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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

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

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House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
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CHAS. LEMON. County Crown Attorney

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Of all kinds, made to order at
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On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to
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The only one this side of Toronto
All work warranted the best. Please send ar price list.

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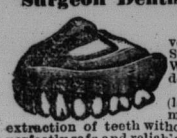
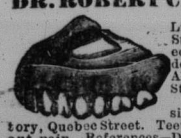
BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

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

W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell-st, Guelph.
☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,

Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Residence—opposite Mr. Boult's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References—Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto, Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

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 CAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

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Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co.,
CANADA HOUSE,
General Commission Merchants.
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NEW COAL YARD.
The undersigned having opened Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of
Hard and Soft Coal
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be prompt'y attended to.
GEO MURTON,
Guelph 1 7r dy

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

New Advertisements.

TO LET — Two rooms in a pleasant locality. For particulars, apply to Anderson's Bookstore. 2-6d

NOTICE.—Parties indebted to us are requested to settle their accounts on or before TUESDAY, the 10th February.
SHAW & MURTON.
Guelph, Jan. 31, 1874. dd

Y. M. C. A. NOTICE.
It has been deemed advisable to revise the catalogue of the Library of the Y. M. C. A. Members having books out will please return them at once to the Secretary.
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1874. d2t

NOTICE.
POULTRY SHOW.
Subscribers and others interested in the proposed Poultry Show will please meet at THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, on
Thursday Evening, at 7.30,
5th inst., for the purpose of organizing and for other business.
Guelph, Feb. 4, 1874 d2

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
The undersigned has removed to the back of the Wellington Hotel, opposite Thompson & Jackson's Land and Loan Office, Douglas Street, where he will give exclusive attention to the repairing of Boots and Shoes, believing that the requirements of Guelph call for such an establishment.
Parties entrusting him with their work may depend upon having it done with neatness and dispatch.
The best materials used.
JAMES TINDAL.
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1874. d12-w2

ENGRAVING.
Gold and Silver Plating
Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Pringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to.
T. O. OLDHAM,
Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873. do3m-2wx

VALENTINES
NOW ON HAND
Day's Bookstore, Guelph
A Large, fine stock of Valentines
All sorts and sizes very cheap.
The best stock in the country will be found at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

St. Valentine's Day
The Festival of "Young Lovers" has come round again, and ANDERSON has prepared a more than usually varied and beautiful assortment of
Love's Missives
Satchets, Cards, &c.
An inspection of ANDERSON'S stock is sure to afford a treat to all love langishing nymphs and swains.
ANDERSON'S
Cheap Bookstore,
East Side Wyndham-st,
Guelph, Ont.

TOWN HALL,
TWO NIGHTS ONLY,
Friday & Saturday, Feb. 6 & 7.
BEGONE, DULL CARE.
THE YOUNGS
The Original Scotch Couple, from Glasgow, late of
COOL BURGESS TROUPE,
Charles and Marian Young
The Great Impersonators of Scotch, English, Irish and American Characters, in their new entertainment, entitled
Begone, Dull Care!
Two hours' genuine Fun, Mirth and Music. The stage will be fitted up and illuminated in a far superior manner to any show that has ever visited this town. Fun without vulgarity. No long and tedious waits, but a continual flow of Wit, Wisdom, Mimicry, and Ventriloquism, Bone and Concertina Manipulations, Songs and Dances. Scottish Life and Character portrayed by the great artists, Charles and Marian Young. The best and most interesting performances on the road. H. C. Wells, pianist; James Roberts, Violinist.
Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c. Doors open at 7.30; performance to commence at 8.
M. G. FLINT, Agent. CHARLES YOUNG, Proprietor and Manager

NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP.
The undersigned begs to announce that he has taken his son, W. D. Tawse, into partnership, and that the style of the firm will be Wm. Tawse & Son.
All accounts against the undersigned up to 1st January to be sent in immediately. All accounts due the undersigned will be collected by the new firm. All parties so indebted will please call and settle immediately.
WM. TAWSE,
Day's Block, opposite the Market.
Guelph, Jan. 11, '74. d&wtf.

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WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 4, 1874

Town and County News

REMEMBER the social in the Wesleyan Church to-night.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Joseph Heffernan, of Heffernan Bros., leaves for the British markets to-day, to purchase the spring stock of that firm. He sails from New York on Saturday.

FOR KINGSTON.—James Nolan, convicted at the Judges Criminal Court, at Walkerton, on the 19th ult., for horse stealing, passed through Guelph on Tuesday *en route* for the Penitentiary, in charge of Mr. T. W. Ralston and Mr. Thomas Richardson, Sheriff's Officers.

THE CASE OF JOHN NORTH.—Mr. Wm. North, of Nassagaweya, requests us to state that he paid the doctor's bill in attending to his brother in his illness last year. This bill was put in the township accounts as having been paid by the township, while he paid it to the clerk after it had appeared in the paper.

THE NATIONAL.—We have received No. 2 of *The National*, a new weekly published in Toronto, by Messrs. Thompson & Smallpiece. The motto of *The National* is "Canada First," and the publishers announce that they will give an independent support to the newly formed party, although not claiming the position of an organ. It is a well-printed journal, and looks as if it would be a good newspaper.

SOUTH WELLINGTON ELECTION.—The correct official returns of this election do not differ materially from the figures already given. Division 3, Eramosa, has 37 votes for Hatch instead of 35; Div. 1, Guelph town, Hatch 22 instead of 21; Div. 3, Erin, Stirton 65 instead of 45; Div. 4, Erin, Stirton 31, Hatch 15, instead of 32 and 16 respectively. These are the only differences, and they add sixteen to Mr Stirton's majority, making it within six of being twelve hundred.

ELORA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Methodist church on Monday evening the 26th inst. The attendance was numerous, showing the great interest taken in this Society. The permanent secretary of the U. C. Bible Society, the Rev. Mr. Gemley, was present and delivered a very eloquent address in support of the cause. After routine business the Rev. James Middlemiss, on behalf of the friends of the Society, presented Joseph Carder, Esq., the indefatigable secretary, with an elegant family bible and easy chair on his retiring from the position, after thirty years' service in the cause. Mr. Carder responded in a very feeling manner, giving a brief history of the Elora Branch from its small commencement thirty years ago to the present time.

POLICE COURT.

(*Before the Police Magistrate.*)

Feb. 4.

Wm. Moran, of Eramosa, was charged by Constable Dooley with exposing cattle for sale without first paying the market fee of five cents. In defence he said he did not know such a fee was required, and on this account the case was dismissed.

Spring Assizes.

The following are the dates of the opening of the spring assizes at the various places named:—

NIAGARA CIRCUIT.—THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO.

Owen Sound..... Tuesday, 10th March.
Milton ..... Tuesday, 17th March.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.—MR. JUSTICE WILSON.

Berlin..... Monday, 13th April.
Guelph ..... Monday, 27th April.

WESTERN CICUIT.—MR. JUSTICE MORRISON.

Walkerton..... Tuesday, 10th March.

February Cattle Fair.

At the fair on Wednesday there was a very good turn out of cattle, many of which were in good condition. There was a very fair demand, the butchers and dealers being anxious seemingly to get as many as possible. Prices were better than at the January fair, though in most cases the stock was in better condition. Prime stock fetched from $4 to $4.50 per 100 lbs.; ordinary grades from $3 to $3.50 or $3.75, with little demand. Milch cows were low. From $25 to $35 was paid for fair cows, at calving or just calved. There were very few working oxen on the ground, mostly of little account, and consequently there was scarcely any demand for them. On the whole the market has slightly improved. The following are a few sales:—

Samuel Johnston, 1 cow for $30; Stewart McCutcheon, 2 steers for $50; Jas. Davidson, 3 head for $99; H. Sanderson, 2 head at $4.25; D. McLauchlin, 2 head for $37; E. Duffield, 3 head for $115; H. Duffield, 5 head for $185; D. Atkinson, steer for $32; O. Hefferman, steer for $28; W. McFarlane, cow for $35; Jas. Napper, 4 head for $102; Geo. Currie, steer for $44; Alex. McPhadren, 2 two year old steers for $105; T Wilson, 2 steers for $48; J. Moore 10 head for $440; John D. Currie, steer for $48; A. Thompson, 1 head at $4; Jas. M. Grogan, 1 cow for $30; W. Dow, 7 head at $4; Henry Crossin, heifer for $55; Richard Talbot, 3 head for $115; Jno Card, 1 ox for $60; James Smith, 3 head for $84; A. Kingsberry, 4 two-year old steers for $146, one heifer for $45, cow for $40; Jno. Patterson, 4 head for $130.50; D. Anderson, 3 head for $81; John Stewart, Paisley Block, sold 2 cows for $78; W. Murray, 2 steers for $100; Peter Chisholm, 4 head $130; Thos. Kemp 2 head for $80; T. O'Connor, 2 oxen for $145; Hugh Sanderson, cow and calf for $30; D. Morrison, 3 head for $110, and a yoke of oxen at $4.00; C. McMillan 2 steers for $92; Jas. Dowrie, bull for $84; A. McKenzie, 3 head for $79; John Bolton, 6 head for $270; L. McLean, 2 head for $73; Geo. B. Hood, 2 head at $4.50, and 4 head at $4.00; H. Hands, cow and calf $30.

On Tuesday morning one of the rioters who was engaged in the amusing work of smashing the windows of the *Globe* office, on the evening of the election day, was arraigned before the Police Magistrate and fined $5, or 30 days in the common gaol.

Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The annual general meeting of the Wellington Mutual was held at the Queen's Hotel on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Otto Klotz was voted into the chair, and Mr. Charles Davidson acted as Secretary.

The Secretary, Mr. Chas. Davidson, read the annual report and financial statement, of which we give a summary.

On account of the new Act requiring all Insurance Companies to close their year's business on Dec. 31 in each year, the report comprised thirteen months' operations instead of twelve as usual. The losses during this period had been few, and with the exception of two, were of trifling amount. Their total was $2,102. This amount, with the 13 months' expenses, would be more than provided for by a call of three per cent, which the Directors had ordered to be made, on all policies in force during the period, and a quarter per cent per month on all expiring policies unrenewed and on all new policies taken during the time.

The rate of assessment above given only calls for 12 cents as the insurance of $100 for 13 months' on first class risks, and other risks in proportion—which ought to be conclusive proof, even to the most sceptical, that the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of the County of Wellington, is one of the cheapest (if not the cheapest) Company doing a *general business* in the Dominion, and, as will be shown, the *most substantial* when the amount of its assets in *premium notes* are compared with its *loss* and amount *insured*. The Directors, acting on your instructions from last year at the general meeting, sent deputations to the Legislature to watch the passing of the Mutual Insurance Bill then before the House, but they regret to say without much success. A new Bill was passed by the Legislature, but your Directors are of opinion that it is little or no improvement on the old—nay, in some respects worse for the community at large; but they trust that future legislation establishing a purely mutual system for Ontario may yet obtain. The Directors rented their present office on a lease of 10 years on the terms recommended by you at last annual meeting. The losses and expenses during the 13 months amounts to $4,996 96, which will be more than covered by the small assessment ordered to be made. The amount of premium notes on hand the 1st January, 1874, are $171,435.13; less amount already assessed, say $16,026.83; leaving as security for stockholders, $155,408.30, which as before stated shows a security when compared with the average amount of losses last year, that no similar company can, thereby placing the Company before the public in this section of the Dominion, as leading the van for cheapness and security.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To cash bill discounted	$ 800 00
N. F. Simons cash	53 59
Cash D. Guthrie	32 31
Costs on suit (McMillan) refunded	361 73
Carpenter's risks	22 12
On cancelled policies	60 15
For premiums on new policies	1,565 05
From Bank of Commerce	600 00
Schofield and Klotz	11 66
D. Guthrie	7 36
Assessment collected	5,199 19
To Balance	294 77
Total	$9,007 93
Balance due Treasurer last year	747 34
Cash for losses	1,379 28
" " retired notes	3,550 00
Offices expenses, printing, &c	339 29
Interest account	23 30
Rent	146 66
Solicitors account, McMillan	300 00
" " general	119 00
President's salary	135 42
Auditors'	40 00
Directors' fees and mileage	451 40
Secretary and Clerk's salary	1,625 00
Balance of Secretary's account	2 54
Charges account	144 60
Total	$9,007 93

On motion of Messrs. Murton and Erb, the report was received and adopted; and the financial statement was similarly dealt with on motion of Messrs. Jas. Wilson and Matthew Anderson.

Messrs. F. J. Chadwick and J. Watt were appointed scrutineers, and a ballot were taken for the election of Directors, with the following result:—Directors for 1874, Messrs. F. W. Stone, David Allan, Geo. Randall, Geo. Hespeler, John Harris, J. M. Fraser, Jas. Cattanach, C. Ernst, Jas. Goldie, Geo. Davidson, C. McMillan.

Messrs. F. J. Chadwick and T. W. Saunders were appointed Auditors for 1874.

Some conversation took place in reference to the cash principle in connection with Mutual Insurance, and the possibility of legislation on the subject.

Sheriff Davidson said he spoke to the Premier in Toronto, who was then in communication with Hon. Mr. Crooks on the subject. The Premier was anxious to do away with the cash principle in connection with mutual companies, or else make them give security to the country.

It was moved by Mr. Dunbar, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, that the Directors have power to take such steps as they may think proper in the interest of the company, in the event of any legislation affecting the interest of Mutual Insurance Companies.—Carried.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Chairman and Directors, and responded to by Mr. Stone. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors F. W. Stone was elected President, and David Allan Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Palmerston Correspondence.

The subscriptions for a new Presbyterian Church in this village now amount to upwards of seventeen hundred dollars. The committee have advertised for tenders for its construction. It is to be of brick.

The Palmerston school was opened on Monday, the 26th ult. Mr. Alex. West is the teacher.

McEwing & Jackson have removed to their new store, north side of Main-st. Their old stand will be occupied in a few days by a watchmaker and jeweller.

BREAKFAST.—Epps's Cocoa.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co.", Homœopathic Chemists, London."

Wellington County Council.

February 3rd.

The Council met at two o'clock, pursuant to adjournment from the 27th ult. Present the Warden in the chair, and 33 members.

The Clerk reported that the following had handed in their certificates: Deputy Reeve of Maryboro, Reeve of Luther, Deputy Reeve of Luther, Reeve of Mount Forest, Reeve of Peel, Reeve of Orangeville.

Moved by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that Messrs. Leslie, Howard, McMillan, Gibson, Roberts, Dawson, Stevenson and Prain be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees and report to-morrow morning.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the By-law granting a bonus of $135,000 by a portion of this county in aid of the Credit Valley Railway be read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gibson suggested that a special committee be appointed to examine the votes recorded.

Mr. Roberts said the By-law granted a large amount of money, and he thought the Council should take steps to have the votes examined, for he knew that many of them were illegal, as many tenants had voted who having only short leases were not entitled by law to vote on the by-law.

Mr. McGowan thought it was not within the province of the Council to make such an examination.

Mr. Darby said the Council had no option in the matter. It could not enter on a scrutiny, and if anyone was dissatisfied they should apply to the courts.

Mr. McMillan said Mr. Roberts proposed nothing definite, and thought the motion should pass.

Mr. Roberts then moved, seconded by Mr. Swan, that a special committee be appointed to investigate the votes recorded on the by-law, to be composed of Messrs. Howard, Prain, Mair and Gibson.

Mr. Mair would like to know what course the committee could adopt, for they could not examine witnesses on oath. He thought the Council had no power in the matter.

Mr. Leslie said the proper course was for the parties dissatisfied to apply to the Court of Queen's Bench.

Mr. Rea was opposed to the grouping system. By-laws all through, but this By-law had been carried by the people, and the Council would be failing in its duty if they did not pass it.

Mr. Howard said he would vote for the by-law if it could effect any good, but he could not see what the committee could do in the matter.

The amendment was put and lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it. The motion was carried, and the by-law read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mr. Golden, that the Warden and Wm. Whitelaw be members of the Board of Audit for criminal justice accounts for the current year.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till tomorrow morning.

The Roaring Game.

MEDALS OFFERED BY LORD DUFFERIN.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Earl of Dufferin, taking a lively interest in the game of curling, has decided to give annually during the time he remains in Canada, a gold medal to be played for by all the regularly organized Curling Clubs of the Dominion who desire to enter into the competition.

The game to be played in competing for this medal to be that described in the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Clubs as for local medal competitions, but with the special provision that eight are to form the number of players in each Club, and the length of the rink be that in general use in the Dominion, namely, 42 yards from lack to tee. The Club which scores the greatest aggregate number of shots to be the winner of the medal.

The President or the Vice-President and Secretary will be charged with the duty of having the ice properly marked out, and seeing that the game is played according to the said rules, and the scores correctly kept; on the completion of the game they will make up a statement showing the particulars, and sign and transmit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March next, for the information of His Excellency.

His Excellency will also give a silver medal to be played for by all the members of the winning club who choose to compete for it in accordance with the rules above referred to, or as may be agreed upon by the members of the said club, and on completion of this match a statement thereof to be made up, and transmitted as required in the Club match, as soon as circumstances will permit.

H. C. FLETCHER.
Gov.-Gen. Secretary.

Government House
Ottawa, Jan. 30th 1874.

Still Angry With Mr. Scott.

The Ottawa *Times* says:—The malignity of the attack of the Corruptionist organs on Mr. R. W. Scott must be taken as evidence of the high estimate they have formed of his importance. He was the best abused man in the country while an Ontario Minister, yet he wonderfully survived the treatment, rising higher, with time, in the opinion of all able and worthy to form a good opinion. Mr. Scott did not soil his reputation and betray the trust confided to him by going with Sir John Macdonald and satellites. Hence those lies and tears! Mr. Scott has to-day the proud satisfaction of knowing his conduct has met with the endorsation of the great majority of the constituencies of Canada, the party opposed to him having been scattered like chaff by this sweeping national verdict.

We have dealt with some Opposition lies in another article, and without filling our columns with denials of them all, we shall only take this occasion, on the authority of Government employees, to deny the accusation in an evening paper of Thursday, that Mr. Scott "made a personal tour of all the departments, urging every employee to vote for Dr. St. Jean if at all." False, as usual. If the Doctor's friends had worked harder at an earlier period they could have rolled up his majority higher.

Five incendiary fires occurred in Hamilton on Tuesday. Four of the buildings fired were places of worship—St. Andrew's Church, which was opened only last July; the Primitive Methodist Church on Queen Street, the Wesleyan Methodist Church on John Street, and the Centenary Church.

Night Scene in Arthur Village, Jan. 29th, 1874.

(DEDICATED TO GEO. A. DREW.)

Come, rally my boys, a bonfire to kindle
(With coal oil and tar) as bright as the sun,
The news has arrived that our foe is defeated
By fifty-two votes, and the victory is won.

Bring out our friend Fahey, the good news to publish,
Placed high on a barrel his voice will be heard,
Let him thank all my friends for dispensing my money,
And their nocturnal labors shall have their reward.

Loud cheers rend the air, the bonfire is blazing
To see the good champions return to their arms,
When lo! a loud shout like the war-whoop of battle,
Fills the camp with wild terror, and men with alarms.

Then from the beer barrel, good Fahey dismounted,
His hearers were scattered and fled in despair,
The wires had deceived them, oh! why did we heed them,
Hark! our enemy's cheers are rending the air.

MORAL

In future, be careful, and not quite so ready
To shout, 'till you're certain you are out of the wood,
A quagmire might stop you, though, just at the border,
And then all your cheering would do you no good.

A REFORMER.

Arthur, Feb. 2, 1874

Accident with a Pistol.

On Tuesday afternoon, at a few minutes before 5 o'clock, an accident happened in the room above Mr. G. B. Frazer's store, which nearly proved fatal to one of his sons. Mr. Frazer possesses a revolver. Boys are always fond of firearms, and this weapon has long been a subject of much curiosity and interest to Mr. Frazer's two sons, Fred and Douglas, aged nine and six years respectively. At their request Mr. Frazer had shown them the pistol. He had laid it aside, and turned to go away, when Douglas took it up and fired at his brother, as he had often done with a little toy pistol at home. The ball took effect in the back of the head, at about the level of the ear, travelled an inch and a half under the scalp and lodged in the skull. The wound bled freely, but the little sufferer was quite conscious. The other little fellow, who had not realized the difference between his own and his father's pistols, was half frantic at the mischief he had done. Fred was taken home, and his hurt looked to by Drs. Herod, Clarke and Collins. At first the ball could not be discovered, but its whereabouts was afterwards ascertained. The boy passed a good night, and is wonderfully well this morning. An operation for the extraction of the ball took place this (Wednesday) morning, but it was not successful, and another attempt is to be made this afternoon.

Local and Other Items

During the last few days a number of wild ducks have been noticed on the Saugeen River. It is most unusual to see those birds so far north in January.

WE regret to learn from the Manitoba *Free Press* of the 24th ult. that Mr. Cunningham, M.P., for Marquette, is seriously ill.

The Memphis and Louisville Railway shops were destroyed by fire on Tuesday, causing a loss of $130,000, and throwing 120 men out of employment.

W. H. Boulton, who long resided at Toronto Grange, died on Monday at the age of 61 years. He was at one time very prominent in politics and remarkably popular.

A motion, expressing entire approval of the remit from the General Assembly on the subject of Union, passed the Toronto Presbytery in its session on Tuesday.

The investigation into the causes of the fire in the Intercolonial and Pacific Railway offices at Ottawa has resulted in a verdict strongly condemning the carelessness of the officials in charge of the premises.

The congregation of Cooke's (Presbyterian) Church in Toronto, have decided on giving a call to the Rev. James Gardner Robb, of Clogher, Ireland. The stipend guaranteed is $3,500.

A humorous story reaches us from Hamilton. An unsophisticated supporter of Mr. O'Reilly called at the Reform Rooms for a pair of new boots, between which and his vote for the Tory candidate there seems, in his imagination at least, to have been some connection.

FIRE IN ST. MARYS.—On Sunday the fine stone residence of Mr. T. B. Guest, M. P. P., was destroyed by fire. The fire was first discovered in the roof. It is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney. The contents of the ground flat were mostly saved. Loss about $8,000, partly covered by insurance.

Mr. C. J. Brydges, General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, has been committed on a charge of manslaughter arising out of the Coroner's inquest upon the accident at the railway crossing at Levis. Bail was accepted, and the *venue* changed from Quebec to Montreal. The case will come on at the next term of the Court of Queen's Bench.

FIRE IN HAMILTON.—The new St. Andrew's Church in Hamilton was partially destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The building presents a sad plight, for the fire burned with such savage rapidity that the entire basement is charred, the seats nearly all destroyed, the tables gone, the supports to the main floor ruined, and much damage done generally. In fact, the church, save the walls and portions of the wood work, is a wreck. The damage will reach several thousand dollars, it is feared. The edifice was insured in the Phœnix Insurance Company for $5,000. This catastrophe is all the more distressing, as the congregation had only moved into the church in July last, when it was dedicated.

THE AMARANTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY held its annual meeting at Whittington, on the 8th of January, when the following gentlemen were appointed office bearers for the current year.—Mr. Robert Bowsfield, President; James K. Decatur, Vice-President; D. McNaughton, Secretary; Thomas Whittier, Treasurer; Adam Spence, William Jackson, John Large, Thomas Torrance, David Larter, James Golden, George Stones, John Gillespie, and Jos. Freeman Directors; James A. Spence, and John Allen, Auditors. The business of the meeting was conducted in a friendly and orderly manner, the attendance was larger than usual, and the success of the society was the aim of every member. The Auditor's Report showed a handsome balance in the treasurer's hands.