

THE SCHOOL QUESTION AGAIN.

For a week past the Advertiser has treated us to a perfect flood of letters and articles on the school question. With perhaps one exception the tendency of these—whatever the motives of the writers may be—is to injure the character and lower the standard of our Common Schools in the estimation of the people, while on the other hand the Grammar School is held up as a pattern for all that is worthy of commendation and credit as an educational institution. Now, there is only one way of testing the correctness or incorrectness of these statements, and that is by the results which show themselves in the working of these schools. It has been charged that the Trustees are as indifferent and as careless of the interests of the Common Schools as they are of those of the Grammar School. If this is the case how comes it that there is every year a large increase in the attendance at the former and a decrease in the attendance at the latter. If the Trustees are negligent of their duty in both cases, then both are put on the same level as far as careful oversight and judicious legislation are concerned, and to the teachers alone we must accord the credit for maintaining the status of the schools, and securing such efficiency as to attract new pupils, who will fill up the ranks of those who have been promoted or left school altogether. But it may be answered, the defective system of promoting pupils from the Senior to the Grammar School is the cause of the small attendance at the latter. It may or it may not, for until the recommendation of the Board, which will hereafter preclude pupils promoted from the Senior School from going back there again, is properly tested, no one can say whether the evil complained of will be cured. As we said before, the Trustees may prevent such boys from going back to the Senior School, but they cannot compel them to go to the Grammar School. At the last examination of the Senior School, twenty boys were passed as able to enter the Grammar School. Out of these twenty ten have returned to the same school, not more than one has gone to the Grammar School, and of the rest we don't know whether or not they are at any school. Put the new rule of the Board in force, and will any one say that these ten boys will beset by their parents to the Grammar School?

Mr. Goldie's letter, which we publish to-day, contains some excellent suggestions, and in regard to centralizing the schools, and improving their organization breathes a most liberal spirit which we would like to see more generally prevailing among the ratepayers of the town. At the same time we must take exception to his sweeping assertion that "our schools are a disgrace to the Town, and nobody seems to take any interest in them or in anything about them." We would like to know on what data Mr. Goldie grounds his charge. When he speaks of these schools being a disgrace to the Town it is to be supposed that he knows something about their condition, their attendance, the system of education pursued, the qualifications and energy of the teachers, and everything else which would lead one to form a correct and unbiased opinion of their internal working. But he does not support his assertion by even an attempt at proof, nor does he deem it worth while to show whether the disgrace which he says attaches to them is attributable to the teachers or the Trustees. We repeat what we stated before that the schools as at present conducted are in a very efficient state, and we challenge Mr. Goldie or any other person who is of the same opinion as he is, to subject them to a searching investigation and examination, and he will, if at all candid, acknowledge that he has done the teachers, and the Common Schools of the Town a grievous wrong in condemning them without due inquiry.

In regard to Mr. Goldie's remarks about the efficient state of the Grammar School, and the energy of character and interest in his pupils which Mr. Dunn displays, we would say that while we give him credit for sincerity of opinion and honesty in expressing it, we have to do in a matter of this kind with public opinion and general results. If public opinion in this case coincided with that expressed by Mr. Goldie, we would ask him how it happens that even as regards boys who wish to get a superior education such as the Grammar School is supposed to afford, so few who are promoted from the other schools take advantage of the benefit, especially when it costs so little; also how it happens that boys who have been for a time attending the Grammar School are taken away by their parents and sent to the Galt Grammar School or to other Seminaries to prosecute their studies.

get over. They are patent to the minds of nine-tenths of the ratepayers of this town, and as yet, in all the discussions, in all the letters and articles which have appeared on the subject, we have received no satisfactory answer or explanation. Let the Trustees be ever so careless or indifferent to the interests of a school—whether primary, senior or grammar—we hold that in the teacher alone devolves the work of keeping up and raising higher and higher the standard of its efficiency. If he fails in that—from whatever cause the failure may arise—all the nursing, all the attention which the Trustees can bestow on it will not prevent it from going down in the estimation of those who are most deeply interested in its welfare.

We must leave till to-morrow our remarks on the report adopted by the Board, which will be found in another column.

TORONTO, GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—At the meeting of the Toronto City Council on Monday night, a resolution was passed favourable to the construction of this railway, and conceiving it to be their duty in the interests of the city of Toronto to submit a by-law to the ratepayers for granting such aid thereto as may conduce to its accomplishment. The resolution was passed unanimously. The sum to be inserted in the by-law is not stated.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate  
TUESDAY, 25th.—Timothy Collins got very drunk last night, and came to an anchor on the sidewalk of Quebec street. In doing so he almost broke his nose.—Constable C. Nichols took him to the lock-up with some difficulty. He was fined \$1 and costs, but as he had no cash, he had to accept 10 days in goal.  
Daniel Heffernan was charged by E. Lee, a lawyer with indecent assault on the night of Monday, the 17th. Case adjourned till to-morrow.

Messrs. Dick & Stevenson, an Airrie engineering firm of some note, have just achieved a signal triumph in engineering. They have succeeded in constructing a locomotive which, without any special appliances, drags a loaded train (20 tons) up a gradient so steep as 1 in 11. This completely eclipses the performance of the engines on the Mont Cenis Railway, which works on an incline of 1 in 12, with central rail, horizontal wheels, and sundry other aids. These engines too, only draw 17 tons, while they weigh 22 tons, and have 15-inch cylinders. Messrs. Dick & Stevenson's "Mountaineer" weighs but 20 tons, and has 12-inch cylinders.

When Mr. Jones, of Brampton got up on Thursday morning he found a man lying on the bar-room floor hugging an empty champagne bottle, the contents of which he had appropriated for his stomach's sake. On being accused of house-breaking he struck the proprietor, for which he was to be brought before the magistrates as soon as he got sober.

La Croix, who has been endeavoring to play the part of Whiskey Mason in London jr., had his face bruised by a sturdy blacksmith a few evenings ago. Vulcan's descendant had to pay \$20 and costs, for demonstrating his pugacity.

The Victoria Rifle Club, of Hamilton, beat the Toronto Rifle Club shooting, on Saturday. The former made 598 points, the latter 574. There were ten men on each side, and they fired five shots at distances of 300, 500, 600 and 700 yards.

BASE BALL MATCH.—The following is the score of a Base Ball Match, played between the second nine of the Aberfoyle Club, and the second nine of the Grand River Club of Galt, on Saturday last:

GRAND RIVER	ABERFOYLE
J. Oliver, p. 0	J. W. Weir, ss. 0
S. Wright, 3b. 3	R. McKelvie, p. 5
H. Hunter, ss. 4	H. Cross, c. 7
J. Gourley, 2b. 1	W. Ingraham, c. 12
A. Gourley, c. 7	C. McBeth, 1b. 3
A. Lake, 1b. 3	G. Ingram, 2b. 3
M. Hurdley, c. 1	A. McLean, 1b. 3
D. Dryden, rf. 5	M. Todd, 3b. 2
W. Graham, lf. 3	James Mooney, rf. 1
Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
Grand River.....7 5 9 15 5 4 8 10 17-75	
Aberfoyle.....5 4 3 1 7 15 9 14 11-62	

New Advertisements.

Constitutional Change.

THE members of the Honorary Profession, viz: Messrs. Mitanack, Sumner and Ripley, beg to notify their customers, that in their information to reduce the price of SHAVING to the old standard and charge of FOUR PENNY. They also beg to state that the reason of the late increase was the consequence of their total inability to obtain small change, but now as their bankers have kindly consented to supply them with copper coin, they are quite willing to reduce their charges, satisfied their customers will duly appreciate this constitutional change.  
God Save Our Queen. d 31  
Guelph, Aug. 25.

GOOD PURE CIDER VINEGAR

25 cents per gallon.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

NEW AND OLD

FACTORY AND DAIRY CHEESE,

Wholesale and Retail.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Good Young Hyson Tea, 50c

Good Congou Tea, - - 50c

At John A. Wood's.

Fresh ROASTED JAVA COFFEE

Wholesale and Retail.

New Advertisements.

LECTURE.

THE undersigned will lecture in the EMERALD HALL, on

TUESDAY EVEN'G FIRST,

At half-past seven o'clock. Subject, "Ethiopia: The humanity of the Anglo-Saxons and the African digging a grave for the Anglo-Saxon."  
JOHN GRANTIER.  
Guelph, Aug. 25. d 2

Servant Girl Wanted.

WANTED, a smart, active servant girl, to go to a Village a few miles out of Guelph. Apply at the Mercury Office.  
Guelph, Aug. 21. d 4

SPEED LODGE No. 180.

An Emergency meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVEN'G NEXT, 25th, August, when the full and musical attendance of the brethren is requested. Business—One first, and two thirds, refreshments.  
JOHN CHIDFORD, Secretary.  
Guelph, 20th August, 1868. d 11

WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED to Rent a Cottage, or Single Dwelling of five or six rooms. Address Drawer Box No. 9, Guelph P.O.  
Guelph, August 15. d 1w

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to Dr. PEIRKINS, Rockwood, are hereby notified to settle the same immediately, otherwise their account will be put into Court for collection.  
Rockwood, Aug. 5th 1868. w 11

LADIES' SCHOOL.

Conducted by Mrs. W. Budd.

THE present vacation terminates on MONDAY August 17th.  
Norfolk Street, Guelph, Aug. 5. d 1w

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as Brewers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All claims owing by the late firm, will be settled by Mr. Geo. Sleeman, and all notes and accounts due the firm must be paid to him.  
Witness: JOHN SLEEMAN, GEORGE SLEEMAN, A. M. JACKSON  
Silver Creek Brewery, Guelph, August 12, 1868. d 1w

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Four Nights Only

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

AND FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 26, 27 & 28.

FRANCE & LANNIER'S

GRAND DRAMATIC

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THE above TALENTED COMPANY will have the honor of appearing before the Citizens of Guelph and vicinity for a limited number of nights, when will be produced some of the Latest Sensational Novelties Known to the Theatrical World. The initial performance will be the famous Irish Drama, ARRAN - NA - POGUE!

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OF THE WICKLOW WEDDING.

With a powerful Cast of Characters, together with the biggest amusing farce, called

THE MAN IN BLACK!

Entire change of bill each night.  
Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c. For particulars, see programmes.  
G. W. NISBET, Agent  
Guelph, Aug. 22. d 4

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OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

COULD'S MAGIC

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For cleaning Rifles and Sporting Guns, and instantly removing fouling and leading without the use of water or oil.

A. B. PETRIE,

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SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for

Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wood Pickings.

At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street, Guelph, July 25 d 1w

BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,

GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Elion Standard American tables.

Guelph, June 24. W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor. d 1w

How to Cool Off.

Gentlemen, come to the

DOMINION SALOON

If you like a FANCY DRINK of any kind, get up in first-class style.

Elgin's celebrated Path Soda and Ginger Ale received daily from Hamilton.

DENIS BUNYAN

Guelph, July 16 1868. d 1w

New Advertisements.

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JUST RECEIVING, AT

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A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Gentlemen's Ties & Collars, in the newest Styles,

SIZES COMPLETE. Also, all the LEADING STYLES IN

ENGLISH FELT & SILK HATS.

WITH A LARGE STOCK OF

Canadian & American Hats & Caps

JAMES CORMACK,  
Guelph, 24th June, 1868. Wyndham St. Guelph

Golden Lion, Guelph.



A CARD TO FAMILIES,

Boarding Houses, Boarding Schools & Hotel-keepers.

COLD WEATHER is approaching, and preparation for it is necessary:

CANADIAN BLANKETS!

The Best Canadian Blankets made in the Dominion, is made for me by MESSRS. T. & J. DAVIDSON, Guelph. These Blankets are made of the best Wool that comes into our MARKET, grown by farmers in our own County, and manufactured in our own Town. I am thereby enabled to offer the best article produced, and

AT A MUCH LESS PRICE

Than any of my competitors in the business here. Those wishing to turn a

No. 1 BLANKET at the Wholesale Price, will find it to their interest to call at once at the GOLDEN LION.

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 22nd August, 1868. d 1w

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

BOOTS! BOOTS!

Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

THE Machinery in this establishment is now all fitted up, and in a few days we will be in full operation.

On Wednesday, 26th Instant,

The Largest, Cheapest, Best and most Serviceable Stock of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the People of the County of Wellington, will be open for Inspection.

Remember I manufacture all my work. I do not send money away from our County to enrich Toronto, Kingston or Montreal. I employ work people here in Guelph, thus keeping the money in circulation amongst ourselves. I make a better article than you can buy imported. I ask no Protection—FREE TRADE is my motto.

Come and see my stock and prices, and I am satisfied you will find the Cheapest Boots and Shoes at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

CUTTER WANTED.

Wanted immediately, a good Cutter. Also, 10 good Workmen. Apply to

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Guelph, 26th August. (d 1w) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

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At Brawn's Custom Boot & Shoe Store, GUELPH.

As all goods are made under his personal superintendence, and the material used the best that can be had in the market. With his long and successful experience in the business, together with his wonderful success in pleasing his customers, warrants him in saying without fear of contradiction that his goods are the

Neatest, Most Durable and Cheapest

That can be had in this or any other Town west of Montreal.

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H. METCALF,

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Nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel, where he will be prepared to attend to the wants of customers and the public. He has on hand a lot of

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slightly soiled by removal at the late fires, will be sold cheap.

Guelph, July 5, 1868. d 1w

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WHERE can I get good, sound first-class

Bacon, Hams and Shoulders?

AT WILKINSON'S

He has the best in town. The finest, cheapest and best assortment of

BRIAR ROOT AND

FANCY PIPES

IS AT

GEO. WILKINSON.

Guelph, August 2. d 1w

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DYE-STUFFS,

of every description, consisting of

MADDER

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INDIGO

FUSTIC

COCHINEAL, &c.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

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Guelph, 10th July. d 1w

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STEAM WASHING MACHINE

A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND WONDERFUL INVENTION!

NEW Method of Washing CLOTHES

WITHOUT WEAR OR TEAR BY FRICTION!

It has been thoroughly tested, and declared a PERFECT SUCCESS. It is now in operation on the Market Square, opposite the VEGGIBLY SHEEDS, and one door west of the old ADVANTAGE Office.

Any Person can have a Machine to Test It.

Ladies are respectfully solicited to call and examine this wonderful machine, while in operation, and judge for themselves.

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AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

WHEN all pupils, resident and non-resident, are particularly requested to be present. New pupils will then be enrolled, and those who failed to pass the midsummer examination, will be re-examined between 10 and 12:30 o'clock.

Additional facilities are now offered to those pupils who do not desire a high classical training to join the English or Modern Departments, in which they are thoroughly prepared for Mercantile pursuits, and for Civil and Military Services.

A special class will also be formed adapted to requirements of Junior boys of from 7 to 8 years of age upwards.

The fact that during the last six years "old College boys" have carried off three out of every four Scholarships offered at the Matriculation of the University of Toronto, and a large portion of those offered at Trinity College, is a sufficient guarantee that its Scholarship is not declined.

Very material changes have been made in the internal arrangements of the boarding house, to increase the comfort and secure the general well-being of the resident pupils.

Every boarder is required to bring with him a certificate of good conduct from the master or tutor under whom he has been previously educated.

Tuition fee, \$10 per term; tuition and board, including washing, seat in church and ordinary medical attendance, \$45.

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For prospectus apply to the Principal, U. C. College, Toronto. T T-2w

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Guelph, July 24. d 1w

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