctness as afforded by the lamentable instance that had recently, with such evident difficulty, made good his escape.

Chateauguay.

RETURN OF HON. MR. HOLTON. Hon. Mr. Holton is elected by a majority of 247.

Napierville. MR. DORION ELECTED. No returns have been received of the final results from Napierville, but Mr. Dorion is elected.

Hochelaga. Mr. Beaubien has a majority of 482 over Mr. Hudon.

North Victoria. LINDBAY, Aug. 31. Complete returns from North Victoria give Mr. Staples a majority of 88.

On the 10th of the present month the completion of the great break water at Portland, England, began twenty-three years ago, was celebrated with imposing ceremonies, in which the Prince of Wales participated. This break water is a mile and a half long, is three hundred feet wide at the base, and one hundred feet high. In its construction nearly six millions of tons of stone have been used. The line of the wall is broken, a distance of a quarter of a mile from the shore, where an opening, one hundred and fifty feet wide has been left for ships to pass out of the harbour without beating round the north western end of the work. Convict labour has been largely used in the construction of this great work in the result of which is an artificial boom of refuge, after hundreds of acres in the facing Chertsey across the channel. There is yet to be completed a great wall at the sea end of the break water, to serve as a protection to the harbour.