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Business Cards.

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

GEORGE PALMER, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, over E. Harvey & Co's Dry Goods. Entrance on Macdonnell street. dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. R. OLIVER, JR. dw A. R. MACDONALD.

DR. BROCK, RESIDENCE— Directly opposite Chalmer's Church, QUEBEC STREET. d

DR. CLARKE has resumed the practice of his profession. He will remain in his office, Quebec Street, every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 3 p.m. for consultation. my17-dwlm

JOHN KIRKHAM, Silver Plater and Brass Finisher. All orders promptly attended to. Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec Street, Guelph. dwy

F. H. PASS, Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger. All orders promptly attended to. RESIDENCE—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church. Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 dm

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter, GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

NEW BAKERY. The Subscribers beg to notify the people of Guelph that they have started a new Bakery On Essex Street, one door south of Dr. Keating's, Where they will always have in stock a supply of bread of the first quality. Having secured the services of Mr. George Watson as baker, they feel assured in giving satisfaction. Bread and Flour promptly delivered in any part of the town. They hope by strict attention to business, and making bread of the best quality, to merit a share of public patronage. A. McPHAIL & Co. Guelph, March 12 1872 3md

JESSOP & CORBET, General Insurance, Loan and Real Estate Agents. Office—ONTARIO BANK BUILDING GUELPH ONT. Fire and Life Stock Policies issued in first-class Companies on the most favourable terms. Several valuable farms and town property for sale on easy terms. $6,000 to invest on first-class security. Parties applying or desiring to invest money will find it to their advantage to give us a call. Charges moderate. JESSOP & CORBET, Ontario Bank Building, Guelph, Ont.

N. DINGINBOTHAM, Agent for the following first-class companies:—Royal Fire and Life, Scottish Imperial Fire and Life, Etna Fire and Life, Agricultural Fire (Isolated), Isolated Risk, Fire and Traveller's Life and Accident Insurance Comp'y; Also, Agent for the Hamilton Provident Loan Society, one of the most liberal in Canada. No lawyer's fees charged. Office with JESSOP & CORBET, Ontario Bank Building, Guelph, Ont. May 14, 1872 dw

HART & SPEIRS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention. Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c. neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand to loan on first class mortgages, or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England. HART & SPEIRS, My14-dw 4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.

HOUSE PROPERTY FOR SALE. $1800 will buy a two story tenements on Cork Street, adjoining the Wesleyan Methodist Church. $650 will buy a comfortable rough cast Cottage on Perth Street, near the Eramosa Bridge. $700 will buy a good stone Cottage on Nottingham Street.

FARMS FOR SALE. $4,000 will buy a splendid farm of 200 acres 125 cleared, the balance being timbered (in Arthur), first-class land. Well watered HENRY HATCH, Land & Loan Agent, March 7. (dwt) Guelph

FARM FOR SALE IN PAISLEY BLOCK.—The subscriber offers for sale his farm of 75 acres, being lot 4, containing 50 acres, and half of Lot 5, containing 25 acres, in concession 6, Division D; Guelph Township, 1½ miles from the town of Guelph. The land is in a good state of cultivation, and well fenced. There are good log buildings, and a small orchard on lot 4, a good dwelling house and orchard on Lot 5; 5 acres of valuable swamp timber at the rear of each lot, about 60 acres under cultivation, the remainder hardwood. Terms easy. For further particulars, apply on the premises, to John Taylor, or to R. Hadden, Insurance Agent, Guelph. 1-29-dw3m

New Advertisements.

PIANO FOR SALE. — $140 cash will purchase an excellent piano. Can be seen at the Royal Hotel, Guelph. 22-wldtf

TWO CARPENTERS WANTED. — Highest wages and steady employment. Apply to E. H. Maddock, Elora Road. d3

WANTED, at J. B. Armstrong's Carriage Works, a painter and two good active boys to learn the painting. w1d2

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED. — Washing and Ironing partially put out. Apply to Mr. H. J. Vincent, over Eramosa Bridge. 1-d6

PRIVATE BOARDING. — Boarding house opened by Mrs. Fitzmorris, in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Sturdy, rear of Mr. Crowley's, second crossing from the Post Office. 4-12d

DURHAM BULL. — The subscriber has a thorough bred Durham bull, which will serve cows this season at his farm lately occupied by Mr. John Kirkland. May 29-w1-3tf J. W. B. KELLY.

40 ACRES of GOOD PASTURE in TOWN TO RENT. RIVER upon one side of it. Apply at the Law Office of the undersigned. May 8, 1872 dtf ROBT. MITCHELL.

FARMS FOR SALE.—Three excellent Farms of 200 acres each, and over, in the immediate vicinity of Guelph market.—One a decided bargain. Apply to Hart & Speirs, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. f5-dl-w4

WOOLEN RAGS, CARD, OR YARN WASTE—Best cash price paid. Apply to SMITH & WILEY, m16-lwlm 116 Adelaide St. East, Toronto

AN OWNER WANTED.—A box containing machinery was left at the Great Western Hotel, Guelph, about a year ago. The owner is requested to call, pay charges, and take it away. May 31, 1872 d6-w2 JOHN HEWER.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.—About three weeks ago; 12 in number; principally last year's lambs, and one oddish ewe with black mark over her eyes, with lamb at foot. The finder will be liberally rewarded, on application to Robert Cochrane, York Road. m16dwf

COW LOST.—Since Friday last, color red and white, horns turned in, and right horn partly broken off, in full flow of milk, Canadian breed. The finder or informer of her whereabouts, will be liberally rewarded by Dan. McCrae, Victoria Hotel. Guelph, June 3rd, 1872. dtf

HOUSE TO RENT.—A handsome and commodious dwelling for one or two respectable families, with two separate entrances, on R. C. Gloie, about ten minutes' walk from the Post Office. Garden attached. Terms moderate. Apply to McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, &c., Guelph. 8-6d

FOR SALE. — The Guelph Packing House, with or without appurtenances, containing one 10 horse power nearly new, lard kettles, scales, &c. Dimensions of cattle slaughter house 16x40, hog slaughter house 60x40, packing rooms in two compartments 60x40 each, with good cellar. For particulars apply to Geo. Laws, Guelph. 29-dlm

LOTS FOR SALE.—For sale twenty-four lots in Jackson's Survey, near Mr. John Horsman's residence. Twenty-three of the lots are a quarter of an acre each, more or less. Terms, one-fifth of the purchase money down, the balance in five years, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply to John Jackson, Tanner, Guelph. my30-3md

PIANO TUNING. MR. KARL KOLLMER, From Nordheimer's, Toronto, is in town. Parties wishing their instruments perfectly tuned, will please leave their orders at Mr. P. C. Allan's Bookstore. 4-d1

ICE, ICE. The subscriber begs to inform the inhabitants of the Town of Guelph that he can supply them with ice, DELIVERED DAILY At their houses at a moderate charge. Parties leaving their orders for the same at Mr. Geo. Sleeman's Store, Wyndham street, will be carefully attended to. RALPH SMITH, Guelph, April 26th, 1872. dtw

ICE, ICE. Ice supplied daily in any part of the town. Leave your order with J. HARRIS, Baker and Confectioner, Market Square. Guelph, May 22, 1872. dtm

FARM FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale East half of Lot No. 8 in the 12th Con., Township of Maryborough. There are about 60 acres cleared. The land is all of an excellent quality, with good buildings and well fenced. Situated 1 mile from the Village of Rothsay, on the Gravel Road, and within four miles of a Railroad Station. Liberal Terms of Payment if Required. THOMPSON & JACKSON, Land and General Agents. Guelph, June 5, 1872. 3w1td.

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS —AND— Summer Resort. PRESTON, ONTARIO. CHARGES:— $7.00 a week for single room. $12.00 a week for single room if occupied by two. 25 cents for single bath. Transient customers, $1.50 a day. Omnibus at each train. C. KRESS, Proprietor. Dr. Mulloy, Consulting Physician. Preston, May 30, 1872. d3m

AUCTION SALE OF Household Furniture. The undersigned is instructed by Mr. H. Berry to sell by public auction at his residence on the Elora Road (Skinner's House), on MONDAY, the 10th inst., at 1 o'clock, the following household furniture, &c., 1 handsome walnut book case, and a quantity of books, valuable mahogany centre table (English make), walnut sofa and 6 chairs to match (hair cloth covering), carpets, pictures 2 chandeliers, blinds, curtains, rugs, 5 stoves, a large quantity of piping, walnut sideboard, tables, bedsteads, hair mattrasses, looking glasses, chamber sets, lot of lamps, 2 sewing machines, china tea set, decanters, crystal, crockery, glassware, knives, forks and spoons stair carpet and rods, oil and cloth mats, large lot of fruit jars, kitchen utensils, &c.&c. also a nice lot of window plants and flower stand. At the same time will be sold a very neat turn out, consisting of a pony four years old, buggy and harness, besides lots of sundry articles which cannot be enumerated here. No reserve as the owner is leaving town. Terms, cash on delivery. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. The house to rent. Apply to Mr. Berry. Guelph, June 5, 1872 d3w1

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THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 1872

EARLY CLOSING.

On and after MONDAY, the 10th inst., the Stores will be Closed at Six o'clock (Saturdays excepted), and the public are respectfully requested to do their shopping before that hour.

Local and Other Items.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Remember the meeting to-night in the Good Templars Hall, when addresses will be given by the delegates from Britain.

HOWORTH'S PANORAMA.—This great panorama of Ireland and the late Franco-Prussian war will be exhibited for the first time in the Town Hall this evening.

APPOINTMENT. — His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has appointed Thos. Swan, of the Village of Hespeler, M. D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the County of Waterloo.

ON Monday evening last a complimentary supper was given to Robert Matheson by the Oddfellows of Clinton, prior to his departure for St. Catherines, to take an interest in the *Daily Times* newspaper. Mr. Matheson was recently proprietor of the Clinton *New Era* and the Wingham *Times*.

THREE YEARS IN A MAN TRAP.—Mr. John Anderson has sent us a copy of this little book, written by the author of "Ten nights in a bar-room." It grapples with intemperance in a new field, and a careful perusal of it cannot fail to make a profound impression on the reader. Copies for sale at Anderson's.

GANG OF THIEVES ARRESTED.—Mr. Jas. Ford, detective on the western section of the Grand Trunk Railway (with headquarters at Stratford), arrested a gang of thieves in that town on the 3rd inst. The gang had committed depredations in the locality, but always contrived to keep out of the clutches of the law until detective Ford got on their trail, when they had to succumb.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION IN NASSAGAWEYA.—A tea meeting in aid of Prospect Division Sons of Temperance, will be held in the grove near the Nassagaweya Post Office, on Monday the 17th of June. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Messrs. Little, Simpson, Carswell and others. The Band from Guelph will be present. Tea at half past two p. m. Tickets 25 cts., children half price. The same evening a concert will be held, when there will be vocal and instrumental music, recitations, dialogues, etc. by the band and members of the order. Tickets 15cts, concert to commence at half past seven p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CATHEDRAL.—On Wednesday afternoon, the foundation stone of the new Cathedral for the Diocese of Huron, in London, was laid by the Right Rev. Dr. Helmuth, Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Right Rev. Bishop of Baltimore, the Ven. the Dean of Huron and others. About five hundred persons witnessed the ceremony, among whom were nearly the whole of the clergy of the Diocese. It is expected the chapel will be completed by the end of October next. The cathedral proper will not probably be finished before the end of 1873. The estimated stock of the whole structure is about $[illegible].

PRESENTATION.—On Saturday evening last the employees of Messrs. Wilson, Lockman & Co., Fergus, met at the factory and marched in procession to Mr. McInery's residence, and presented him with a valuable tea service, worth $80, consisting of a tea-pot, coffee-pot, hot water urn, sugar bowl, sugar tongs, cream jug, and slop basin, contributed by the employees, and inscribed "Presented to James McInery, Esq., foreman, as a token of respect and good will towards himself and wife by the workmen in the employ of Wilson, Lockman & Co., Fergus, May, 1872." An address accompanied the present, to which a suitable reply was given. The donors were treated to refreshments, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

"SHODDY CLOTH" SWINDLERS.—A very extensive system of swindling has been carried on for weeks past in the district of country lying between Galt and Brantford, by a gang who have operated on the farmers to an extent which seems almost incredible. They travel in buggies and carry with them quantities of cloth which they offer for sale at professedly low rates, sufficient for three suits for $25 although in some cases they took whatever was offered. Three of the pedlars have been operating for several days in Dumfries, and stayed two nights in Galt, going out in the morning to their work. In some localities they have found purchasers in every house, for amounts from $25 up to as high as $100, and the cash they have gathered in this Township alone must sum to thousands of dollars. Our exchanges should warn the public against these "printed shoddy" swindlers. —*Reformer.*

POLICE COURT.

(Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.

HORSE STEALING.

Nelson Lepoint *alias* Morgan, was brought up this morning on a charge of horse stealing. On Fair day, Chief Constable Kelly received a telegram from John Neff, of West Flamboro, that a sorrel mare belonging to him had been stolen from his stable on Tuesday night; and an advertisement was inserted in the Hamilton *Times* offering a reward of $25 for the apprehension of the thief. In the course of the afternoon Mr. Kelly came across Lepoint, who was offering to sell the horse on the street, and who asked $70 from the Chief Constable for the animal. Kelly told him he would take the mare at that figure, and take him too, and he was accordingly locked up. Mr. Neff came up this morning and fully identified the mare. Lepoint, who, it seems, lives near Mr. Neff's farm, was accordingly sent up for trial.

Thos. Simpson, B. B. Presant, James Millar, and James Simpson, were brought up on a charge of not having proper weigh scales. The new scales not having arrived, their cases were dismissed.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

The Washington Treaty in England.

Inundation of the River Po.

The Philadelphia Convention.

London, June 6—5 a. m.—The National Reform Union of Manchester at a meeting held last night, adopted resolutions supporting the policy of the Government in the recent Alabama negotiations.

Marquis Landsowne, one of the Lords of the Treasury, addressed a public meeting at Bath yesterday evening, and declared that the speech recently made by Disraeli at Manchester, and the motion brought by Russell in the House at London, for withdrawal from arbitration, were two obstructions to an amicable settlement of differences with the United States.

Rome, June 6.—There has been a great inundation of the river Po, near Ferraro, causing wide spread desolation and terrible suffering. Immense tracts of country are under water and forty thousand people are houseless.

Philadelphia, June 6.—The indications are that Senator Wilson will be nominated for vice-President on the second ballot.

Matamoras, June 5.—The impression prevails among all classes that the revolution north of Sierra Madua is practically suppressed. Business is reviving, which is a sure indication that the authority of the Government is restored.

New York, June 6.—The *Herald's* Washington special states that it is positively asserted in official circles that Secretary Fish tendered his resignation, to take effect on the appointment of his successor.

Elora and Salem Items.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—On Saturday last a little girl, daughter of Mr. Roberts, baker, of Salem, was picking flowers on the banks of the Irvine River, in the vicinity of her home, when her foot slipped and she was precipitated over the rocks into the river, which at that part is about 40 feet from the bank. The river was fortunately shallow at the spot where she fell, being only 3 or 4 feet deep. Some other children who were with her gave the alarm, and she was rescued from her perilous position by Mr. John Simpson, who happened to be near at hand at the time.

NICHOL AND PILKINGTON UNION SCHOOL SECTION.—A resolution passed by the Pilkington Council empowering certain ratepayers residing in Union School Section No. 5, Nichol and Pilkington, to become detached from said section for school purposes was quashed and pronounced to be illegal by the Committee of Investigation, who met in Elora on Saturday last. The new School Act provides that whenever a dispute arises in such matters, the County Council upon petition to that body shall appoint a Committee of Enquiry whose decision shall be final. The Committee consisted of Judge Macdonald, Mr. Jas. Laidlaw, Reeve of Guelph, and Rev. James Kilgour, County Inspector.

SOCIAL IN ELORA.—A social was held in the Drill Shed, Elora, on Friday evening last in aid of the building fund of Knox's Church in that village. The attendance was large, about 400 being present. After the company had done ample justice to the tea and a large variety of sweetmeats, which were prepared in excellent style by the ladies of different denominations, they were entertained by vocal and instrumental music from Mr. Maitland, Galt; Miss Ellen McGregor, Elora; Mr. John Moir, Nichol, and the choir of Knox's Church, and addresses from Rev. Messrs. McDonald, pastor of the church, and Rev. Mr. Mullan, Fergus. We understand that although the entrance fee was low, being only 12½ cents, yet the sum of $14 was realized.

PERSONAL.—Mr. John Cheesman, a respected resident of Salem for several years, is to leave with his family next week for Rochester, New York. Mr. Cheesman was formerly proprietor of the lath and stave factories in Salem. Being a man of enterprise as well as of a sterling and upright character his absence will be felt very much from that village.

The Camp of Instruction.

The *Gazette* of Saturday contains the regulations for annual drill this year. Camps of exercise will be formed in every Military District, at which cavalry, field artillery and infantry corps will be concentrated in tactical brigades and divisions of the three arms, for sixteen days' drill and manœuvres: Officers, non-commissioned officers and men attending such camps will be paid and supplied during the period as if called out for actual service. Camps will be held as follows:

At Windsor, on the 19th of June, composed of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, under Lieut.-Col. Cole; London and Wellington Field Batteries; and Oxford, Kent, Elgin, Middlesex, Lambton, Perth, Waterloo, Wellington, Bruce and Huron Battalions of Infantry.

At Niagara, on the 12th June, composed of the Governor-General's Body Guard and 2nd Regiment of cavalry, Toronto, Hamilton and Wellington Field Batteries, Queen's Own Rifles, Royals, the 3rd York Battalion and Halton, Grey, Ontario, Simcoe, Peel, Haldimand, Brant, Norfolk, Welland and Wentworth Battalions. At Kingston, on the 19th June, and at Prescott, on the 20th, composed of the remaining Battalions of the Province.

IT WILL be pleasant to many of our readers to learn that shortly before his death, while he was in possession of all his faculties, Mr. Sandfield Macdonald sent for Mr. Sheriff McIntyre, an old friend, from whom he had been estranged for some years on account of politics, and expressed a desire to die at peace with him and with all from whom he had differed.

Methodist New Connexion Conference.

HESPELER, Tuesday, May 28th.

On Tuesday evening a public meeting in the interests of Sabbath Schools was held. The Rev. J. Caswell presided, and, after the usual opening services, introduced the Rev. G. Brown, of Hamilton, who delivered a very interesting and instructive address on "The relation of the Sabbath School to the Church." He spoke of the former institution as being in the church, of the church, and for the church, supporting and illustrating his positions in a masterly manner. The Rev. E. Holmes followed with an address on "Sabbath School Music." He showed a thorough acquaintance with the subject, keeping his audience spell-bound for nearly an hour. The closing address on "The best method of conducting a Sabbath School," was given by the Rev. D. Savage, of Toronto, who, in a very impressive and instructive speech, threw out some important facts and suggestions for the guidance of Sabbath School Superintendents. The choir rendered some pieces of music, during the evening, in a very effective manner. At the suggestion of one of the members of Conference a collection was taken up and presented to the Hespeler Sabbath School.

Wednesday, May 29th.

Conference assembled on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock. After several minor matters had been attended to the Executive Committee was elected in the usual way, by ballot. Besides the General Superintendent of Missions and the President of Conference, who are members *ex officio*, the Revs. S. B. Grundy and W. Tindall, with Messrs. R. Wilkes, Hon. O. Blake and R. Irwin were elected members of that important Committee. Conference adjourned at 10 a. m. to allow the Superannuated Preachers' Annuitant Society to meet. This Society, which consists almost entirely of ministers, continued its sessions until late in the afternoon, and transacted much important business. Its affairs are in a very encouraging condition.

Conference reassembled at 3 p. m. Resolutions were adopted thanking the different Railway and Steamboat Companies for the passage of members of Conference over their routes at reduced fares. The following resolution on the subject of intemperance was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Conference reiterates its former sentiments on the subject of intemperance. We regard the use of intoxicating drink as the fruitful source of much of the poverty, wretchedness and crime with which our country is afflicted, and we would urge upon all our ministers and members the absolute necessity of total abstinence as the only course of safety, and also that every possible means be employed to secure the entire abolition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks."

Conference adjourned at half-past five and met in evening session at half-past seven. During the afternoon and evening the report of the Committee on Statistics was received and discussed. The report is of a very encouraging character. A communication having been received from the Montreal representatives calling attentions to the operations of the "French Canadian Missionary Society," the following resolution on the subject was adopted:—

"That this Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the French Canadian Missionary Society, and would recommend our friends to assist, so far as lies in their power, the operations of this Society."

The following resolution, on the observance of the Sabbath, was also brought in by the Committee on General Resolutions, and unanimously adopted:—

"That we reaffirm our former sentiments in regard to the observance of the Sabbath. We would urge upon all our members the necessity of strictly observing the sanctity of the Lord's day, and upon our ministers the desirability of frequently urging the matter upon our congregations."

At a late hour in the evening the reports of the Stationing Committee and Missionary Committee were read and adopted. The minutes of Conference were then read and approved, and the President, after giving the closing address, called upon the Rev. J. Caswell to engage in prayer. The doxology was then sung, the benediction pronounced, and the Conference closed its sessions a few minutes after midnight.

The following are the stations of the ministers in the Hamilton District:—Hamilton, W. Smyth, Henry Hughes, J. Shaw, supernumerary; Ancaster, Jas. Caswell, Joseph Philp, J. Histon, superannuated; Waterdown, John Kay; Barton, F. Haynes; Galt, D. Smyth; Hespeler, Wm. Williams. Jas. Caswell, Chairman.

General Assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian Church.

Hamilton, June 5.

The Assembly met, according to adjournment, this morning, at 11 o'clock, when an hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The first order of business was a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto anent the standing of Rev. Dr. Willis on the roll of the Presbytery, he having gone to Scotland. The Presbytery, with a sense of respect and gratitude for past valuable services, desire to retain his name on the roll.

Before the members dispersed, the Clerk read a communication from the ladies of Knox's Church, extending a cordial invitation to the members of the General Assembly to attend a social welcome meeting in the basement, at 6 o'clock this evening.

The report of the Committee on the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by the Rev. Mr. McTavish. The committee reported the state of the fund as more prosperous than last year; and recommended additional provision being made, so that every minister, on arriving at 70 years of age, might have a retiring allowance of $400 per annum.

On the motion of Mr. King, the report was referred to a committee to be named by the Moderator.

The consideration of the act respecting the admission of ministers from other churches was next entered upon.

The Act had been sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries, ten of which had adopted it *simpliciter*, four had adopted it with some alterations, and four had not been heard from. The Act itself is found amongst the minutes of 1870.

Dr. Proudfoot moved that the Act be now passed by the Assembly, in order that it might become the law of the Church.

THE bogus census cost $410,000.

Wellington County Council.

Guelph, 5th June 1872.

The Council met at 3 p.m. The Warden in the chair.

The Warden presented several accounts from Mr. James Webster, South Riding Registrar, which were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer read his financial report for the year ending 31st June, 1872. Referred to the Finance Committee.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Treasurer's Statement embraces: 1st. Auction licenses issued since 22nd January. 2nd. Rents of toll gates on the County roads received from the 1st of June, 1871 to the 1st of June, 1872; also rents in arrear paid by whom. 3rd. Expenditure on the County roads from the 1st of June, 1871 to the 1st of June, 1872. 4th. Assets and liabilities of the County to date, including the fixed liabilities up to and inclusive of the 1st of July, 1872; also the whole of the debenture and interest liabilities. 5. Estimates of the year 1872-3.

Twenty-five auction licenses have been issued during the year.

The estimated expenditure of the County for the coming year, exclusive of any grants that may be made during the present session, is as follows:—

Salaries and allowances	$2645 00
Remuneration of members	1400 00
Education	2894 00
Agriculture (N., S. and Centre)	300 00
Books, printing, insurance and fuel	1850 00
Interest on debentures	5818 33
Debentures maturing	12,527 00
Administration of justice and payment of jurors	5000 00
Contingencies	3000 00
Excess of expenditure over revenue for 1871-2	1150 05
Gravel roads, 142 miles, at $50 per mile	7100 00
Road contingencies, inclusive of all outstanding accounts to date	1000 00
Total	$44,681 38

Expenditure on County Roads from 1st June, 1871, to 1st June, 1872.

		Excess of vote of Council.
Guelph and Mount Forest	$4154 46	$4469 46
Guelph and Saugeen	6031 72	631 72
Dundas	699 00	
Eramosa and Erin	1916 61	166 61
Erin and Esquesing	717 16	527 16
Fergus and Douglas	357 00	57 00
	$14,000 95	$2,591 95

The county debenture and interest debt on the 2nd July is $130,329 23.

There are arrears on toll gate rents due to the amount of $1,614, distributed over the following:—John Blakely, No. 4 Guelph and Mount Forest Road, $452.28; R. McGuire No. 7, do., $168.56; Wm. Rennie, No. 5, Guelph and Saugeen Road, $25 (petitioned against); James McKee, No. 5, do., $168.13; Ed. Vaughan, No 6, do., $221; Ed. Vaughan, No. 7, do., $345.14 ($30 thereof petition against); J. Hockins, No. 1 Dundas Road, $61.82; W. McPhail, Erin and Esquesing, $70; J. McCarthew, No. 2, do., $12; R. Young, No., Fergus and Douglas, $100.

The Treasurer draws attention to the increased expenditure of Board of Public Examiners under the new School Act, as compared with the old. In 1869 the expenses of the Board were $414; in 1870 $417.76, and for the last half of 1871 and the first half of 1872 677.29, showing an increase of $259, 54 or 62 per cent.

In regard to non-resident lands, the Treasurer strongly urges that the returns sent in to him, under sections 92 and 118 of Assessment Act of 1868-69, should embrace the whole of the taxes inclusive of school rates, and that the practice of separating the taxes and multiplying the rolls be discontinued, so that a non-resident land owner can have the opportunity of knowing what amount of taxes he is required to pay, also that the roll before transmission to the Treasurer be carefully examined with the resident roll so as to prevent lots being twice assessed, and so obviate receipts being presented to the Treasurer for taxes on lands on the resident roll which have also been returned on the non-resident roll. The Treasurer further recommends that Assessors should in accordance with the Act, furnish him with a diagram of lots returned to him for arrearage of taxes so as to allow the Treasurer to collect the taxes by sale if necessary instead of the amount being lost to the municipality through a defective description of the land as is too often the case.

Petitions were received from ratepayers in Erin, for a grant of $600 for road and bridge purposes; from the Village Council of Mt. Forest, for a grant of $400 for do; from ratepayers in West Garafraxa, for $600 for do.

A report from the Commissioners of the Elora and Saugeen Road relative to the decayed condition of a bridge within their jurisdiction, and the necessity for immediate attention there to, was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

The Council then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Guelph, 6th June.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment—the Warden in the chair. Members all present.

The Warden read a communication from Mr. Alex. Fraser, relative to damage done to his cutter in the winter by coming in contact with a pole frozen in the ground on that part of the road between Blyth's and Powell's Hotels. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

The Warden read a communication from Hon. Billa Flint, relative to a grant towards the purchase of a new Marchmont House (in place of the one recently destroyed by fire) at Belleville, where Miss Macpherson proposes to establish a Home for destitute and orphan boys.—Referred to Finance Committee.

A very interesting discussion arose in regard to this matter, the opinion being freely expressed that not only should some assistance be extended to Miss Macpherson in her praiseworthy work, but also that some steps should be taken to establish some such Home for the County of Wellington in connection with the proposed House of Industry and Refuge.

On motion of Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Piper, a By-law was introduced for the purpose of assessing an equivalent to the Government grant in aid of public schools for 1872.

The By-law No. 115 was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Nicol, a By-law was introduced for the purpose of extending time for sale of lands for arrears of taxes.

On motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Henderson, standing rule No. 39 was suspended till 12 o'clock, noon to-day, in order to admit of delayed petitions being presented.

Petitions were presented from the Village Council of Fergus relative to increase of accommodation at the High School in Fergus; from certain ratepayers in Arthur and Luther for a grant of $600 for repairs of road leading to Arthur Station;