

FROM TORONTO.

Special to Evening Mercury. Toronto, Oct. 9.—1 p.m.

The closing match of the Toronto Rifle Club for the season of 1874, will take place next Monday, when a liberal programme of prizes will be competed for.

The sick driver, belonging to the Toronto Field Battery, who, being left behind, walked the distance to Holland Landing camp, and was subsequently sent home as unfit for duty, died yesterday. He was a veteran and wore two medals. His last request was that a military funeral should be accorded him, which will take place on the arrival of the Battery from camp to-morrow.

The annual games of the pupils of the Upper Canada College come off this afternoon, under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor.

The Gathering of Ripe Fruit.

The following is by Joseph Hooper, a celebrated fruit grower and writer on horticulture, of Pennsylvania, and will be reasonable and useful to the fruit grower.

In regard to the gathering of ripe fruits of different kinds, no fruit should be taken from the tree or plant during a damp time, and especially when the dew is plentiful in early morning. Never be so hurried as to find cause for the excuse, "I had no time to hand-pick my fruit," consequently was forced to shake them off, for such is poor policy. Fruit so gathered will almost inevitably decay from effects of bruises. Each specimen should be taken from the tree one by one, handled as if they had been so many eggs. The slightest bruise or abrasion of the skin is the sure forerunner of a dark spot, which will eventually change into some form of rot.

The spores of seed of fungi are always ready to assist in the work of dissolution, and the slightest scratch gives them a foothold for their destructive work. Scarcely any variety of the largest fruits color or ripen so well if left to perfect themselves on the tree, and especially is this true in respect to pears. Summer varieties as they approach maturity, loosen their hold somewhat from the limb, and by gentle shaking the fruit will easily detach themselves at the proper period. This is an excellent test, and may always be relied on. To color up fruit nicely, all that is necessary will be to spread a blanket on the floor of a cool room, and then thinly and evenly place the fruit on the floor. A second blanket must be spread over them, and in a short time the effect of this treatment will be apparent in the most golden-colored Bartlett's, and rich ruddy-looking Seckels imaginable.

Pears ripened in this manner rarely have the meanness of their naturally ripened companions; nor do they prematurely decay at the core as when left on the tree. Peaches are too frequently gathered before attaining the full size, and when this is the case we need not expect good flavor. They must obtain this requisite before gathering, although it is not necessary to delay picking until very mature. As a general rule, all small fruits are gathered too early; and, as high color is not a sign of maturity, many experienced fruit-growers are frequently misled.

KEEPING BELLS ON SHEEP.—Dogs that are disposed to kill sheep, know better. Hence any unusual noise, like the ringing of a bell, whenever they are about to attack the sheep, frighten them so that they abandon their bloodthirsty project.

R. W. Mathewson, of Connecticut, writes to the Country Gentleman as follows:—"The object of the bells in preventing damage to sheep by dogs has been well proved in this vicinity the past season. Of fourteen flocks without bells but one escaped; in five flocks with bells on each sheep no damage was done. M. D. Fowler, of Middlefield, had a flock partially belled, and lost but one sheep, which strayed into another lot, was without a bell, and was killed. Mr. A. B. Coe bought a flock and put it in a lot adjoining the former, and soon found two dogs at work at the forty-fifth sheep. The dogs belonged within a quarter of a mile, and passed Mr. Fowler's sheep in getting into Mr. Coe's flock. Dogs, after getting the taste of blood of unbelled sheep, may attack sheep with bells on; yet I believe if all the sheep were belled, trouble from dogs would be very rare."

KEEPING OLD POTATOES.—Potatoes, to be good, should never be exposed to the light, but be kept in as dark a place as possible. After they begin to sprout in the spring they should be taken up from the bins or heaps and be kept in boxes or barrels. If you have a few barrels saved out for family use, instead of picking them over and spreading them every few weeks put them into enough barrels so that you can easily turn them from one to another. Have one extra barrel, and once a week turn them all out from one barrel to another. This keeps them moving so often that sprouts cannot grow enough to do much harm. The sprouts which come out from the potato use up the nourishment it contains, and leave it soft, watery, and insipid. By treating them as proposed above, they may be kept in condition for the table several weeks longer than by sprouting them, and at the same time save a deal of work.

INTEREST ON FRIENDSHIP.—In 1850 a young man named Osborn, who had recently arrived from the East, penniless and friendless was taken sick. He told his condition to a fellow adventurer named Hitchcock who was a little better off, and the latter promised to "see him through." The promise was kept, and when after two months of illness, Osborn rose from his bed, his friend handed him \$200 to bear expenses and to procure clothing for him. "If you ever get able you can pay me back, but do not worry yourself and injure your health trying to make the money too quick." One year and a half from that time Osborn sent Hitchcock \$1,250 with the following note: "I will pay interest on friendship." His labors proved remunerative, and in 1873 he was worth \$80,000. While in San Francisco he met and recognized his old friend. When they parted after several days' companionship, Osborn gave Hitchcock a sealed package, with the injunction that it was not to be opened until he was on the cars. There Hitchcock found that it contained a deed for one sixth of a rich silver mine, with a note containing the words: "Interest on Friendship." Hitchcock has sold his interest for \$80,000.

Application will be made shortly to the Lieutenant-Governor, to declare Liswell a Town.

Mr. James Redford has obtained \$100 on the Stratford Herald for libel. Day has sent to Young Ladies Journal November. The fashion plate in it is the price to any lady. Mr. J. Anderson, of Allison, Mich., has saved during the past three years \$33 for the wool from a flock of sheep ranging 128 in number.

Something Left Undone.

Labor with what zeal we will. Something still remains undone. Something uncompleted still waits the rising of the sun.

By the bedside, on the stair, At the threshold, near the gate, With its message or its prayer, Like a mendicant he waits;

Waits, and will not go away; Waits, and will not be gainsaid; By the cares of yesterday Each to-day is heavier made;

Till at length the burden seems Greater than our strength can bear; Heavy as the weight of dreams, Pressing on us everywhere.

And we stand from day to day, Like the dwarfs of times gone by, Who as Northern legends say— On their shoulders held the sky. Longfellow.

BIRTHS.

MONTGOMERY—In Woodstock, on the 28th ult., the wife of Professor J. Montgomery, M. S., Canadian Literary Institute, of a son.

TANNER—In Mount Forest, on the 28th ult., the wife of Mr. George Tanner, Enterprise Woolen Works, of a daughter.

KIRKMAN—In Arthur Township, on the 28th ult., the wife of Mr. Peter Kirkman, of a daughter.

DILLON—In Egrement, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. W. J. Dillon, of a daughter.

ROBERTSON—In Harrison, on the 6th inst., the wife of Samuel I. Robertson, of a son.

MARRIED.

ROSS—MENNIE—At the residence of Mr. Gilmore, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the 2nd of September, by the Rev. Dr. Clarke, Mr. John Ross, Portage-la-Prairie, to Catharine, eldest daughter of Mr. John Monie, of the township of Nichol, Ont.

KIRKMAN—TYLER—In Elora, on the 6th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. A. D. McDonald, Mr. Alfred Kirkman, broom manufacturer, to Miss Barbara Tyler, all of Ont.

MALCOLM—BOONWORTH—On the 31st inst., by the Rev. A. D. McDonald, John Main, Pilkington, to Elizabeth, only daughter of John Boonworth, Esq., Pilkington.

FARR—ROBERTSON—At the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. G. McLennan, on the 7th inst., Wm. Farr, painter, to Miss Ellen Robertson, second daughter of Alex. Robertson, tinsmith, Harrison.

DEATHS.

PRESTON—In Harrison, on the 1st inst., William Whall, infant son of Mr. William Preston.

BROWN—In Peel, on the 5th inst., Nancy, relict of the late Archibald Brown, aged 60 years.

WALLPAPER

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BOOKSTORE,

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GUELPH.

PHYSIOLOGICAL TREATMENT of chronic Nervous disease, female complaints and ERRORS OF YOUTH. Office—Shattlesbury Hall, Y. M. C. A. building, Toronto. Special treatment \$5, or send for a book by which you may cure yourself, \$1. Any one suffering from these distressing symptoms, CAN NOW FIND RELIEF. Write out your case in full, enclose a properly envelope addressed to yourself. No letters noticed unless containing \$1. A CURE GUARANTEED. Letters answered by first mail, address J. Y. Egan, P. O. Box 174, Toronto. Q3 det.

ROCKWOOD ACADEMY. The 48th semi-annual session commences August 17th. This successful institution combines the advantages of other preparatory schools, presenting a thorough course of optional studies, suited to the different stages of teachers, and classical, commercial, and general studies. Terms—Board and tuition, \$33 per quarter of eleven weeks. Classics and modern languages each \$25 per quarter of eleven weeks. Send for circular. ALEX. McMILLAN, wtl Rockwood, Aug. 5th, 1874.

KENNEDY'S Marble Works, Opposite side from Mills & Good-fellow's Foundry, and Near Eramosa Bridge, Guelph. ALL KINDS OF MONUMENTS! Tomb Stones, Mantel Pieces, &c., made to any size or design, and put up in any part of the country. Scotch Granite Monuments imported to order. P. S.—A. Kennedy is a practical marble cutter.

TO BORROWERS. Having invested the \$28,000 recently advertised, we again have the following sums, besides others, to lend on farm security: \$500 \$1000 \$600 \$1000 \$600 \$1200 \$600 \$1250 \$800 \$2000 \$800 \$2500 LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN, dw Guelph, July 18, 1874.

AMERICAN HOTEL CAB. The subscriber begs to intimate to the public that his new cab attends trains at station, and will convey passengers to any part of the town. Pleasure or other parties hiring the Cab by the hour can have it at very reasonable terms by applying at the hotel. THOMAS ELLIS, Proprietor dw Guelph, July 2, 1874.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES Family Sewing Machine (single thread) Hand Lock Stitch (double thread) No. 1. Foot power, No. 2, for heavy work, furnished with plate table, half, or Cabinet Case, as required. CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

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All Sizes and Prices Very Low AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE. Call and Examine.

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RUSSELL WATCHES. Silver Hunting KEYLESS \$35 Silver Hunting Lever \$35 with Albert chain \$35 Silver Hunting Lever, nickel movement \$40 Silver Hunting Lever \$50 Gold Ladies' Hunting case Lever \$50 do do do \$50 Gold Keyless Ladies case Lever \$50 Gold Gent's Hunting case Lever \$125 Gold Gent's KEYLESS do. from \$200 to \$300 WATCHES Of all other makers FROM \$10 UP. G. D. FRINGLE, Watchmaker, Guelph.



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In prime order at JOHN A. WOOD'S.

English Malt Vinegar, French White Wine Vinegar,

For Pickling, at JOHN A. WOOD'S.

LAWIS BOSTON LOBSTERS,

Frazer's Saugunay Salmon AT JOHN A. WOODS.

SOMETHING NEW. BEST AMERICAN COAL OIL

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WALROND'S CONFECTIONERY STORE,

Next to Petrie's Drug Store. Choice Confectionery,

Hot Tea, Coffee, and Lunch At all hours.

Cakes of all kinds constantly on hand. Weddings supplied on short notice. Guelph, July 29, 1874. dt

Millinery, Mantles and Dress Goods on Saturday, the 3rd Inst., AT THE FASHIONABLE WEST END.

A. O. BUCHAM begs to notify the ladies of Guelph that he will exhibit to-morrow (Saturday) an immense stock of New Mantles, New Mantles, New Dress Goods, New Fancy Woolen Goods, New Hosiery, New Ruffings, New Linen Setts, New Kid Gloves, &c.

ALSO, OPENING TO-DAY Another large lot of very handsome Black Yak Laces, beaded and plain, remarkably cheap. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

New Advertisements. Dress Goods! JUST OPENED

A case of the Newest Dress Goods. William Stewart

Respectfully solicits the attention of customers and the many strangers visiting our busy town to many special lines of New Dress Goods, embracing the newest shades and styles. Wm. Stewart invites inspection of his stock of Costumes and Polonaises

JACKETS In Cloth and Seal, every price, and wonderfully cheap.

A SPECIAL LINE OF Seal Jackets - at \$1.35

Is causing a lively sensation and fast disappearing. SKIRTS

In Satin, Felt and Lustras, every price and cheap. Wat'proof Mantles

FROM \$2.25, FULL SIZES. Table Linens, Bed Quilts, Sheetings, Flannels, Shirtings,

And all staple Goods of every make in stock, and as bottom prices have been touched, the value will please. All the stock of Tweeds and Gent's Furnishings very complete, Dress and coloured shirts, &c.

TAILORING for style and fit, first-class. WM. STEWART. October 7th, 1874.

G^O TO G. H. McIntyre's NEW DRUG STORE,

No. 3, Day's Block. Pure Refined COAL OIL

Lamp Wicks and Lamp Glasses OF ALL SIZES. G. H. McINTYRE,

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Besides the six consignments advertised before:— Ex. S. S. Scandinavian, 10 Kegs. " " " 10 Barrels. " " " 14 Bales Wire. " " " 2 Casks. " " " 1 Cask Fine Clout n's. " " " 215 Bars Iron. " " " 25 Bbls double boiled Linseed Oil. " " " Canadian, 17 Anvils. " " " 126 Packages Steel. " " " 3 Casks Screws. " " " Ontario 150 Iron Plates. " " " 560 Bbls Horse S. Iron. " " " 1 Cask Vices.

EXPECTED THIS WEEK. Ex. S. S. Quebec, 367 Bars Iron. " " " Carleton, (sailing vessel) from Antwerp, 620 Cases Window Glass.

Nearly all our iron, and many other goods are yet to arrive. Notice will be given when received. John M. Bond & Co.

Direct Hardware Importers, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Sept. 21, 1874.

GOOD NEWS

1. Great Reduction in prices this week at G. B. FRASER'S.

2. FRASER received another lot of cheap Carpets.

3. FRASER is selling white and red Flannels at the following low prices, 15., 20c., 25c., and 30c. per yard.

4. FRASER'S \$13.00 Suits are cheap at \$20.00.

5. FRASER'S 50c. Young Hyson Tea takes well.

6. It is putting money in your pockets to know that FRASER has a lot of very cheap Shawls. If you want to buy—

7. You can effect a saving of 25 cents on the Dollar by buying Dry Goods and Groceries at

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Just Received from the Manufactory of ARMSTRONG, McCRAE & Co.,

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