

Business Cards.

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Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

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OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church,
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Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

SCHEER, J. WATT, W. R. CUTTEN,
Guelph, March 1, 1871. (dw)

LEONARD ALLAN, prize drum maker, and sign painter. Drums repaired in first-class style. Agent for The Guelph Mercury. Widdowson P.O. Co. Wellington. (w)

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at

CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
134 W. JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham street, Guelph. (dw)

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. First-class livery in connection. May 11th. JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET
Refitted in the latest fashion. First-class style. Pheasant tables. (dw)

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best liquors and cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where favorite dishes will be served up at all hours. Pheasant tables, and a billiard table. (dw)

NEW COAL YARD.
The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO. MURTON, (dw)

J. MARRIOTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M. R. V. S. L. L. B. V. S. S. A.
Having just arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, he finds himself qualified to practice his profession. Orders left at the Veterinary Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Bakery Street, opposite Howarth's new foundry, will be promptly attended to. Having had great experience in diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. (dw)

HOTEL CARD.
The Right Man in the Right Place.
THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has the honor to possess the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he keeps in connection, a first-class and comfortable accommodation to merit a fair share of patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Lodging, Washing, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.
THOMAS WARD,
(Late of Crown Hotel),
Proprietor,
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1872. (dw)

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.
Office over Dr. Har-
rington's, corner of
St. George Street,
Guelph. (dw)

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,
Licentiate of Dental
Established 1861.
Office next door to
the "Advertiser" Office,
Guelph. (dw)

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED—As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. (dw)

WANTED—A situation as Book-keeper, 12 years experience. Best of references. Apply at W. Bell & Co. (dw)

STOCK FOR SALE.—Two Bulls, ten and fourteen months old. Also several thoroughbred and Grand Cows and Heifers. (12-14) J. & W. WATT, Saleen P.O. Ont. (dw)

TO LET—With immediate possession, the stone cellars, rooms, offices, and upper story in Brownlow's Buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Brownlow, of William Day. (dw)

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffey, Guelph, December 27th, 1872. (dw)

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.—For sale, the Wanzel, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Enquire at the Machinery Office. GEO. SLEEMAN, (1815) (dw)

NOTICE.—All parties indebted to the undersigned by Note or Book Account are respectfully requested to make settlement of the same before the 15th of February. Any remaining unsettled after that date will be handed into Court for collection. GEO. SLEEMAN, (1815) (dw)

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.
The Annual Meeting of the St. Patrick's Society will be held on THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, inst., at DRADY'S Wellington Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.
By order of the President,
EDWARD O'CONNOR,
Guelph, Feb. 10, 1873. (dw)

MRS. W. BOWERS—Begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that she is prepared to do Dress and Mantle-making, Stamping, Braiding Straw and Felt Millinery, Bonnets and Hats made over in the latest styles. Also, dresses cut and fitted. A large assortment of Ladies and Children's patterns for sale, with instructions. Charges moderate. Apprentices wanted. Residence—Opposite Knox Church, Guelph. (14-17) (dw)

ROBERT CRAWFORD,
PRACTICAL
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, Hair Pins and Jewelry Work. Clocks and Time pieces, Jewelry repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

SEED GRAIN FOR SALE.
Farmers and others wishing to buy Seed Grain will find it to their advantage to call

At Jas. McMillan's
Before purchasing, and examine his choice stock of Peas, Oats and Barley, which he will sell cheap for cash. He also pays the highest price for Produce, Wool, Hides and Skins. Remember the place, Day's old block, below the G. T. R. crossing, next to Mr. T. J. Bell's warehouse, Gordon st., Guelph. (dw)

JAS. McMILLAN,
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869,
AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF.
In the matter of John Robert Porle, of the Town of Guelph, Jeweller, an Insolvent.
The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his place of business on MONDAY, the 25th day of FEBRUARY, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to receive a statement of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.
W. J. PATERSON,
Interim Assignee. (dw)

FURTHER SHIPMENTS
NEW GOODS
Eighty-six Packages.
JOHN MACDONALD & CO.,
TORONTO.
\$20 REWARD.
The above reward will be paid to any one who having asked for a pair of

"Myrtle Navy,"
Has had given him a pair not stamped
T. & B.
Any person selling any Tobacco for Myrtle Navy, but the genuine article, renders himself liable to a heavy penalty.
N.B.—Keep the Plug and write to us.
TACKETT & BILLINGS,
Feb. 10, 1873. (dw)

A UCTION SALE
Homestead, in Guelph,
Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873.
AT TWO P.M., AT THE PREMISES.
Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford streets, Guelph, consisting of one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (two in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses, also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump.
The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit trees, and is in excellent condition, and is situated on a large family plot, and is well presented to persons desiring of preserving a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a most agreeable homestead.
Groups of land, well known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, are now being offered for sale, and are now presented to persons desiring of preserving a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a most agreeable homestead.
Terms—One-third cash, and the balance in 12 years at 7 per cent. interest half yearly, reduced by mortgage and fire policy. Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. Title good.
Intending purchasers are referred to LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors, or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.
N.B.—The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon. (dw)

Guelph Evening Mercury

Local and Other Items.
A MATCH at the "roaring game" will come off here, in the rink, to-morrow (Thursday) between tworniks of Reformers and Conservatives, the losers to pay for an oyster supper. Play to commence at two o'clock p. m.

We have to thank John Anderson for one of his hot-air mechanical appliances to the stove which he has sent down, from his new book store. John says he has a only few more in stock, but can get any quantity. They look first-rate on any stove.

DESERVED.—The County Council of Bruce has sent a document to Col. McGovern, President of the Wellington Grey and Bruce Railway, complaining Mr. Hendrie, Mr. George Lowe Reid, Mr. Thomas Ridout, the President, and the Board of Directors, for their untiring exertions in connection with the construction of the road.

FEES EXHIBITION.—Messrs. Rockwell & Hendrie, through our advertising columns, that they will be in Guelph on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst., in front of the drill shed, at one o'clock each day, for the purpose of giving instructions in the art of training the horse. These gentlemen are spoken of very highly as trainers of nobles, and we think we would give in quest of information not to fail attending their classes.

URGENT OPERATION.—A most important surgical operation was performed in New Market on Tuesday. It consisted in removing an ovarian tumour weighing forty pounds from the body of Mrs. Brogan, a woman of 50 years of age. The operation was performed by Dr. Wedderfield, M. R. C. S. England, of this place, who was assisted by Dr. Hillary of Aurora, Dr. Morton of Bradford, Dr. Reid of Kansas, U. S., and Dr. Lundy of Newmarket. Up to the present the patient is doing well.

Dr. Donnelly, Hamilton, was found dead in his office between 7 and 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. It appears that his friends, not having seen him for several days past, became anxious concerning his whereabouts, and accordingly applied to the police to go and search his office, which was done, resulting as above stated. He is a single man about 40 years of age, and has been in the habit of drinking.

A COOL CEREMONY.—A Cleveland paper says: On that cold Monday, the 30th of December last, the rite of baptism was administered to three ladies by a minister of the Baptist Church in one of the houses in this county. A hole was cut in the ice, and the thermometer down to zero, the minister entered the creek, tightly enveloped in a water-proof suit, and immersed the three ladies. The ladies had on their usual wearing apparel, no water-proof vestment for women. Before the ladies he took to the nearest house, their hair and clothing were frozen stiff. One of them is confined upon a sick bed with the chances against her ever recovering, and the other two are ill from the effects of their immersion.

ACCIDENT IN HILLSBURG.—An accident of rather a serious character happened in the store of Mr. D. McMillan, Hillsburg, on Thursday the 6th inst. John Strachan, son of Rev. D. Strachan, 13 or 14 years of age, was attending the store in the absence of the proprietor. It appears that in the afternoon that the fire had got under the boy's head and shoulders. The poor lad ran outside almost enveloped in flames. He immediately received assistance. His face neck and arms were badly burned, but is under careful treatment and is doing as well as can be expected. Fortunately for the building there happened to be several men close by who, upon hearing the alarm of fire, got blankets and succeeded in smothering the flames, and the building slightly damaged. This, and other similar examples, should be a warning to people who are in the habit of smoking in their shops, and their neighbors' property as well as their own.

POLICE COURT.
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.
Wednesday, 12th Feb., 1873.
George Hill and Charles Callum were charged with riotous and obscene language. Fined \$5.00, or 15 days in duration. They paid.
Szwartzenberger, the man arrested by Constable Nichols on Tuesday, was examined at 4 o'clock the same day and dismissed on account of some technical irregularity.

A Bride Murdered.
A shocking tragedy occurred in Fayette County, West Virginia on the 22nd January. A Mr. Potter, a very respectable and industrious man led to the altar on that day, a buxom and charming young woman named Nellie. After performing the marriage ceremony the friends of the married couple adjourned to the residence prepared for their future home, where they ate and drank and danced until midnight when the wedding two were left to rest. Shortly after they were disturbed by a loud knocking party with their hats, horns, shot-guns, &c., drew up in front of the house and their horrid noise disturbed the bride that she arose and taking a lighted candle went to the front door for the purpose of inviting the newcomers in to take some refreshments. Immediately on opening the door a volley of four guns was fired at Mrs. Potter, the contents of one striking the door post and glancing entered her ear, and lodged in the centre of the brain. With a cry of agony the unfortunate bride of a few hours fell to the ground from which she was removed by her grief-stricken husband, and after lingering in intense pain for 36 hours expired. Three of the ruffians were arrested and lodged in jail.

Meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Guelph, in connection with the Canadian Presbyterian Church, met in Chalmers' church on Tuesday, according to appointment, Rev. J. Middlemiss, of Elora, Moderator, pro tempore. Among the business transacted the following items are of more general interest: The remit from the General Assembly on the standing of the retired ministers was considered, when it was agreed to recommend that each case be dealt with by the Supreme Court on its own merits. The recommendations contained in the report of the committee on statistics was read, and it was resolved that they be brought under the notice of congregations and applications from the congregations of Arthur and South Luther and Waldemar to the Home Mission Committee for supplement, were submitted and ordered to be forwarded to the proper quarter. The Committee to carry out arrangements for the celebration of the Sabbath School Conference, reported that the conference had been held, that it was a successful and encouraging one, and that it had adopted a series of resolutions, which were read and adopted by the Presbytery, and a copy ordered to be sent to the conference on Sabbath School. The deputation appointed to visit Duff's Church, East Puslinch, reported the steps they had taken to give effect to the resolution of Presbytery appointing them. The report was received, and their diligence commended. Considerable discussion followed regarding the call to Mr. Urquhart, but ultimately it was carried that the call be sustained and forwarded to that gentleman, but the Clerk was instructed to make him acquainted with the facts of the case, and the want of harmony in the congregation regarding the call. As only a few sessions had been made any return to the reference sent down to them as to the propriety and mode of increasing to six hundred dollars the salaries of those ministers in the bounds who are receiving less than that sum, it was resolved that their attention be again called to the matter, and that they be required to report hereon at next ordinary meeting. A deputation was appointed to visit the congregations of Erin and Caledon West, in respect to a proposed separation of these charges. It was carried by a majority, that should the General Assembly proceed at their first meeting to appoint a Mission Secretary, Mr. Torrance be recommended as a proper person for this office. It was agreed to nominate Rev. Mr. McLaren for the chair of Systematic Theology in Knox's College. A subscription list from Moorefield, containing sums amounting to upwards of \$300, for the erection of a brick school, was presented, and the Clerk stated that he had also received a copy of resolutions adopted at a meeting of the subscribers, at which a Building Committee had been appointed. Mr. Davidson was appointed to meet with the Committee, and see that the title deeds of the property were duly prepared and executed. Home Mission business was next taken up and disposed of, embracing report of supply and distribution of the same for the quarter, and of the services of those employed in the Mission Field and vacancies of the Presbytery. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Fergus, on the second Tuesday in April, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Congregational Church Social.
On Tuesday evening a social was held in the lecture room of the Congregational Church here. The evening was fine, and the turn out larger than was anticipated. Ample provision was made for every one, and after three long tables and a cross table had been twice filled, an extra table was provided in the vestry for the waiters and those who came a little later in the evening. It was customary to praise the tea, cakes, &c., on such occasions, whether the articles are good or indifferent, but we have never been guilty of giving praise where it is not really merited. The ladies of the Church deserve credit for the manner in which the tables were got up on this occasion, and for the superior quality of the tea. Their efforts were fully appreciated by all present. Tea was over and the room cleared of the tables, &c., about ten o'clock, at which the hour the speakers got together.

Proceedings were now commenced by devotional exercises, after which the Rev. W. F. Clarke, pastor of the congregation, spoke for about half an hour. He gave an interesting account of his connection with the Church in Guelph during the past twelve years—of the many difficulties overcome by his people during that time—of his reason for retiring and his future expectations. Although his new sphere of labor would oblige him to be considerably from home, yet his family would remain in Guelph, which he should all ways look upon as his home. He would be occasionally with them to see how they were getting along, and the interests of the Church would continue to be as dear to his heart in the future as in the past. He was exceedingly happy to state that the handsome and commodious new Church in which the congregation worshipped was out of debt, and that great credit is due to the self-denying efforts of the members of the church in this matter. He impressed upon them the necessity of being united in all their future actions.

Revs. Messrs. Torrance, Hogg, Ball and Waddupe followed, all of whom spoke of their very high respect of Mr. Clarke, and their sorrow for parting with him.

The social was a success, the singing of the Choir (Mrs. Budd presiding at the melodeon) a greater success, and the speaking the greatest success.

The congregation are likely to secure the services of a very fine young man, recently from Britain, and who has already preached acceptably to them.

Curling Match.
Yesterday (Tuesday) the St. Mary's and Woodstock men played for the possession of the Royal Guelphian Medal, on the covered rink here. Victory perchance upon the hammer of the St. Mary's men, by nine shots.

SCORE.
St. Mary's No. 1. W. McMillan, 15; J. Robinson, 15; Dr. Ford, 15; J. Patterson, skip, 15; T. M. Nichols, skip, 15.
No. 2. J. D. Meir, 15; J. W. Meir, 15; J. Patterson, 15; W. Robertson, 15; W. Totten, skip, 16; J. McIntyre, skip, 23.
Majority for St. Mary's, 9.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Affairs in Spain.
King Amadeus Determined to Abdicate.
The Cabinet to Tender Their Resignations.
Gaffney's Pretended Insanity a Ruse.
He Will be Hanged on Friday.
A Sea of Fire.
Horrors of Drowning Passengers.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—Midnight.—At eight this evening King Amadeus announced to Senor Zorilla that he was determined to adhere to his resolution to abdicate. Since Saturday last, when his Majesty declared his intention of quitting the throne, the Ministers have strenuously endeavored to dissuade him from doing so, but their efforts have proved futile. The announcement that the abdication is certain creates a profound sensation, but tranquility prevails.

A royal message announcing the determination of the King will soon be submitted to the Cortes. After its presentation the Cabinet will tender their resignations.

London, Feb. 12.—No further news has been received from Madrid.

The announcement of the abdication produced profound sensation in Berlin. The German papers hint that it was caused by French intrigues.

The ten millions dollars Erlangon convertible bonds were subscribed yesterday. The lists will remain open two days longer. The indication is that there is great confidence in the Watson administration.

Buffalo, Feb. 12.—The jury of inquisition appointed to decide as to the insanity of Gaffney, the murderer, have agreed that he is perfectly sane. He will accordingly be executed here on Friday next.

Titusville, Pa., Feb. 12.—Further developments of the disaster on the Alleghany Railway show further loss of life. Several tons of oil were precipitated down an embankment, the oil suddenly igniting and spreading rapidly in every direction, carrying flames some distance out on the water of the river, cutting off every way of escape for drowning passengers, except through a lake of fire. In some instances they plunged underneath the burning waves, and swam to points of safety. The coach was of iron, and turned over once and a half, plunging its occupants into the fire, and holding them there as if by a wall.

Great Fire in Orangeville.
Special to the EVENING MERCURY.
Orangeville, Feb. 12th, 1873.
About one o'clock this morning fire was discovered in rear of McClellan's store, and before anything could be done to stay the progress of the flames the fire spread on the west to J. Lindsay's general store, W. J. Atcheson's Bazaar, J. Kern's general store and J. Pattullo's law office; and on the east to Wm. Campbell & Son's office, Tilt & Miller's shoe store, Poyntz's drug store, Lloyd's general store, Ramsay's marble shop. The losses as well as can be gathered are as follows: Lindsay, about \$8,000, insured for \$7,000; Atcheson, about \$3,000, insured for \$2,000; Kerns, about \$5,000, insurance not known; Pattullo, nearly everything saved; Wm. Campbell & Son, nearly all saved; Tilt & Miller's loss about \$6,000, insured for \$3,000; Poyntz's loss about \$7,000, insured for \$4,000; Lloyd's loss about \$4,000, insurance unknown; Ramsay's loss about \$300, insurance unknown. The remainder of the village was saved by the arduous exertion of the citizens who laboured under the disadvantage of having no fire engine.

New Way of Raising the Wind.
Reading, Feb. 8th, 1873.
To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir,—The proprietor of the Guelph Herald claims that its circulation has increased considerably within the last few months, and if so, I believe I can tell you how the result has been reached. It is reasonable to suppose that the same means have been used in other localities that were used in this, and I proceed to show you the way it circulated to such an extent as it did here. When Dr. Orton came out as candidate for Centre Wellington, in opposition to Mr. Ross, the paper was out as chief supporter for the Doctor, and when in this place, as far as I can make out, every man's name he could find out was marked down as a subscriber to the weekly Herald. At the same time his political friends were assuring the people (although it turned out to be no such thing) that the paper was to be presented to all, for the space of six months, gratis. I never spoke to any of them, nor they to me, about it, and I don't think Mr. Fahy saw me at all, yet the paper was sent to me, and of course, without my consent. When the six months were up I stopped the paper, as I did not want to pay for it, not thinking it worth any more than the postage to me. No sooner had I done this than I received a "dinner" for one dollar for six months subscription for the weekly Herald. Was not that a fine trick to extend the circulation of the Herald? I don't know whether they can collect that dollar or not, but suppose the Herald would not recede to such schemes unless he first satisfied himself that it would succeed. But do you think it will do to obtain subscribers that way? If it won't, and the people find it out, I guess the Herald will never be taken down. If it will do, then the Mercury may do the same, and so on every other paper, upon the same principle, and the result will be when you have all the disposition to act that way, we shall have to take and pay for all the papers whether we want them or not. I hope it will never be from Mr. Fahy's hands to take that Herald again, filled as it has been with bombast and nonsense.

In conclusion I would advise Mr. Fahy not to force his paper any more upon people, under the pretense of a present, when he intends all the while to pay for it. Although he has not acted honorably in this matter, I certainly know that the deception is despicably mean, and will lower him (if that is possible) in the estimation of all right thinking men.

HENRY KING.

Toronto Correspondence.

Our spell of severe weather has been followed by a week of really fine, mild, enjoyable weather, with its almost invariable concomitant, the "epizootic." People really began to anticipate an early spring, but we suspect, from the sharp turn assumed by Jack Frost this evening, their anticipations are decidedly premature. Still it is marvellous how greatly the snow has disappeared during the last few days, and wheels are about as numerous on the streets as runners.

Toronto is still well supplied with entertainments suitable to every taste. Professor Martin has been nightly, during the past week, treating crowded houses to specimens of his skill in loggerrmain, &c.; whilst Mrs. Martin has been equally electrical in her wonderful exhibitions of clairvoyance. The Professor has been liberal in the way of presents to his audience, and on one occasion, after the performance, a couple of men might be seen triumphantly bearing on their shoulders a bureau as the product of their presence at an investment of 25c in the Wizard's entertainment; another man was lucky enough to obtain \$10, whilst sundry jokes were cracked at the expense of those who were fortunate enough to draw from the "lucky bag" such useful articles as toy cradles, &c.

I heard a rumor in town, but will not vouch for its accuracy, that the Rev. Mr. Darling had joined the Roman Catholic persuasion; at least my informant was told so by a member of that body. Such a step on the part of the Rev. gentleman would not surprise a number of people who have long regarded the reverend gentleman as entertaining notions more properly pertaining to the Romish than to the Anglican Church.

I am sure there will be a very general feeling of regret in your quarter to learn that the Rev. Dr. Panshona's only daughter, and who is married to Professor Rainer of Cobourg College, is about to be removed to the Southern States in order, if possible, to check the rapid progress of a consumptive attack, but grave doubts are entertained as to the desired beneficial result, first from the change of air, being delayed somewhat too long, and secondly because her mother is said to have succumbed to the same insidious disease. It is said the Dr. himself contemplates visiting England early in the spring, but strong hopes are entertained that his preferences for Canada will become so decided and strong that, from a short absence, he will return to settle in Canada. It is perfectly astounding, his friends say, the amount of enthusiasm of a practical nature he has evoked amongst the members and adherents of his own denomination, and it is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the amount of his splendid pulpit and platform gifts, the absence of such executive talent as his should be deplored.

Parliament has not been particularly busy during the past week; the Municipal Loan Fund and Surplus questions produced such a rush of deputations throughout the week that what was intended to be the great governmental scheme of the week has been postponed. Wellington was largely and influentially represented during the deputation "rush," and I have no doubt made due impress on the minds of the government. The night of the Wellingtonians were in a way not a favorable one for parliamentary interest, most of the sitting being occupied by the discussion of legal subjects which are usually, as was the case then, superlatively uninteresting. "Charlie" Ryker has been particularly conspicuous during the past week in parliamentary annals, making prodigious headway, that wonderful scrap book of his. Possessing more courage than prudence, he seems to be very fond of going for "Big Thunder," who has promised to look up "Charlie's" antecedents, with a view to a well-deserved drubbing. I am told not a tithe of the Billingsgate that was uttered on the occasion referred to was reported. When Mr. Bethune's bill, having reference to habitual drunkards, was being debated, "old Calvin," as he styles himself, was on hand to deliver himself in its favor, declaring at the same time he had been a teetotaler for 40 years, and during that time not one drop of drink had gone down his neck. (Laughter.) He said he stood there a monument 75 years old, and had seen hundreds and hundreds of men in the same position of life he was in going down to the grave as drunkards, but more than the half of these were never understood to be drunkards. He said there were various definitions of drunkards; some said that a man was not drunk until he had laid down on the ground and held on by the grass. He had cured scores of men of drunkenness because if he saw a bottle in a man's pocket he took it out and broke it. (Laughter.) The old gentleman's second sound on the drunkard's limits whatever he may be on timber ones.

By the return of Registrars Fees just laid on the table, I find that the South Riding of Wellington fees for 1872 are \$1,683; North Riding do., \$3,152; Waterloo, \$3,504; Westwood, \$7,440; Bruce, \$5,579; Grey (N.E.), \$3,487; Grey (S.E.), \$2,504; Huron (N.E.), \$4,100; Halton, \$2,367; Peel, \$2,596; Perth, (N.E.), \$3,297; Perth, (S.E.), \$2,297. It must be born in mind that by a recent Act of Mr. Blake, a considerable percentage, varying according to amount, is returned to Government on all amounts above \$3,000; so that Toronto with \$8,000 of fees has, I understand, to return 50 per cent. thus netting the Registrar only \$4,000. It may be interesting to remark that the County of Wentworth have petitioned for separation from the city of Hamilton for judicial and registration purposes. There is a large total increase of fees, some \$15,000, I think, over last year, due in some cases to railway enterprise, and oil and salt speculations, but in the main to a general healthy state of prosperity resulting in the subdivision of several estates into town and village lots.

The papers connected with the Agricultural Farm have also been tabled. It will be seen that the Commissioners prefer Mr. Stone's to Mr. Wm. Hood's farm; the former has 550 acres valued at \$70,000, and the latter 400 acres valued at \$24,000. There is also an offer from Mr. S. McCuen included in the return, and I understand that more land can be got in the immediate vicinity of the Hood farm, if wanted. I did not observe that the Commissioners absolutely recommended any locality wherein to fix the site of the College. There is also appended a statement of the amount of expense connected with the Commissioners, and their little trips to the various localities, also the expenses of Professor Miles of Michigan, in connection with his examination of the Mimico soil, &c., which