

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 25, 1899

## Farmers' Clubs.

It has been said that farming is getting to be more scientific year by year—and we have no doubt that this statement is quite correct. In past times agriculture was merely a laborious occupation, and those who followed it were in general illiterate. They had the same routine of labor to perform always, without the aid of machinery, and the needs of the soil they cultivated—sub-soiling, drainage, &c., were questions not discussed, or if discussed, not understood. Now, however, things have altered; and what with machinery, and the many improvements in farmers' tools, the toil of the agriculturist is lightened about one-half, and he who wishes to be a successful tiller of the soil must keep pace with the age. The hard-working, plodding farmer who uses the same tools and employs the same means to cultivate his land as his father or grandfather did before him, will find himself far behind his neighbor who adopts—as far as his means will admit—the newest discoveries in machinery, and studies the art of farming.

Agricultural papers are very well in their way, and have undoubtedly done much good service in the instruction of that class of our population for whom they are more particularly intended; but there is still another method of gaining real practical information to farmers—and it is matter of surprise that it has not been adopted in this section of country before. We refer to the formation of "Farmers' Clubs." These are getting to be very common in the States, and are productive of much good. The custom is to get all or nearly all those interested in agriculture in a township or county to meet together monthly, and give their views as to the proper time to sow various products, the best kinds of seeds and plants, method of raising crops, manuring, etc., etc.; and at these meetings the members interchange views and experiences concerning the topics brought before them. Thus one person who has heard of some new experiment finds out from some of the others who have tried it whether it is worthy of adoption or not, and guides himself accordingly. Some of the members may grow crops of the same kind, and yet it may happen that the result will be different—the crop of one may have turned out well, and that of another poorly. The latter can find out from his more fortunate friend what his method of treatment was, and secure himself from a similar unfortunate result next season. But it were useless to enumerate all the benefits to be derived—they are quite obvious; and we are pleased to notice that the yeomen of Pilkington have taken the matter in hand, and have called for a meeting on the 2nd prox., to take into consideration the forming of a Farmers' Club for that township. It is to be hoped that their example will be followed by all the other townships in Wellington, for we are sure that the beneficial results which would accrue will be such as to surprise them, and cause them to wonder why they had not gone into such a movement before.

## Burns' Birthday.

One hundred and ten years ago today, in an humble cottage in Ayrshire, Robert Burns—emphatically the people's favorite poet—was born. His songs, though lacking the refinement and scholarly sentiment of his great countryman, Sir Walter Scott, are nevertheless truer to nature, and appeal more directly to the heart of the multitude. There is a natural flow of vigorous sentiment and a philanthropic tone in Burns' writings, which appeal directly to the sympathy of the reader, and enchant the fancy. His patriotism, his generosity, his thorough sympathy with the toiling masses, and his manly independent spirit which brooked no obstacles, shine through every page of his works; and it is to the visibility of these excellent qualities in his poems, combined with their free and graceful rhythm, that we must account for the world-wide popularity of the Ayrshire ploughman. Wherever the English language is spoken the admirers of Burns will to-day gather together to do honor to the memory of his name; and at many a social board and festive assemblage—amidst many reminiscences of "auld lang syne"—will the fame of Burns be held up as an example of what lowly genius, unaided by fortune and left to its own resources, can accomplish, even under the most adverse circumstances.

**CLERGY RESERVE FUND.**—The Court of Appeal gave judgment on Friday in the cause *Boulton vs. The Church Society*, confirming the decision of the Court below. The effect of this decision is to compel the Church Society to exhibit their accounts to Mr. Boulton or any other subscriber to their funds. There is talk of the Society making a further appeal to the Privy Council. Already it is probable that a thousand dollars has been spent in the endeavor to keep the affairs of the Society secret, and it will be a very remarkable fact in the annals of Church Societies, if three or four thousand more is spent in the same unworthy cause.

**EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENON.**—On Saturday night, about twelve o'clock, a most extraordinary sight was witnessed at Stratford. The sky was partially obscured with fleecy clouds, which were illuminated by the moon; to the north-west of the moon, and apparently above it, was a dense black spot, circular in shape, which travelled at a tremendous pace to the southeast, assuming, during its course, the appearance of an irregular triangle, and ultimately dissolving. The night was so bright as to make the phenomenon most remarkable.

# Legislature of Ontario.

TORONTO, Jan. 23.

Attorney General Macdonnell introduced a Bill organizing a Provincial Police Force. He did so because he desired members of the House during the recess to consider it, and also that there should be opportunity given for an expression of opinion by the country at large. The Bill was read a first time.

At one o'clock, His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, drove down to the House, accompanied by an escort of the 13th Hussars. In a part of the Parliamentary Buildings, a guard of honor of the 29th, with their band, and saluted His Excellency, as he passed into the building. He then gave his assent to the bills passed.

Among others, an Act to amend the Act, chapter 40 of 29th Victoria, intitled "An Act to prevent the spread of Canada Thistles in Upper Canada."

An Act to amend the "Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1868."

An Act to amend the Municipal Institutions Act of 1868.

An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to constitute and enable the trustees of the estate of Alex. Wright, of Minro, deceased, to sell and dispose of his real estate, and to vest its proceeds for the support and education of his family.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Division Courts.

An Act to incorporate the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, and to unite the Church Society of the diocese of Toronto therewith.

An Act to repeal certain Acts and Enactments therein mentioned, and to abolish the Court of Impeachment for the trial of County Judges.

An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Common Schools in Upper Canada.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the profession of Medicine and Surgery.

An Act to amend chapter fifty-seven of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, intitled "An Act respecting Licensures, and Water Courses."

An Act respecting lands sold for arrears of taxes.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1899; for making good certain sums expended for the Public Service in 1898, and for other purposes.

After which the Lt.-Governor was pleased to address the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

In relieving you from your Legislative labours at this time, I desire to express my profound sense of the zeal and devotion which have marked the discharge of your duties during the session, and I tender to you my acknowledgements for the prompt attention which you have bestowed on the several important measures which I thought proper to suggest for your consideration.

To the different bills which you have passed, I have given my assent, and I am persuaded that they will contribute to promote the best interests of the Province.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the service of the year, and for the appropriations made for carrying on public works of improvement.

I take leave of you, convinced that your exertions in your several counties will be directed to the task of inspiring in the minds of the people a hopeful confidence in the future of this growing Province, the government and institutions of which are founded on wholesome and just laws, administered impartially to all—a condition of things well calculated to make us a happy and a prosperous people.

The House was then prorogued.

**TEA MEETING.**—A soiree was held at Stratton on Tuesday evening last in aid of the funds of the Primitive Methodist church, when over \$40 was netted.

**PRESENTATION.**—The pupils of the Elora Separate School met on Monday last, and presented their late Teacher, Miss McDonald, with a beautiful and embellished Prayer Book, accompanied by an address, read by Master Heneberry.

## New Advertisements.

### PUBLIC NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Estate of the late JOHN HENRY CLARKE are requested to call on one of the Administrators and settle before the 1st of February next, and all parties having claims against the said Estate will please present them on or before the above date for payment.

JAMES G. WRIGHT,  
JAMES KIRKLAND,  
WILLIAM STEVENSON,  
Administrators to the Estate.  
Guelph, Jan. 22. dsw1

### LAND PLASTER.

PARIS and CALEDONIAN PLASTER at the Montreal Procter Store, at the old stand below the railway crossing.  
Guelph, Jan. 17. dsw6w GEO. BALKWELL.

### STRAY HEIFER.

Came on the premises of the subscriber, Lot No. 29, 4th Con., Nassagaweya, about the 1st of Dec. last, a young heifer, principally red. The owner can have her by proving property and paying expenses.  
Nassagaweya, 20th Jan. JOHN RAMAGE. w3

### MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.  
LEMON & PETERSON,  
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.  
Guelph Dec. 9th, 1898. dw1f

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention.  
Guelph, 6th Jan. dw1f JAS. BARCLAY

### APPRENTICE WANTED.

Wanted at The Mercury Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply once.  
Guelph, 3rd December.

### PUBLIC NOTICE.

The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his house and settle as early as possible.  
Guelph, 6th Jan. W. H. JACOME. dw2

### HARTFORD

### Fire Insurance Company

Of Hartford, Conn.  
INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.  
Guelph, Dec. 11. MORRIS, Agent. dw1

# THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

Applications will be received at the next meeting of Council for the offices of Assessors.  
JAMES HUGH, Town Clerk.  
Guelph, January 20. dsw1

## NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage.  
Guelph, Dec. 23. dw1 B. B. PRESANT.

## GO TO J. & D. MARTIN'S

FOR FAMILY

## GROCERIES, NEW FRUITS,

New Crop Teas, Tobaccos, &c.

REMEMBER THE STAND—NEXT DOOR TO PETRIE'S

DRUG STORE, GUELPH.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between F.W. Galbraith and George Beattie, as Saddlers, &c., under the style and firm of Galbraith & Beattie, of the Town of Guelph, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st of January, 1899. The business in future will be carried on by the said F.W. Galbraith, who has taken the name of Galbraith & Co., and the said George Beattie, who has taken the name of Beattie & Co., and the said F.W. Galbraith and George Beattie are requested to settle their mutual accounts and to settle the same either with Mr. Galbraith or Mr. Beattie.

Witness,  
JOHN STROSCHE, F. GALBRAITH,  
GEO. BEATTIE.  
Guelph, 10th January, 1899. dw3-w3

## NOTICE.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would like to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using oil, the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting good article, and always keep on hand and make to order, the newest and best styles.

## Harness, Saddles, Brides,

Martingales,

And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises,

WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS,

CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS,

CARDS, SPURS, WHIP LASHES—all kinds

## OIL AND VARNISH

For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business.

A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and despatch.  
January 19. dw3w GEORGE BEATTIE, West Market Square

## NOTICE.

### SILVER CREEK BREWERY.

Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged.  
Guelph, Nov. 20. GEO. SLEMAN. w1f

## EDUCATIONAL

### MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregational Church,

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1899. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.

Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
December 30. 1898. dw1w

## IMPORTANT TO THE OWNERS

### OF HORSES AND CATTLE.

### MR. BLOOMFIELD

Theoretical and Practical Veterinary Surgeon, from England, returns thanks for the patronage he has received since commencing business in Guelph, and begs to inform the public that he has removed to the three-story house of Baker Wright's, opposite the South-East Corner of the Fair Ground, where he may be consulted on all diseases incident to horses and cattle.

Medicines for all diseases pertaining to horses and cattle always ready at his office.

Country calls promptly attended to.  
Guelph, Dec. 10, 1898. w3w

## LEA & PERRINS'

### Worcestershire Sauce

Declared by Connoisseurs to be THE ONLY GOOD SAUCE.

And to see that their names are upon the wrapper, labels, stopper and bottle.

Some of the foreign markets having been supplied with a spurious Worcestershire Sauce, upon the wrapper and labels of which the names of Lea & Perrins have been forged, L. & P. give notice that they have furnished their correspondents with power of attorney to take instant proceedings against all manufacturers of spurious sauces, and any other attentions by which their right may be infringed.

ASK FOR LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE AND SEE name on Wrapper, Label, Bottle and Stopper.

Wholesale and for export by the Proprietors, Worcester: Crosse & Blackwell, London, &c.; and by Grocers and Officers generally.

January 7th, 1899. w

## CAUTION.

All parties are hereby cautioned against purchasing or negotiating, (on account of value not having been received), any Promissory Notes; the first for \$25, payable on the 1st of March, 1899; the second for \$25, payable on the 1st of December, 1899, both made jointly by John Johnson and Angus Johnson, in favor of Malcolm McEwen.

JOHN JOHNSON, ANGUS JOHNSON.

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Money Invested and interest collected Mortgages bought subject to examination of title, and valuation of property offered.

Debentures, Stocks and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

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OF ENGLAND.

CAPITAL - - \$10,000,000.

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## STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,

Established - - - in 1825.

The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

## DAVIDSON & CHADWICK

Have a number of FARMES for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses

In Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

## AMARANTH.

Lot 22, in the 10th Concession, 200 acres.

Lots 17, 18 and 19, 8th Con., 600 acres.

## ARTHUR.

South-half of Lot 15, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 60 of which are in a high state of cultivation, and well fenced, watered by a creek crossing the centre of the farm; a two-story house and good barn on the lot.

## ERAMOSA.

Part of West-half of 2, in the 3rd Con., four acres with a good stone house and log stable.

Lot No. 22, in 1st Con., of which 130 acres are under the plough; good buildings and an orchard; well watered.

Part of 5, in 1st Con., 90 acres, 70 cleared, good building.

East half 9, in 4th Con., 100 acres, 40 cleared.

## ERIN.

West-half of Lot 5, in the 1st Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared, good frame barn and shed, and parting and frame dwelling house; well watered & fenced.

East-half of Lot 32, 5th Con., 100 acres, 75 cleared; new frame house and barn; spring creek.

West-half of Lot 32, 8th Con., 100 acres, 75 cleared; 25 excellent bush.

## ELORA.

Valuable Tavern Stand for sale in the Village of Elora, at present leased to Robert Cook, being lots 5 and 6, corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, with stabling for 40 horses.

## CARAFRAXA.

West-half of Lot 1, in 15th Con., with 50 acres of Lot 2—a splendid farm, with good outbuildings—100 acres of it are cleared, and adjoins another 100 acres, 85 of which are cleared, in Erin, making in all a block of 250 acres.

Lot 11, in 13th Con., 100 acres; 60 acres cleared, all dry land; farm buildings.

## GUELPH TOWNSHIP.

Lots 3 and 4, in 3rd Con., Div. D., 140 acres; 90 acres improved; frame dwelling house, and frame bank barn and sheds, well fenced. There is an excellent orchard on the farm; and being so near the Town, and on the Gravel Road, makes this a very valuable property.

## TOWN OF GUELPH.

Large stone house with verandah, stabling and garden, and 1/2 of an acre of land, 60 Dublin Street, at present occupied by Joseph Hobson, Esq.

River Lots on Queen Street, well adapted for Private residences, valuable quarries being on the lots.

Water Privilege and Mill Site, containing 13 acres, composed of the north parts of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Lots 5 and 6, in Oliver's Survey, on the Waterloo road.

Lots 4, 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 42, 50, 51, in Webster's Survey, lying between Strange Street and Queen Street.

Lot 4, on the north side of Pearl Street, with a double frame house.

Lot 155, corner of Gordon and Wellington-Sts. Lots 1043 and 1044, Cambridge Street, on which is erected a frame plastered dwelling house.

Four Quarry Lots, being Nos. 21, 22, 42 and 43 on the Waterloo Road.

Two storey brick house on Queen Street, with stable and sheds, at present occupied by Mr. J.P. Martin.

Park Lots in St. Andrew's Church Glebe, containing from 1/2 to 5 acres each.

Nos. 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 36, 37, 38 and 39, fronting on the Waterloo Road, and 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 43 in rear, are lots each, in one block.

Also, lot 15, five acres, a beautiful lot, well fenced, and in a high state of cultivation.

These lots are admirably adapted for Market Gardens, and the terms of credit are extremely liberal.

Lot 388, Market Street, next to Mr. Heffernan's residence.

## LUTHER.

North-half Lot 18, in the 4th Con., 100 acres.

South-half Lot 19, 4th Con., 100 "

Lot 2, 7th " 200 "

Lot 15, 5th " 200 "

Lot 25, 5th " 200 "

Lot 14, 11th " 200 "

Lot 15, 11th " 200 "

Lot 10, 12th " 174 "

N 1/2 Lot 17, 12th " 174 "

Lot 19, 12th " 200 "

" 11, 12th " 200 "

" 10, 12th " 200 "

Lot 4, 8th " 200 "

Lot 5, 9th " 200 "

N 1/2 Lot 12, 9th " 100 "

Lot 11, 12th " 200 "

## County of Halton.

## ESQUINING.

W 1/2 Lot 30, 3rd Concession, 95 acres, 65 cleared. Good buildings.

Prompt attention will be given to all prepaid letters addressed to

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, General Agents Town Hall Buildings, Guelph, Guelph, 24th January. dw

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