

SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscriber returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years...

New Rustic Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds...

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion...

Imperial Fire Insurance Company of London.

HEAD OFFICES.—1 Old Broad Street, Pall Mall, London.

GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA.—24 St. S. Street, Montreal.

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve Fund \$1,965,000

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms...

Reston, Bros. General Agents, 24 St. S. Street, Montreal.

DR. BRIGGS' THROAT AND LUNG HEALER.

Is one of the safest and most reliable Remedies in existence for the speedy cure of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Whooping Cough, Croup, Sore Throat, Asthma, Diphtheria, Difficulty of Breathing, Catarrh of the Lungs, and all diseases of the Throat, Lungs and Chest...

Dr. J. Briggs' Unrivalled Pile Remedy.

Is mild, yet efficacious, and warranted to cure Internal, External, Bleeding and Itching Piles, in the most satisfactory manner...

Dr. J. Briggs' Modern Curative

Is without doubt the purest, mildest and most efficacious remedy ever discovered for the immediate relief and rapid cure of Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails, Chilblains, Frost-bite, and all other ailments of the Feet, and also all Flesh Wounds and Skin Diseases...

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE.

Opposite the Market House

CHEAP FARES

To Travellers Going South or West in the United States.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

FARES CHEAP, and Tickets good for any reasonable time.

BILLIARDS

Billiard Hall Refitted New Style Tables Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 23rd February

HARTFORD Fire Insurance Company

INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders...

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

1869. SPRING 1869

DRY GOODS

Seasonable and New.

WM. STEWART

Has now a full shop of NEW DRY GOODS, purchased and imported

BRITISH MARKETS

W. S. gives the BEST VALUE AND GREATEST

BARGAINS

Of any House in the trade.

Terms Strictly Cash.

Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham

LACE CURTAINS

CHEAP

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, 16th April.

DR. R. CAMPBELL.

OFFICE next door to the Advertiser's Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

References:—Dr. Clarke & Orton, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan, Guelph; Dr. Elliott and Meyers, Dentists, Toronto.

DOMINION STORE.

FOR THE

AT MRS. ROBINSON'S

Wholesale and Retail.

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH ALWAYS!

OF the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice...

Fire Crackers

FOR THE

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY!

Wholesale and Retail.

AT MRS. ROBINSON'S

Wholesale and Retail.

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH ALWAYS!

OF the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice...

DR. R. CAMPBELL.

OFFICE next door to the Advertiser's Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

\$1616. \$1010.00.

For sale, that very desirable property known as the Heffernan Estate, situated on Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph.

In the Town of Guelph. The property is now rented for \$1616.00 per annum.

Offers will be received for the whole or in lots up to 1st June next.

IMPORTANT TO MUSIC TEACHERS.

The latest and most complete system of instruction for Cabinet Organs and Melodians.

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

By William H. Clarke. Containing the most simple, thorough and progressive exercises, beautiful selections and voluntaries ever published.

Clark's New Method for Reed Organs

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1869.

Town Council.

The Council met on Monday night. Present, the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Bruce, Chadwick, Mitchell, Allan, Wood, Robertson, Howard, Heffernan, Goldie, Buckland and Holliday.

A petition for store license was presented by John L. Lewis, and referred to License Committee.

The Clerk read tenders for the construction of a bridge at Inglis' foundry as follows: From James Armstrong, offering to find the materials and do the work for \$430; Jas. Barclay, \$325; J. & J. Hall, \$457; Ed. H. Maddock, \$444.

Tenders for cleaning the river from Goldie's mill to Allan's dam were as follows: J. Hart, \$200; James Armstrong, \$350; Chas. Cooper, \$450.

Mr. Chadwick presented a petition from Messrs. Mills & Melvin, asking to be refunded taxes on two lots which had been sold at the recent sale.

Mr. Wood presented the petition of Jos Mimmack and, it is presumed, the requisite number of other ratepayers, praying the Council to let the contract of watering the streets from the American to the Queen's Hotel, and levy a special rate.

Mr. Heffernan read a petition from John Tyson, butcher, praying for a side door and windows in stall No. 4. Mr. Robt. Mitchell presented a petition from John Hewer to be allowed to build a cistern under the sidewalk at the Great Western Hotel.

Mr. Richard Mitchell presented a petition from John McKee for the refunding of taxes on a lot which had been sold.

The foregoing were referred to appropriate committees.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the by-law for the remuneration of officers.—Mr. Richard Mitchell in the chair. The blanks were filled, as follows: Market Clerk, \$450; Chief Constable, fines and fees under the by-law refunded, \$600.

Mr. Chadwick said it had been deemed more advisable to fix the Chief Constable's salary in this manner, so that when he brought in any of the ratepayers up for breach of by-law, they could not impugn his motives.

Mr. Holliday enquired the amount of the fines.

Mr. Howard said the total amount last year was \$180, but of this a part had been derived from statutory laws.

Clerk and Treasurer, \$300; Police Clerk, fees refunded, \$150; Assistant Constable and Town Officer, fines and fees refunded, \$350; Assessor, when Roll is received and approved, \$300; Auditors, each \$25; Returning Officer, \$4 per day when actually employed; Geo. Smith, 10 per cent. on dog tax and statute labour, and 2 per cent. on general assessment, on condition of full returns being made before the 15th Dec.; Selectors of Jurors, \$12 each; Inspector of Licenses, \$50; Caretaker for the Market House, and Lamplighter for the North and East Wards, \$300; Caretaker of the Engine House, &c., and Lamplighter for the Wards, \$350.

The committee rose; Council resumed, and the by-law was passed, and numbered 187.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Robt. Mitchell, That the Road and Bridge Committee advertise for and accept tenders for the watering of Wyndham street and Market Square. Carried.

Mr. Chadwick presented the following report of the Finance Committee:

FINANCE REPORT.

Your committee beg to report that they find lot 10, in C. McTague's survey was assessed twice in 1863, and recommended that \$1.99 be refunded James Murphy.

That lot 23, McTague street, was assessed to Mr. Piggott in 1867 and paid. It was returned on the non-resident roll and recommended that the County Treasurer be instructed to strike it off his book.

That Mr. Harvey has furnished the required bonds prepared by your Solicitor, and recommended that the bonds of your late Treasurer, Mr. Hough be returned to him.

That at next meeting of Council the Finance Committee will be in a position to make a definite financial statement for the year they think it unnecessary to go into the matter at present, but may simply mention that should the Road and Bridge Committee carry a report recommending the erection of suitable permanent bridges the Finance Committee will be prepared to recommend a scheme for meeting the outlay.

Mr. Heffernan presented the report of Market House Committee, which was as follows:

MARKET HOUSE REPORT.

According to your instructions to employ an architect we procured the services of Mr. S. Boulton to lay plans and specifications before you for the repairing and altering the Dome of the Market House. We received three different sketches from him and are of opinion the one we now lay before you will meet your requirements, it being some twenty feet higher than the present dome, and can, we think, be carried out at a reasonable expense, and we recommend that this plan be adopted, and that the Council advertise for tenders for the same, and that such tenders be laid before the Council at their next regular meeting.

As the planking and steps around the Market House are in a very bad condition we would recommend that they be put in thorough repair; that the Town Hall get three coats of whitewash, and that the walls of the Clerk's office be papered and the ceiling whitewashed.

Ask leave to have a large lamp suspended over the front door of the Market House. The Committee beg leave to submit their report giving the approximate revenue expected to be derived from the Market, and submitting what they consider will be necessary for repairs, alterations and other expenses for the current year: Market fees \$3,300, fees from sheds \$105, butchers' stalls and other rents \$466, Town Hall rents \$250, total revenue \$4181.

The following is their estimate of the expenditure: Amount already expended \$288.37, taking care of and repairing town clock \$40, Mayor's chair \$60, new flag for Market House \$40, planking and steps \$75, new dome, repairing roof of Market House &c., \$1,500, whitewashing, papering, &c. \$45, incidental \$100, total \$2146.37.

Mr. Robertson presented the following report of the Fire and Water Committee:

FIRE AND WATER REPORT.

That after carefully considering the several items of expense required for the Department for the current year, find that the sum of \$1300 will be necessary

to maintain in an efficient manner the Fire and Water, and Lighting Department of the town, making up the above sum as follows:—Firemen, not including caretaker, \$440; coal oil, \$400; teaming engine, \$50; lamp glasses and repairing lamps, \$70; firewood and coal, \$140; contingent expenses, \$100, making a total of \$1300. It will also require to meet expenditure of last year over the appropriation the sum of \$1200, making a total to be provided of \$2500.

Your Committee have not made any provision for new tanks in consideration of the large expenditure required to meet losses of late food, but should the council determine to issue debentures to meet said losses, your committee will then be prepared to recommend the putting down of three or more in such places as may be most required for fire purposes.

Mr. Mitchell presented the Report of the Committee on Printing, asking for an appropriation of \$350.

Mr. Howard presented the Report of the Drill Shed Committee. They asked for \$50.

Mr. Chadwick presented the Report of the Tree Planting Committee, which read as follows:

TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE.

That a large proportion of the trees planted last season have died and that many of the boxes have been broken. They think that the system of protecting trees by boxes is not a good one, and that it is advisable to have all trees planted protected by a post and rail fence. Owing to the large amount that will be required for roads and bridges this year, they do not feel warranted in asking to have this done now, but recommend that it be done by degrees—that fresh trees be planted where required. They ask for a grant of \$150. They would strongly urge upon all ratepayers, in front of whose properties trees are planted, the necessity of taking an interest in the preservation and growth of such trees.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the Market House Report, Mr. Wood in the chair.

The plans for a dome were examined minutely, and Mr. Chadwick said he thought the whole matter should be left in the hands of the Committee, and let them advertise.

The Mayor said they should have instructions to advertise for tenders for the two plans, and not be bound to accept any.

The Committee rose; the Mayor in the chair; and all the other reports were accepted.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the tenders for cleaning the river; Mr. Allan in the chair. The Mayor said the subscription list amounted to \$71.50, and it was for the Council to say if they will give \$120. For the beauty of the prospect on coming into town, for the advantage of boating, and for the sake of health he thought the river should be cleaned.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Robertson, That the tender of J. Hart for cleaning the river be accepted, that the Council supplement the subscription list to bring it up to his tender, on the money being paid by the subscribers before the work be begun.—Carried.

The Committee rose and the motion was carried in Council.

As it was now 10 o'clock, rule 52 was suspended.

The Council again went into Committee of the whole on tenders for the bridge at Inglis' foundry. Mr. Bruce in the chair.

Mr. Richard Mitchell moved that Mr. Barclay's tender be accepted.

A long discussion on the plan drawn by Mr. Cooper followed, and the Mayor, Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Robertson condemned it strongly. Mr. Buckland thought that if the Town Engineer was not competent, another should be appointed. The Mayor enumerated several works, in which he had shown a deficiency of capacity; and Mr. Howard said that if these were facts it was time Mr. Cooper was dismissed. After some further discussion Mr. Mitchell withdrew his motion.

The Committee rose and the Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Goldie, seconded by Mr. Buckland, That the Road and Bridge Committee are hereby instructed to get Mr. Hobson to prepare plans and specifications of a bridge.

Mr. Robertson asked if it would not be better to dispense with Mr. Cooper altogether.

The Mayor said that the town really had no engineer, that Mr. Cooper had been appointed by resolution *Surgeon* on the decease of Mr. Kerr, and that he was to be paid so much per day when employed.

Mr. Robertson said that in consequence of Mr. Cooper understanding that a cheap structure was required he should have another chance, and be allowed to submit another plan if he chose; and that one might also be procured from Mr. Hobson. He proposed the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

That the Road and Bridge Committee be authorized to procure plans from Messrs. Cooper and Hobson of a bridge with stone abutments and piers and wooden superstructures.

The amendment was put and carried—7 voting for it and 5 for the motion.

Mr. Chadwick desired the yeas and nays to be taken, and the following was the result: For the motion: Messrs. Chadwick, Buckland, Goldie, Howard and Bruce—5. For the amendment: Messrs. Holliday, Heffernan, Richard and Robert Mitchell, Allan, Wood and Robertson—7.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the Mayor issue his proclamation making Monday a public holiday in honor of Her Majesty's birthday; and that the Market House be properly illuminated under the direction of the Market House Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Holliday, that Messrs. Robertson and Chadwick be associated on the Road and Bridge Committee for the purpose of examining the prize plans for a Bridge, to be sent in on the 20th inst., and reporting to an adjourned meeting of the Council on Friday night.—Carried.

The Council adjourned.

A certain dealer in cosmetics for the beautifying of the skin in Toronto, sent a preparation to Prof. Croft the other day for examination and approval. It consisted of what the manufacturer called a harmless powder, which when applied to the skin, gave it a clear and youthful appearance. The professor's analysis showed it to be a very corrosive poison, consisting mainly of white lead.

Guelph Board of Trade.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the Market House last night. Present—Mr. Geo. Murton, Vice-President, in the chair, in the absence of the President; Messrs. McCrea, Knowles, Robins, Melvin, Raymond, Brill, Davidson, Wilkie, Bond, and Stewart.

On motion, Mr. Raymond was admitted a member of the Board.

No report having been presented from the committee on by-laws, they were allowed an extension of time.

The new Patent Act, now before Parliament, was then taken up, and it was seen that the main provisions pretty fully discussed. It seemed to be the opinion of those most interested in, and best acquainted with the subject, that the new law should not have a retrospective effect, that a patent from the States or any other country should, before he obtains a patent in Canada, be for at least one year a *bona fide* resident in the Dominion, and that as soon as a patentee ceases to reside or manufacture in the Dominion, his patent should cease. Several other suggestions were also made, and finally the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Knowles, That it is the opinion of this Board that no alteration of the patent law should be so framed having a retrospective effect, so as to preclude the manufacture of any article at the present time in use or being manufactured in Canada.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the President, Messrs. D. Allan, Melvin, Raymond, and McCrea, be a committee to take into consideration the Patent Act now before the House, and to suggest any alterations which may be deemed necessary, and report to the Board at an early date, that action may be taken thereon.—Carried.

Some conversation was then held in regard to the new Insolvent Bill, with a view of making our member, Mr. Shirton, acquainted with the opinions of the Board on the subject. There being no copy of the Bill in the hands of the members, its different points could not be taken up and discussed, but the views of members generally were in union with those expressed in the memorial of the Toronto Board of Trade to the Government on the subject.

The new Banking scheme was then taken up, and freely discussed. It was held by nearly every one present that the scheme submitted by Mr. Rose was a most dangerous one, and that if forced on the country it would have a most disastrous effect, in restricting and paralyzing trade, and in unsettling our whole financial system.

Mr. Wilkie moved, seconded by Mr. Brill, that as it appears to us that the passing of the Banking Act, founded on the resolutions now before the House of Commons, would have a very damaging effect on the business of this Province, by reducing our circulating currency, and disarranging our present financial arrangements, and so paralyzing trade and business generally, that therefore a committee be appointed to draw up a memorial to the Government regarding it, such committee to be composed of Messrs. Murton, Peterson, McCrea, and Davidson, and to report at a meeting to be held on Friday night.—Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, May 17.—The critical state of affairs in Paris is variously commented on by the press. It seems to be the general impression that the French Government had fomented this discontent, and adapted repressive measures to stay the disorders arising, with a view to the same ulterior design.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 17.—The Corporation authorities of this city have united in an invitation to Reverdy Johnson to attend a grand banquet previous to his departure for America. Mr. Johnson will sail in the steamship *Ohio*, which leaves this port in a few days from Baltimore.

LONDON, May 17.—The Paris correspondent of the London Telegraph says the opinion is general in Paris that Reverdy Johnson was induced to make certain declarations to the British Government, and then thrown overboard by Grant's administration.

ROME, May 17.—The Swiss Government has prohibited Mazzini from taking up his residence in any of the Cantons bordering on France or Italy.

MADRID, May 17.—The majority of the Cortes, fearing that civil war is imminent, is ready to accept the proposition for a Regency.

MADRID, May 17.—The Cortes have agreed to Article 32 of the Constitution, declaring that the sovereignty is essential in the nation from which all power emanates. Amendments requiring that the King be a native of Spain, and that he be elected by a plebiscite, were rejected.

American Despatches

New York, May 18th.—A Trinidad letter states that Vallonia with sixteen hundred men marched in sight of Trinidad. He was attacked by the Spanish troops, who were routed. The Spaniards fled, leaving twenty dead, thirty wounded, and twenty-five rifles behind. The Patriots lost twenty-four men, killed and wounded. The retiring Spaniards were attacked by a guerrilla force, and before they arrived at their city they lost one tenth of their entire force.

Advices from Porto Rico state that Ponce, the largest city on the island, was on the 18th the scene of a fearful conflagration. The whole of the principal street was burned to the ground. The fire was the work of incendiaries. Business was utterly stagnated. The yellow fever was carrying away hundreds of Spanish troops daily. The hospitals were filled to repletion. The revolutionists are daily becoming bolder, and any Spanish troops who chanced to stray away from their quarters were never again seen alive.

One of the Fenian leaders in New York has turned his attention to the business of encouraging Irish emigration to the South and West, and securing lands and employment for them. There are in that city alone, for example, a hundred thousand very poor and very hard-working Irish men and women who, if they could be properly settled on the unoccupied but fertile lands of the