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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1868.

PRICE ONE PENNY

**ALBION HOTEL,**  
St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.  
MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the ALBION HOTEL, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.  
30th March, 1868. L. W. DECKER.

**HALIFAX HOTEL,**  
MOLLS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.  
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.  
HENRY HESSLEIN, Proprietor, 42m  
Halifax, 12th August.

**DOMINION HOTEL,**  
GUELPH.  
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MADONNELL-ST., a few doors above Highbottom's Drug Store, immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the hotel. Reasonable rates for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 15th. dwly

**AMERICAN HOUSE,**  
BOSTON, MASS.  
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of Tuitt's magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entries have been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly repainted and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.  
Aug 18 do 6m LEWIS RICE & SON, Prop'rs

**CANADA HOUSE,**  
CALEDONIA SPRINGS,  
Near the Original, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario.—By A. M. F. GIANELLI.  
THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodations of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every necessary demanded by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly furnished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, and particular care taken of the arrangements for the use of the same. To meet the requirements of all, without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for the use of the same are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Ball Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other requirements. The Saline, White Sulphur, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.  
For further information, please address  
A. M. F. GIANELLI, Proprietor, Montreal  
Montreal 30th April. dwlm

**CASLE GARDEN SALOON,**  
MARKET SQUARE,  
GUELPH, ONT.  
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

**THE BAR,**  
will be supplied with the best  
Wines, Liquors & Cigars  
And the table with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

**LUNCHEON!**  
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

**OYSTERS AND GAME,**  
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

**JOHN MILLER,**  
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.  
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do tf

**New Catechism**  
FOR THE PEOPLE.

**WHO do the Largest Boot and Shoe Business in Guelph?**  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Who have the largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Who have the Newest and Best Styles of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Who have always been in the front of the Trade in Guelph, in a position to offer inducements to the public which no other House in the Trade can do. CALL AND SEE, and you will be convinced that large and varied as our stock always has been, our stock the one now on hand far exceeds anything ever shown by us in the past.

**Support Home Manufacture**  
And keep your money in the County.

**Remember our Goods are all Warranted.**  
**TERMS** Cash, and no Second Price.  
Guelph June 15 dwtf  
**PREST & HEPBURN.**

**Canada Clothing Store!**  
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

**BARGAINS**  
Positively selling off at

**20 PER CENT BELOW COST**  
COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOATHS, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.  
A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from \$10 to \$45, in good working order. Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.  
Guelph 29th July. dw  
**RICHARD ANLEY.**

**ESTRAY OX.**  
CAME upon the premises of the subscriber, Lot 24, Con. 4, Eramosa, on the 21st August, a white Ox, marked with the letter W, on the off hip. The owner can have the animal by proving property and paying expenses.  
JOHN GRIEVE,  
Eramosa, Aug. 28. w3d1

**NOTICE.**  
ALL persons indebted to Dr. PERKINS, Bookbinder, are hereby notified to settle the same immediately, otherwise their account will be put into Court for collection.  
Rockwood, Aug. 5th 1868. w1

**No 10, No 10.**

**FRESH BISCUITS,** of all kinds,  
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

**MARMALADE, PEACHES and PRUNES,**  
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

**PURE MOCHO and JAVA COFFEES,** Roasted on the premises,  
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

**TREAS,** from 50c. and upwards,  
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

**TOBACCOS,** Natural Leaf, Chewing and cut,  
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

**BRIAR Pipes and Pocket Knives,**  
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

**N. B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is selling off in the same premises.**  
Guelph, Aug. 27. do tf

**SALT, SALT**  
Wholesale and Retail at

**A. H. R. KENNEDY'S**  
FLOUR and FEED STORE.

**UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH**  
Guelph, July 24. dw-1f

**Accommodation STAGE**  
To and from Fergus.

THE Subscriber begs to intimate to the public that from and after MONDAY, the 31st of August, he will run a Stage daily direct from Fergus to Guelph, as follows: LEAVE FERGIS at 7 o'clock, a.m., making Guelph in time for the morning trains East and West. RETURNING, WILL LEAVE GUELPH at 6 p.m., after the arrival of the train from the East, making Fergus at half-past eight o'clock. Special attention paid to the comfort of passengers, and particular care taken of baggage and parcels.  
JOHN GERIE, Proprietor,  
St. Ann's Hotel, Fergus.  
Guelph, Aug. 29. dw 4w

**OPPOSITION STAGES.**  
A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. JOHN GERIE has signified his intention through the Fergus paper, of starting an opposition line of stages, to run between Fergus and Guelph only, I beg to announce to the travelling community, as well as the public at large, that for the last two or three years, I have run a line of stages so as to accommodate both Fergus and Elora, lined to meet the arrival and departure of trains at Guelph. As I am one of the largest stage proprietors in Canada, as well as a mail carrier, I can and will suit the wants of the travelling public as well as Mr. Gerie. I therefore have to mention that I will run covered stages at the times and hours mentioned by Mr. Gerie, and convey passengers at the rate of 10 cents, (return tickets) free of charge for passengers. These rates will be adhered to so long as Mr. Gerie's line exists.  
R. B. COULSON,  
Stage Proprietor and Mail Contractor.  
Guelph, Aug. 29. dw 2w

**BOOK - KEEPING!**  
Evening Classes for Young Men.

MR. WM. HART will open classes in BOOK-KEEPING, PENMANSHIP, and COMMERCIAL ARITHMETIC,  
ON MONDAY EVENING, SEP. 7th,  
In the West Ward School House. For terms, &c., apply to  
WM. HART, Teacher.  
Guelph, August 31st. dw

**PHOTOGRAPHY!**  
Large PHOTOGRAPHS,  
CHEAP.

At MARSHALL'S.

COME and see my NEW CAMERA for Large Photographs, one of ROSS' BEST LENSES.  
W. MARSHALL,  
Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.  
P. S.—Groups in doors or out. 6d-1w  
Guelph, August 31st.

**FOR SALE.**  
SODA ASH—"Gambles"  
CAUSTIC SODA—"Gambles," "Widnes," "Alkali Com'ry," "Garrett's."  
SAL. SODA.  
CHLORIDE OF LIME.  
PALM OIL.  
W. T. BENSON,  
37 St. Peter Street, Montreal  
Montreal 1st April, 1868 dw-6m

**JUST RECEIVED**  
AT THE

**Medical Dispensary**  
An entire NEW STOCK of

**Toilet Requisites.**

**E. HARVEY & CO.**  
Wyndham Street,  
OPPOSITE ENGLISH CHURCH.  
Guelph, August 31st. dw

**BILLIARD HALL!**  
Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,  
GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Belgian Standard American tables.  
W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor,  
Guelph, June 24. dw 1y

**FACTS for ADVERTISERS.**

The circulation of the DAILY and WEEKLY MERCURY is DOUBLE that of any Paper in Guelph, and larger than that of any paper published west of Toronto. Advertisers, both in this County and at a distance, should bear this fact in mind when they wish to make their business known to the public.

**Evening Mercury.**  
OFFICE.....MADONNELL STREET  
WEDNESDAY EVG, SEPT. 2, 1868.

**Local News.**

**HAMILTON RAILWAY BY-LAW.**—The voting on the railway by-law to transfer the G. W. R. stock to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, took place in Hamilton on Tuesday. At the close of the poll the vote stood, for the By-law 720 against it 84.

**OTTAWA ASSIZES.**—Chief Justice Richards arrived in Ottawa on Tuesday. The Assizes opened on Wednesday. It is thought quite probable that Whalen's trial will commence on Friday next, as the Crown fears that the witnesses may be tampered with. Mrs. Whalen has arrived from Montreal.

**DIVORCES.**—An unpleasant notion of the spread of "American institutions" may be gathered from the fact that in the official Gazette there are four notices of application to Parliament for bills of divorce, three of them being on the part of the husbands, and one on the part of the wife; and all from the Province of Ontario. One is from Toronto, one from Prince Albert, one from Ingersoll, and one from Woolwich.

**THE BELLE RIVER TRAGEDY.**—An inquest is sitting on the bodies of the three Van Ordens, who lost their lives in one of the mills burned at Belle River on Saturday night. It was proved that Robert, the man arrested on suspicion had on several occasions used threatening language towards Van Orden. So far the evidence strongly implicates Robert, who is now held under the coroner's warrant.

**HOME AGAIN.**—Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, of Puslinch, reached home on Saturday last after an absence of three months on a trip to the Red River. He looks well and hearty, and seems to have enjoyed his journey to the North-West very much. Mr. McKenzie has kindly proposed to give us in a week or two an account of his trip with his impressions of the Territory through which he travelled, which we feel sure will be read with great interest by our readers.

**FIRE NEAR HILLSBORO.**—About two o'clock last Sunday morning the barn on a farm belonging to Mr. Arthur McLean, about one and a half miles from Hillsboro, was entirely consumed together with its contents, consisting of all the grain which grew on one hundred acres. The farm was rented by Mr. Hans Weaver, to whom the crop belonged, and he is therefore a heavy loser. He saved nothing. The barn, an old log building, had been insured by the proprietor. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

**BASE BALL MATCH—INGERSOLL WINS.**—A most exciting match game of base ball was played at Woodstock on Tuesday, between the Young Canadian club of Woodstock, and the Victoria Club, of Ingersoll, for the silver ball and championship of Canada. The Ingersoll club won by six runs. Ten innings were played, there being a tie on the ninth innings. The game created great excitement. The Young Canadians have hitherto held the championship successfully against all comers.

**CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—From the Minutes of the Canada Presbytery, we glean the following facts: The Church is divided into 14 Presbyteries, with 543 charges, supplied by 278 ministers. There are 24,834 families, and 49,109 communicants. In its Sabbath Schools there are 24,830 scholars. It provides church accommodation for 115,185 persons, and expended for all purposes in the year ending April 1st, 1868, \$346,545.

**SEPTEMBER FAIR.**  
So far as the number of cattle was concerned the fair on Wednesday was an immense improvement on the two or three which preceded it. More animals were offered at this fair, we believe, than at the last two put together. Working oxen were plentiful, and as usual held high, and young cattle for feeding were the demand was by no means urgent. There was a fair representation of milch cows, but there were very few of them of superior grade. Buyers were particularly indifferent, and evinced no inclination to purchase except at a reduced figure. On the other hand, farmers held up pretty closely to old prices, and the result was an almost complete stagnation in business. Perhaps there never was a fair in Guelph at which so small a proportion of the cattle offered were disposed of. The eastern markets have much more beef than they can make use of, and the relative prices of the article here and in the States will not justify the drovers in exporting. Hence their apathy. The selling of beasts by weight was entirely ignored, but the rates at which those that changed hands were sold would be equal to three cents a pound, live weight. The following sales were effected: Patrick Murphy, of the Albion hotel, sold a cow and calf for \$19.50. John Cleghorn sold a yoke of fat cattle for \$135. John Carter two heifers for \$105. John Koehler, Hespeler, a cow for \$30. Jonathan Cox, Erin, a cow for \$30. Stewart McCutcheon, Erin, two cows, one for \$30, the other for \$25. John Johnson, Erin, two steers \$60. George Sleeman, a cow \$60. Nicholas Rogers, Erin, a yoke of oxen \$118. Walter Laing bought a cow for \$22, and John S. Armstrong a very fine yoke of oxen for \$132.

**Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory.**

No fact is more indisputable than that the man who rises in the world by industry and perseverance, who increases his own property without diminishing that of others benefits the community in which he lives, or the country of which he is a subject, as well as himself individually. It is, or should be always, a pleasing to watch the progress of men who gifted with a little more energy than their fellows, or a little superior tact, having been for some time undisturbable in the crowd running life's race beside them, gradually make their way to the front, and find the close of their career an ample reward for the labours attendant upon it at the beginning. We have said that the relation between individuals and society is such that the former cannot prosper without the latter deriving some benefit from the success. In this belief we notice with much pleasure that an establishment, which had outgrown its former quarters, has been transferred to Guelph, in order that it might have more room to spread, and a wider circulation for its operations.

Mr. J. A. McMillan who for some years carried on the manufacture of boots and shoes at Fergus, having stores in both that village and Elora, have recently removed here in order that a larger town, and a wider extent of tributary country might afford him greater facilities for disposing of the large stock of goods which his numerous and first class machines enable him to turn out. From a moderate beginning Mr. McMillan has prospered until he is now owner of one of the finest boot and shoe manufactories in the Province. We would not be understood to imply that he employs the most hands or does the most extensive business, but he has the best and most costly machinery to be found. Mr. McMillan does not intend to desert his old friends; he will still keep the stores in Elora and Fergus, and it is almost needless for us to mention that he has opened a store in Guelph, in the premises recently occupied by Mr. Gow, for the sale of his manufactures, and of leather and findings.

The flat immediately over the store is where all the machines are placed, and has for its occupants the men who work the heavier ones, the girls who manipulate the lighter ones, and the cutter. At the back end of the shop the boot or shoe-making process begins and is finished when the article, whatever it may be, has arrived at the front. In the rear, placed against one of the walls is a large box or tank filled with water in which a very considerable quantity of sole leather can be put to soften. So far there is nothing striking, but the advantage of machinery is discernible in the next operation, in one which it undergoes. The workman is not obliged to sit for half an hour, paring off with his knife the inequalities on the rough side of a pair of soles; a simple contrivance called a skiving machine levels them in a moment. The leather is put between a plain and a ridged roller which are turned by means of a handle in a small wheel at the end, a knife stationed at a proper elevation directly behind the rollers, and the material as it passes through and the shaving process is completed in a few moments. We should have mentioned that previous to skiving the leather is cut into long strips, the breadth of which is proportioned to the size of the boot or shoe intended to be made. The old method of pounding the leather on iron with a hammer has been superseded by a machine made to pass under a heavy pressure, and they come out firmer, more solid and more level than the hammer could make them. The dieing machine is next called into requisition. This like many of the others is a curiosity in its way. A die of any shape may be attached to it of course, and a boy works it by means of a treadle. The strips of leather are laid under the die which is then made to descend and cut as though a sole is fashioned. The die then ascends, and before it comes down again makes a turn from toe to heel, and thus right and left are formed, and no assistance from the knife is required. Dies for all sizes of work are on hand. A moulding machine gives the set to the soles—that hollow in the shank, and convexity in the forward part—which is always to be seen in new boots, and is used for cutting out the uppers, which are then sewed by a machine as usual. The lace holes are punched, and the outlets inserted with remarkable quickness and precision by machines for the purposes. In fact almost everything in the establishment under notice is done by a die or a machine. Even the strips of patent leather, which sometimes adorn ladies' shoes at the place where they are laced, are cut with a die. The upper having been put upon a last, and the sole fixed on, the boot or shoe goes to the pegging machine. This is an ingenious contrivance not at all befittingly described. Like many of the others it works with a treadle, and the situation of the man who attends it is no more inelegant. A strip of wood as broad as a peg is long, and so tough that it can be wound up with a comparatively small circumference is placed on a sort of reel and one end thrust into its proper receptacle in the machine, which continues as it is worked to draw the wood in while a knife keeps cutting the latter into pegs. The awl which makes the holes for these and the hammer or small steel rod which drives them are worked by a strong spring that comes down with a loud click, and makes a hole and sends a peg down its full length every time it descends. The work of pegging on a sole occupies only a few seconds. The sewing machine is a costly and elegant piece of mechanism that we may not, because we cannot, attempt to describe. Suffice it to say that it does its work as efficiently and as quickly as its confederate of the peg.

The next thing to be noticed is the building of the heel. Dies of all sizes are used for cutting out the pieces. A boy then builds them, on a block for the purpose, to the required height and subjects them to the action of a heel press.—This is very similar to a copying press, but much heavier, and the upper plate is forced down against the leather by turning the wheel attached to the upper part of the screw with a lever. It is said that a pressure of seventy tons can be exerted, and it is certain that the press comes out one solid, immovable lump of leather.—After the heel has been fastened on, the boot or shoe is taken to the finishing machine where it receives the last touches. There are various other machines, almost too numerous to mention, as the sale of

say. There is one for skiving counters, one for cutting shank pieces, one for cutting the thin slips that are always sewed in the leg seams of Wellington boots, one for creasing, or making those small ridges which we sometimes see in the uppers of gaiters, and one for treadling. The main object of applying machinery to do work which could be performed by hand, is to save time and labour. The machines we have noticed fulfil this end, and some of them do even more—they save material. Scraps of leather are now used which would have been thrown out if they had to be fashioned by the workman's knife for any particular purpose.

We have thus attempted to describe the equipments for turning out work possessed by an establishment that forms an addition to one branch of industry in our town. Few would be gratified if Mr. McMillan, or any other enterprising man, did not succeed; many will be pleased if he do. The demand for goods such as he manufactures is always on the increase, and the more we wish him to, that a remunerative number may tread upon his wars.

**MINTO CORRESPONDENCE.**  
From our own Correspondent.

**HARRISTON FAIR.**—The fair held in this village on Friday last, notwithstanding the busy season of the year, was very numerous attended. There were between two and three hundred cattle on the ground, but there was a lack of buyers, and the usual amount of business does not seem to have been transacted.—Prices offered were considered too low, and those asked may have been too high. The following are a few of the sales effected: A pair of Redskin, five head, \$115; Jas. Hartigan, yoke working oxen, \$85; Jas. Troy, do, \$95; James Best, do, \$87; J. Ranton, do, \$85; Samuel Moyer, do, \$60; Joseph Davidson, heifer, \$19; Jac. Weber, five pigs, \$27.50; A. G. Markle, three pigs, \$30; Capt. M. Bateman, one cow, \$20; James Kean, a cow, \$25.50; Joseph Lavery, three head, \$75; Joshua Harrison, a cow, \$20; John Lang, a foal, \$30; Thos. Ginn, a steer, \$20.

**THE WEATHER, CROPS, &c.**—There never was a better season for harvesting, and the crops, with the exception of a little late oats and barley, are all safely housed, and notwithstanding adverse appearances, there is in this township enough and to spare; even those who were expected to be "constitutional grumbler" being obliged to confess that they have been more bountifully dealt with than a short time ago they had reason to expect. Early on the morning of the 18th we had a splendid shower of rain which refreshed and invigorated everything, benefiting to a certain extent even the potato crop generally, and which, on Friday following, did us a most wonderful effect. It rains this morning, and has the appearance of continuing for some time. Mr. George Bennet, a gentleman residing in the village of Harriston, assured the writer and others that, while on the Monday previous to the rain his potatoes were not worth looking at or could scarcely be seen, he was on the Friday following digging them up as large a size and good a quality as he had them at the same season last year.

**W. G. & B. RAILWAY.**—The engineers resumed the survey of the line at the village of Harriston last week. Passing contiguous to the south-east of the village they proceeded in an almost direct northerly course to the village of Ayrton, in the township of Normandy, distant from Harriston about ten miles—the route being found very level, but in some parts swampy. Ayrton is as yet comparatively in an embryo state, but occupies a splendid position for a town, possesses an immense water privilege, and with the benefits derivable from a railway station, must soon become a place of considerable importance. The depot from the Harriston arrived here on Saturday night, remained at Allan's hotel over Sunday, and then proceeded to Mount Forest with a view, it is understood, of plugging up the Narrow Gauge. What became of the Guelph gentlemen is not known—they were not heard of here.

**THE LAST OF CHADLING.**—Some time ago Peter and John Campbell, of Minto, were reported to have cradled five acres each of good fall wheat in one day. Thereafter a Mr. Patterson, of Wallace, was said to have outdone Minto by cutting 5½ acres of spring wheat; but the Mintonians maintain that 5 acres of fall wheat are fully equal to 5½ of spring, and the last note is that John McDougall, of the township of Normandy, distant from Mr. Archibald Ferguson, Con. C. of Minto, between six o'clock in the morning and sunset, 6½ acres of spring wheat. It is not stated whether the crop was light or heavy, or whether the straws were counted or not. Enough about this for the season.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—An old man named James Callinan, a laborer, residing near Harriston, was suddenly taken ill on last Thursday morning, and died in about an hour afterwards. A jury was summoned and an inquest held in the evening by Dr. Cowan, coroner, the examination of the body having been made by Dr. Crandal of Clifford. From the evidence adduced the verdict of the jury was "death from excessive drinking." Notwithstanding the habit which resulted in death, deceased was an industrious man, of a mild, cheerful disposition, and well liked by those for whom he labored. He leaves a wife and young family.

**THE CROPS IN PERTH.**—A correspondent writing from Perth says: "Our fall wheat was good, yielding 140 bushels from 4½ acres of land, including 30 bushels of oat straw, which was the product of a bag sent from Guelph last year. In barley the straw was short, but yielded well, giving us 70 bushels from two acres. We have threshed 250 bushels of spring wheat; it also turns out well. The oats are very prolific. Our potatoes are not so good as usual, while some of our neighbors say they never had better. Peas are not as good as formerly. The turnip crop will be an inferior one in many sections, while in others it will turn out well.

**RIFLE MATCH IN HAMILTON.**—At the rifle match in Hamilton on Tuesday, Mr. Wm. Holliday, of Guelph, took the fourth prize in the all comers match, any rifle, ranges 300, 400, and 600 yards. The highest points were 61. Mr. Hal-

**"THAT REPORT."**

To the Editor of the Mercury.  
SIR,—The genius who has been writing nearly all the letters on the school question in the Advertiser, and then criticizing and commenting on them in editorials in the same paper, quite excels himself in his notice of "that famous report," which appeared in that paper on Thursday last, and which seems to have greatly affected his nerves. We are lost in admiration and wonder at the ability displayed in his review of it. His letters signed Classicus were but juvenile effusions compared to this brilliant bit of indignant expostulation and censure; his former articles were completely thrown into the shade by this crowning effort, for it rivalled Junius' greatest letters in the dignity of rebuke and in the withering scorn that it directed to the miserable victims of his wrath. So lofty, so impassioned, so grandiloquent, I trembled as I asked myself whether indeed, it could be Classicus, who has "the highest respect for the gentlemen composing the Board," and who until now calmly surveyed the situation with unruffled temper, but whose hot wrath now seeks to extinguish that unlucky committee at one full sweep, if not also to annihilate the Board, and willingly acknowledge the profundity of the review. It contains "no foolish string of empty sounds," but is pregnant with vigorous thought, and exhibits a consciousness and becoming sense of the chastisement inflicted on such an obtuse, ignorant body of men, who either would not or could not detect the great gifts of this genius, who under the mask of disinterested public spirit has raised all this dust about our schools, and who now runs frantically to and fro trying to keep it up in order to make the public believe that he is to be the great reformer, or rather it may be to blind their eyes as to where the real fault lies.

We do not wonder that this stern critic discovered a "vacuity of sense" on the part of those gentlemen constituting the Board, and who pretend to sit in judgment over our schools. We do not wonder that they incurred such a reproach, that such a stigma should attach to their own education when a report was presented which was a "disgrace to the committee that conceived it—doubly so to the Board that received and adopted it." "Gentlemen should be ashamed of themselves." "It stands out in bold relief as a monument of stupidity and incapacity." These are gems of the purest water, emanating doubtless from a mind as pure. But allow me to ask how it happened that you looked into a vacuity to find sense? Do all your notions but a genius can answer the question. Let me ask another question, and please give me an honest answer. Was there nothing in "that report" to ruffle your temper? Was there nothing you might profit by inferentially? Was there not too many "ifs" to leave an one in doubt that it was a puff? "If Mr. So and So is this, and Mr. So and So does the next thing," is the ambiguous language employed, which might mean either praise or blame as you choose to read it. Our genius must have regarded it in the latter sense, or how foolish to be angry about it.

Our reviewer asserts in one place that the report contains nothing, and then in the coolest manner possible asks us to be ashamed of ourselves. Why feel ashamed when we have done nothing to cause us to be so? Medical men inform us it is difficult to tell when genius ends and insanity begins. I sincerely hope our genius will not undergo this painful transformation. But is there really nothing in that report worthy of our reviewer's consideration? Is it silent on the questions which have called forth so much childish scribbling in the Advertiser? I think not. If you cannot see on account of vanity or some other infirmity, just accept the assistance of a friend to point them out to you. One writer speaking of the Common Schools affirms "that our schools at present are a disgrace to the town, and nobody seems to take any interest in them or in anything about them." This contains a sweeping charge against the Board and all connected with it.

Now what says that report in reference to the Common Schools. It says:—"Your committee are pleased to observe that the Headmaster pays a high tribute to the efficiency and attention of the Common School teachers, who in his opinion are pains-taking, conscientious men, devoted to their profession, honestly discharging the duties devolving upon them." Here we have the two opinions placed side by side, first Mr. Goldie's, then the Headmaster's. It appears, however, now that the latter opinion—judging from the review of the report—was wrong. Well, doctors will differ, even though they are L.L.B.'s, and such being the case we leave it a moot point.

I would only state in conclusion that I shall be most happy to meet our reviewer and any of his friends—Mr. Goldie included—at the next quarterly examination of our Common Schools, when he will have an opportunity of confirming his first opinion in regard to the state of the schools, or at least modifying his letter views as circumstances may warrant. Every facility shall be afforded to all comers.  
Yours, &c.  
REPORT.

Guelph, Sept. 1st, 1868.

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