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Business Cards.

F. STURDY,

House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.

The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,

IN THE

QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON.

Fresh Oysters in every Style

The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.
Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,

Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., 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. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,

SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. 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

RAYMOND'S

SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);
" 1 and Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power, " "
" No. 2, for heavy work;
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, if required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,
GUELPH, ONT.
July 12, 1871 dwly

PARKER'S HOTEL,

—DIRECTLY—

OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the Bar.
JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dwly

NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS.

MISS ELLIS

Begs to inform the public that she has just received a fresh lot of

MILLINERY GOODS

In all the latest styles, and respectfully solicits an early call.
☞ One door east of the Royal Hotel.
Guelph, Oct. 5, 1871. do

ELECTRO AND CARRIAGE-PLATING SHOP.

The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles plated from 15 cents and upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his

New Machine & Repairing Shop

To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.
JOHN KIRKHAM.
Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872 dtf

THORP'S LIVERY STABLE

STILL IN OPERATION

AT THE OLD STAND

First-class horses and rigs can be had at all hours by applying at the Stables, opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Station.
JAMES A. THORP.
Guelph, April 5th, 1871. yd

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED.—As Resident Governess in a respectable family, to take charge of children. Is also a good needlewoman. Apply at this office. 13-d6

PEOPLE'S MILLS.—Orders for flour, &c., from the above Mills can be left at Anderson's Bookstore, and will be promptly attended to. 13-6d JAMES GOLDIE.

MAN WANTED to look after horses, and make himself generally useful. Apply to Dr. Herod, Quebec-street. 14d6

HOUSE WANTED.—On or near the Waterloo Road. Address, stating particulars, to A. B., Drawer 30, Guelph P.O. (5-12

APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted immediately a good stout boy to learn the printing business. Must be a good scholar. Apply at this office. dw

BLACKSMITH WANTED IMMEDIATELY. — Good wages and steady employment to a competent man. Apply to James Laing, Blacksmith, Morriston. dwtf

BOY WANTED.—To work in the paint shop, who has had some practice; and a helper for the smith shop. Apply at once to J. B. Armstrong & Co., Excelsior Carriage Works, Guelph. W-d3w1

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers.
Apply to GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN.
Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871 3md

DOG FOUND.—Came on the premises of the undersigned, Ontario Hotel, about 5 weeks ago, a Coach Dog, with collar and name thereon. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take him away. 7-d3w3 THOS. MERLIHAN.

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. j19-

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor.
Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dw

LOOK HERE.

Owners having horses suffering om Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints &c., can have these enlargments effectually removed in a very short space of time and at small expense by applying to
JOSEPH HIRSCH Union, Hotel.
Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dwlm.

FARM FOR SALE.—Being the north-west half of Lot 98, Con. C, Township of Minto, containing 50 acres, from 40 to 45 acres cleared. There are two never failing spring creeks crossing the farm. Situate on the gravel road, three miles from the flourishing village of Harriston. For terms, apply to Alex. Meiklejohn, Harriston, or the subscriber, on the premises.
Feb. 5, 1872. d4t wlt MAL. MILLOY.

FINAL NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

The undersigned beg to intimate that

TO MORROW, THE 16TH INSTANT, IS THE LAST DAY

That accounts can be paid at our office without costs.
GOWDY, STEWART & CO.
Guelph, Feb. 15, 1872 d1

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the County Court of the County of Wellington.

THOMAS HEFFERNAN and JOSEPH HEFFERNAN Plaintiffs; THOMAS W. HUGHES, Defendant.
A writ of attachment has issued in this cause.
GEO. J. GRANGE, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Guelph, February 8th, 1872.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old block, Guelph.
Plasterer's Hair constantly on hand for sale at D. MOULTON'S,
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872 dw

SALE OF TOLL HOUSES.

The Commissioners of the Elora and Saugeen Road, from the Junction to Bosworth, will offer at Public Auction

ON FRIDAY, 1st MARCH, 1872

The toll houses on said Road, at the following places, viz:
Toll houses, Nos. 4 and 5, at Steele's Hotel, Village of Alma, at 1 o'clock, p.m.
Also, Nos. 2 and 3, at Biggar's Hotel, Elora, at 3 o'clock, p.m.
HUGH ROBERTS, Chairman Com.
Feb. 13th, 1872. w2-douw

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S

Flour and Feed Store.

Call and leave your orders with A. H. R. KENNEDY if you want the best

Flour, Potatoes and Feed

of all kinds, as cheap as any in the town, and always delivered to any part of the town when required.
Also, a fine lot of wheat, oats and peas, for seed.
☞ Remember the stand—Anderson's new buildings, next door to Wm. Sunley's tinshop, West Market Square. (feb 15—dw6m)

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

A grand entertainment, under the auspices of the Wellington County Lodge, I. O. of G. T., will be held in the Town Hall, Guelph, on the evening of

Thursday, 15th of February

When speeches will be delivered by Mr. S CAPPER, G.D.G.W.C.T. Subject: "Beware of Dogs." And the G.W.C.T. of Canada, Dr. ORONHYATEKHA, of Stratford, to be followed by Music, Recitations, and Dialogues.
All are cordially invited. To commence at half-past seven. Admission Free.
J. T. BRILL, Chairman of Com.
Guelph, Feb. 14, 1872 d2

FIRST CONGREGATION CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL SOIREE

The Annual Soiree of the First Congregation Canada Presbyterian Church, Guelph, will be held in the Town Hall,

On Tuesday, 20th February

Tea will be served from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

The Rev. Messrs. Grant, of Ingersoll; Bentley, of Galt; Mullan, of Fergus; Dickie, of Berlin, and others, will address the audience.
Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will be in attendence.
Tickets 25 cents, to be had at the stores of Messrs. Hepburn, Savage, Day, Anderson, and A. Armstrong.
The Annual Meeting of the Sabbath School Children belonging to the Congregation will be held in the same place on the following evening (21st Feb.) at 6 o'clock. A collection in aid of the Funds will be taken up.
Guelph, Feb. 14th, 1872 d3w1

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THURSDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 15, 1872

Railway Time Table

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

4:22 a.m.; 9.50 a.m.; 6 p.m.*; 8:30 p.m.†.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.

EAST

3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.
The 1.55 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. trains are cancelled.

Great Western---Guelph Branch

Going South depart at 6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., and 4.55 p.m.; also by mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1.40 p.m.

Going North, depart at 11.45 a.m., 4.55 p.m., and 9.05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1.05 p.m. Trains leave Harriston every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.05 p.m., and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.40 p.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11.45 p.m., runs every day to Clifford, arriving there at 3.15 p.m., and a mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.00 p.m., reaches Clifford at 5 00 p.m.

Town and County News

CHALMERS' CHURCH Sabbath School anniversary this evening.

REMEMBER the Temperance entertainment in the Town Hall to-night.

MASQUERADE SKATING CARNIVAL. — A grand Masquerade Skating Carnival will be held at the Berlin Rink on Friday first (to-morrow). Several noted skaters will appear in masquerade costume, and give an exhibition of their skill. A Brass Band will be in attendance.

FIRE IN MOUNT FOREST.—A large new barn and outhouses, belonging to George Williamson, 12th concession of Arthur, together with their contents, a span of valuable horses, and other live stock, a lot of hay, seed grain, waggon, sleigh and agricultural implements, were totally consumed by fire on Tuesday night. Origin of the fire unknown. No insurance.

THE MURDER OF EARL MAYO.—A despatch from London gives some additional particulars of the assassination of Earl Mayo, the Governor-General of India. The Earl was inspecting Fort Blair Prison, in the Adaman Islands, in the Bay of Bengal. A Mussulman convict broke through the surrounding officers and guards, and stabbed the Earl twice in the back. He died immediately. The assassin was instantly secured and placed in irons.

SILVER MEDAL.—Messrs. W Bell & Co. have just received the silver medal awarded to them at the last Provincial Exhibition for the excellence of their musical instruments. It is a handsome medal, having on one side the words "Agricultural Association of Upper Canada" enclosed in a scroll of leaves and fruit, and on the other side an emblematic coat of arms. On the outer edge are engraved the words "Wm Bell & Co., Guelph, for proficiency in musical instruments, Kingston, 1871." It is creditable to the designer, and is a well merited mark of honor to the enterprising manufacturers who are its recepients. This is the only time in eleven years that a silver medal has been given for musical instruments.

ELCELSIOR CARRIAGE WORKS, GUELPH.—We had great pleasure in inspecting, last week, a splendid new omnibus built by Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co. for Mr. W. Evans, Anglo-American Hotel, Mount Forest, and intended by him for the conveyance of his patrons to and from the station of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway at that thriving inland town. We are also informed that Messrs Armstrong & Co., have also furnished another Buss of similar style and make, for Mr Alex. Anderson, North American Hotel Fergus, and have other two in progress, one for Owen Sound and the other for Orangeville. Messrs. Armstrong & Co. were somewhat unwilling to undertake this style of Carriage Building, but now that they have been as it were, compelled to do so at the urgent solicitations of hotel-keepers in the newly opened Railway districts, they will be henceforth prepared to execute any orders with which they may be favored in a style of workmanship that will do credit to themselves—as indeed all their work does, and prove eminently satisfactory to their patrons.

ORDINATION AND INDUCTION AT BERLIN.—On Tuesday evening the Presbytery of Guelph, by previous appointment, met in St Andrew's Church, Berlin, for the ordination and induction of the Rev J F Dickie, lately from Greenock, Scotland, to the pastorate of St. Andrew's, Berlin. Rev Mr. Wardrope, Moderator of Presbytery, preached and presided. He took for his text, Acts 4 11, and preached an able and impressive discourse, which was listened to with marked attention, At the conclusion of his sermon, the Moderator put the usual questions as to his belief in the doctrines of the church and his willingness to submit to its constituted authorities, and Mr Dickie having audibly given his consent, was set apart to the Holy Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The Rev J K Smith of Galt, addressed the newly ordained minister as to his duties. His address was characterised by much faithfulness and fervour of spirit. In the absence of Rev Mr Smellie of Fergus, Rev Mr McGuire, of Glenallan, addressed the people in regard to their duties to their minister. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the church was well filled by an attentive audience, who seemed deeply interested in the solemn services. At the conclusion, Mr Dickie accompanied by the Moderator took his stand at the door and received a hearty welcome from the audience as they retired.

Supper and Ball at Hespeler.

(From our Correspondent).

Messrs. Randall, Farr & Co. and Farr, Long & Bisby, worsted manufacturers, gave a supper and ball to their employees and families on Friday evening, Feb. 9th, at Devitt's Hall in this place. Between four and five hundred persons sat down to a splendid spread, indeed its excellence was remarked by all. It reflects great credit upon "mine host" of the Devitt House, Mr. Geo. Devitt, and the fact of his having been so successful in getting up a supper for four hundred and fifty persons, places him in the front rank as a caterer on public occasions.

The hall was beautifully decorated with mottoes formed solely from the products of the factories. The ground work of the decorations was black alpaca also of their own manufacture, upon which was artistically arranged the lettering made of nubias, scarfs, sashes, mufflers, hosiery, fingering yarn, braids, &c., &c. The decoration of the windows consisted of webs of alpaca lustres, worsted tweeds, and fingering yarn of various kinds and colours. The body of the hall was overhung by samples of fancy goods in great variety, but the centre of all attraction was a large top (ball) of the finest combed wool, encircled by a wreath, red, white and blue, ingeniously plaited from fingering yarn. The illustrious stranger (for stranger it certainly is to the Dominion) was suspended to the Chandelier at the top of the wall. The mottoes were very appropriate. Along the upper end was, "Encourage Home Manufacture," along the south side was, "Let labour look up and be proud in the midst of its toil," just below which was, "Excelsior," along the lower end was, "Industry must prosper," and along the north side, "Labour is honourable."

After ample justice had been done to the eatables, it was moved by Mr E Musgrave, and seconded, that Mr Cliff, Superintendant, take the chair. Moved by Mr E Boldue, and seconded, that Dr. Swan take the vice chair. The "New Dominion" was given and loyally acknowledged,—song New Dominion by Mr Topham.

The Chairman then gave the toast of the evening, "Our Employers, the pioneers of the worsted manufacture in Canada," which was acknowledged by bumpers, followed by three cheers and a tiger.

Mr Farr responded in a neat speech, in the course of which he said, "The firm was not only the pioneers of the worsted manufacture in Canada, but was also first in the manufacture of scarfs and nubias, but before Canada can become an extensive manufacturing country, she must have a larger market, as the demand for any class of goods except tweeds, is so limited that no large mill can run constantly on any one line, but must divide the production between several lines, thereby increasing the cost of manufacture. Our natural market is the United States, other countries are too distant, and should we send goods to those distant markets we should have not only to pay large transportation charges, but have to compete with the cheaper labour and the cheaper manufacturing facilities of Europe. He, as a Canadian manufacturer, was in favour of a protective tariff against Europe on manufactures, and free trade with the United States." In conclusion he said "In giving this entertainment to our family which numbers at present over two hundred, (and I hope to see it increase rapidly), we also extended invitations to a number of our friends and are very much pleased to see so many present."

Mr. Long being called responded briefly.

Song "For they're jolly good fellows."

"The Volunteers of Canada" was next given, coupled with the name of Captain Hespeler, who responded appropriately.

The Vice-Chairman then gave "Our noble and worthy Superintendent Mr C F Cliff."

Mr Cliff said a working man was placed in a very embarrassing position when called upon to make a speech on an occasion like the present. He was not used to making speeches. He would refer them to these letters around the room which speak more eloquently than he possibly could. It sounds very fine to be called Superintendent, but I can do nothing without the assistance of all these, my fellow workers, the least as well as the greatest. My occupation is working not talking. (Mr Farr. "Yes, we see the result of his work all around and over us.")

Song—"for he's a jolly good fellow."

Dr Swan, gave "Our Host and Hostess," responded to by Mr Devitt.

Song "We went go home till morning," after which those that wished "Tripped the light fantastic toe" till nearly morning to the enchanting strains of the 13th Battalion Band of Hamilton.

POLICE COURT.

BEFORE GEORGE ELLIOTT, ESQ.

Guelph, 15th February.

Wm Hopkins was charged with being drunk on the street on the 4th of February. Fined $1 and costs.

John Goggins for being found drunk in the Council Chamber, was fined $1 and costs.

Spring Assizes.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Gwynne.

Cayuga	Thursday, March	21
Simcoe	Monday, "	25
Brantford	Tuesday, April	2
Berlin	Wednesday, "	10
Stratford	Monday, "	15
Guelph	Monday, "	22
Woodstock	Tuesday, May	7

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Galt.

London	Monday, March	25
St. Thomas	Tuesday, April	9
Chatham	" "	16
Sarnia	" "	23
Sandwich	" "	30
Goderich	Monday, May	6
Walkerton	Tuesday, "	14

☞ Ladies have long played billiards in private life, but in Boston, last Friday night, Madam Garnier, "a neat and rather pretty little French woman," gave a public exhibition of her skill at the Melodeon Hall. She is the wife of Prof. Garnier, himself "a crack player," and her game is described as "partaking more of the sure than the brilliant," as she confines herself mostly to single caroms, one cushion shots and draws. She also handles her cue after a graceful and easy fashion. This finishes matters. Women have now done everything which man can do, from the preaching of sermons to the playing of billards. The "equality" of the sexes may now, therefore, be considered as settled.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

The Mexican Revolution.

Government Troops Beaten

Matamoras, Feb. 13.—A party of Texans, headed by an individual named Juan Munoz, have crossed over to Mexico, at Guerrero, to carry on hostilities in the interests of Jaurez. They threaten the city of Mier now in possession of the revolutionists. Gen. Quiroga, revolutionary commander, has sent a force from Camargo to oppose the party of Juan Munoz. A detachment of Quiroga's cavalry is at Reynesa, 20 leagues hence. The Revolutionists have postponed their attack on Matamoras until the fall of San Luis, which is hourly expected, as the Government troops defending the city are demoralized and cannot hold hold out much longer. A battle near Puebla is reported to have taken place between the forces of Diaz and the Government troops under Gen. Rocha. The fighting was desperate. After several vain attempts to rally his men, Gen. Rocha was completely routed and his brother dangerously wounded.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Advices from Mazattan, via Cape St. Lucas, says the rebels still hold the city and have obtained some successes over the Federal troops from Sonora. Five thousand rifles with ammunition sent out from New York for the use of the rebels at Mazattan, were seized by the Government officers at Acapulco on board the steamer *Montana*

Harriston Correspondence.

CALEDONIA.—The members of the Harriston Curling Club have been practicing during the season, and some good shots having been made, they mustered courage to challenge the Lakelet Club, which is one of the best. The challenge was accepted and Thursday last appointed for the game, but the Lakelet boys, much to the disappointment of the Harristonians, did not appear. In their absence, however, the latter took sides as follows and had a jolly good game among themselves. P. Chapp, John Livingstone, John Johnston, B Gray, James Moon, skip—scored 7. A Young, George Lee, James Prentice, Alex. Macready, A Johnston, skip—scored 9—thus winning the game by two shots. The club dined in Allan's hotel, and there is no necessity for praising the fare set before them, it is sufficient to quote the expression of one the participants, "Gosh it was good," and on the whole the company spent a very happy day and evening, the only drawback being that no one was there from a distance to congratulate them on their success or bewail their defeat as the case might have been, but they may yet have a chance before the break up of the ice.

RETIRED.—Andrew Montgomery, Esq., —next to the oldest settler in Harriston —after many years success in business as a blacksmith and waggon-maker, &c., has retired, having leased the blacksmithing department to Joseph Fisher and Alex. Irvine, and the waggon and carriage branch to Robert Wilkins and John Hotson, all steady, industrious young men, well known in this and other parts of the country as first-class workmen, and who have all been in the employment of Mr. Montgomery for some time past, and who have thus jumped by an easy transition into an already well established business. It only remains for Irvine and Hotson to do what Wilkins and Fisher have already wisely done, that is to enlarge their connection and strengthen their position by taking unto themselves suitable helpmates to render their success sure and abundant. The present seems a very favorable time for the prosecution of matrimonial suits, but bye the bye should the matter be delayed the mercury will no doubt rise to a point too far removed from the necessary degree of frigidity in the atmosphere and the opportunity now offered be lost for time interminable.

EDUCATION. — The Harriston School House—Section No. 5, Minto,—is in a very flourishing condition. The attendance of children at Mr. Campbell's branch is 122, and at Mrs. Lang's 75, in all 217; a number not quite calculated on when the new school house was erected last fall, and the accommodation is almost inadequate.

Harriston, Feb. 13.

LOST OR STOLEN.—The Hamilton *Times* says:—On Saturday morning Rev. Fred. Ehinger left Normanby, County Grey, and, by the W. G. & B. R. R. and G. W. R., arrived in Hamilton at 3 p. m. At Harrisburg he had occasion to refer to his pocket book, which was in his overcoat breast pocket, and found it all right. When leaving the car at the city depot two men came up the car steps, and pressed against him in front, while a man in the crowd pushed behind. He remonstrated with them, and asked to be allowed to pass. On alighting on the platform he made the discovery that his pocket-book, containing upwards of $300 (of whom $34 belonged to the Foreign Mission Fund), $500 in depository notes on the Merchants' Bank, his clergyman's ticket, and other papers of value were gone.

GRAND BUFFALO HUNT AT NIAGARA FALLS ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—Arrangements are being made by several parties, of whom Mr Barnett is the lerder, for a grand buffalo hunt on the large commons at the Falls to come off on the 24th of May next. Several wild buffaloes are to be turned loose and hunted by Sioux, Pawnee and Kickapoo Indians, from the Plains, with their fleet ponies. The celebrated "Buffalo Bill" is expected to take part in the hunt. Several hundred Sioux Pawnee, Kickapoo and Six Nation Indians are to appear in full war costume, and go through a sham battle, with bows, arrows, etc., in the old Indian style. It is expected that not less than fifty thousand people will witness the spectacle.—*Hamilton Times.*

☞ In condemning late hours for dinner, a medical journal says that within four hundred years the dinner hour was gradually moved through twelve hours of the day—from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 14.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) enquired of the Ministry whether it was their intention to propose, during the present session, such an amendment to the existing law as will place Horticultural Societies in incorporated villages upon the same footing, with regard to Government aid, as similar societies in towns and cities.

Mr. Blake said it was not the intention of the Government to bring down such a scheme this session.

In reply to Mr. Grange, Mr Scott said it was not at present the intention of the Government to increase the timber dues.

Mr. Ardagh moved an address for an Order in Council of 4th October last in reference to timber berths in the Free Grant district. After some discussion the motion was carried.

The House then received the reports of Committees on several bills; and went into Committee on several others, among which was Mr. Prince's Bill on the game laws. The Bill was adopted with several amendments.

Mr. Pardee moved the second reading of a Bill to amend the Act respecting the conveyance of real estate by married women, and to facilitate the conveyance of real estate by married women. Carried, and referred to a special Committee.

The two Bills to improve the Grammar and Common Schools of the Province, and to amend the law respecting Public Schools were withdrawn.

Mr. Blake, in reference to both Bills, stated that these were matters such as came under the control of the Government. The Government had heard complaints as to the working of the school law, but had thought it best to bring down no general measure on the subject until next session. He had already given notice of a Bill which, if it became law, would during the recess afford temporary relief for some grievances now complained of in our school system, until the Government brought down their measure next session. He advised the withdrawal of the two Bills.

Destructive Fire in Toronto.

THE IRON BLOCK BURNED.

On Wednesday night the iron block as it was called, comprising eleven wholesale stores, situated on Front St., near Yonge, was burned down. The fire was first discovered in the rear of Messrs J Charlesworth & Co's warehouse about ten o'clock, and though the alarm was at once given, and the engines were soon on the spot, the fire spread along the roof the entire length and breadth of the block. About 11 o'clock the tenants began to remove their goods. By midnight all hope of saving the building seemed to be lost. Monitory jets of smoke were observed issuing from the roof, at intervals westward of where the fire was raging in the central portion of the block. The several storeys of each store, which was separated from the adjoining by a brick partition built from the foundation, were successively burnt out; and still the treacherous element kept insidiously creeping along beneath the roof to the adjacent portions. The iron front, from which the block took its name, on the superior storey now gave way, part falling inside and part on the pavement with a deafening crash. At 1 o'clock there seemed to be no chance that any portion of the building would be saved.

Up to 3 o'clock, the centre portion of the block was destroyed. The two western stores, those occupied by Messrs. Staunton and Fisher & Co., had to all appearances not been yet reached by the flames, and the third from that end which was occupied by Messrs. John Robertson, Son & Co., seemed to have been injured only at the roof. The block contained 11 stores, each of which cost $11,000. The three western stores were the property of Mr. M. Staunton; the next four belonged to Mr. James Myles, coal dealer, and the remaining four to Messrs. Thomson & Burns. One of the stores had not been let yet: the others were occupied as follows:—M. Staunton, room-paper dealer; M. Fisher, dry goods; John Robertson, Son & Co., dry goods; Brumell & Russell, drugs; John Charlesworth & Co., dry goods; Barclay, Evans & Co., boots, shoes, etc.; Livingston, Johnston & Co., dry goods; Thos. Walls & Co., dry goods; Jennings & Brandon, dry goods; Dobbie & Carrie, dry goods.

FURTHER PARTICULARS

By Special Telegraph to the MERCURY.

Toronto, Feb. 15th, 2 p.m.

The following are the names of the sufferers by the fire last night, with a rough estimate of losses. The insurances are not yet ascertained. Staunton, paper manufacturer, $10,000; Dobbie & Co., dry goods, $6,000; Jno. Robertson, do, $40,000; Jennings & Brandon, do, $40,000; John Charlesworth, dry goods, $100,000; Barclay, Evans & Co., boots and shoes, $60,000; Mark Fisher & Co., $15,000; Livingston & Johnston, do, $75,000; Thos Walls & Co., do $50,000; S. S. Campbell, belting, $5,000; Brumel & Russell, drugs, $5,000; National Straw Works, $3,000.

The entire block was consumed with the exception of the two last stores to the west, which are considerably damaged and unoccupied.

The Custom House is much damaged by the falling of the end wall of the Iron Block on it which crushed through the roof. Loss on stocks and buildings will reach $500,000.

THE PROTON CASE.—This Committee met on Wednesday morning. Mr. Lauder was present, and submitted his affidavits; the parties who signed those affidavits were examined; their testimonies were of general character, and failed to connect the Government in any way with Lewis's statements. With regard to those statements, the witnesses could only testify to their impressions and inferences, and could not state positively what Lewis had said. Mr Lauder, at the outset, had stated that he made no charge whatever against any of the members of the Government, and seemed anxious to have that well understood. The examination, so far, is considered a failure so far as supporting the charges made is concerned. It came out in evidence that the affidavits were got up by Lauder's clerk. Oliver was also examined, but Lauder made nothing out of his evidence.