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### Business Cards.

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

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

**STEPHEN BOUT,** Architect, Con-  
tractor and Builder. Planning Mill, and  
every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the  
trade and the public. The Factory is on  
Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

**CARVER & HATHERLY,** Contractors,  
Well Sinks and General Jobbers.  
Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the  
day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near  
Ryan's ashery. (dw)

**THORP'S HOTEL,** GUELPH, remod-  
elled and newly furnished. Good ac-  
commodation for commercial travellers.  
Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-  
class Livery in connection. May 14th  
JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

**WILLIAM J. PATERSON,**  
Official Assessor for the County  
of Wellington.  
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. (dw)

**LEMON & PETERSON,**  
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,  
Solicitors in Chancery,  
Conveyancers and Notaries Public.  
Office—Brownson's New Buildings, near  
the Registry Office.  
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,  
CHAS. LEMON, County Crown Attorney

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,**  
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,  
Solicitors in Chancery,  
GUELPH, ONTARIO.  
Guelph, March 1, 1873. (dw)

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

**IRON CASTINGS**  
Of all kinds, made to order at  
**CROWE'S IRON WORKS,**  
Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
154 W. JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

**O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,**  
IN THE  
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE  
THE MARKET  
Redeemed in the latest fashion. Finest  
style Phelan Table (dw)

**W. H. TAYLOR,**  
CARRIAGE SILVER PLATER,  
GUELPH.  
Only one this side of Toronto.  
All work warranted the best. Please send  
reference list. (dw)

**DR. BROCK,**  
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE  
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church,  
Quebec street, Guelph.  
Dr. Brock having returned from the South  
will attend to all professional calls as usual

**ROBERT CRAWFORD,**  
PRACTICAL  
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller  
Windsor Street, Guelph.  
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches,  
Clocks and Time pieces, Jewels repaired and  
made to order. Plated Goods in variety.  
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

**J. MARRIOTT,**  
Veterinary Surgeon,  
M.B.C.V.S., L.H.V.M.A.  
Having lately arrived in Guelph from Eng-  
land, and taken up his residence here, he  
begs to continue the practice of his profes-  
sion. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or  
at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite  
Howard's new foundry, will be promptly  
attended to.  
Having had great experience in all diseases  
of Horses and Cattle, he places special  
value on his treatment, which is the most  
effective. Charges moderate. (dw)

**IRON AND BRASS**  
Castings of all kinds made on short notice at  
**THE GUELPH UNION FOUNDRY**  
We also keep on hand four qualities of  
**BABBITT METAL.**  
HALLIDAY & HEATHER,  
Hastings Street, Guelph. (dw)

**DOMINION SALOON.**

**FRESH OYSTERS**  
IN EVERY STYLE  
to be had at this saloon.  
The best Liquors and Cigars always in  
stock.  
Guelph, Sept. 30, 1872. (dw)

**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
Licentiate of Dental  
Surgery  
Established 1864.  
Office next door to  
the "Advertiser" Of-  
fice, Windsor St.,  
Guelph.  
Residence opposite  
Mr. Hunt's Factory  
References: Dr. Clark, F. C. McGuire,  
Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Dr.  
Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Dr. Elliot,  
& Meyers, Dentists Toronto. (dw)

**W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,**  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  
Office over E. Har-  
vey & Co's Drug  
Store, Corner of  
Windsor and Mac-  
donnell-sts. Guelph.  
Nitrous Oxide  
(laughing gas) ad-  
ministered for the  
extraction of teeth with-  
out pain, which is  
perfectly safe and reliable.  
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod,  
Clark, F. C. McGuire, Herod, and  
McGregor, Guelph; W. R. Graham, Dentist,  
Brampton. (dw)

### New Advertisements.

**SERVANT WANTED**—For general  
housework. Apply to Dr. Brock, Quebec  
street. (dw)

**APARTMENTS TO LET.**—To let,  
apartments in a new house, conveni-  
ent to the Market House. Apply at this  
office. (dw)

**DR. CLARK** will be assisted in the  
practice of his profession by Dr. Col-  
lince, Doctor of Medicine, Edinburgh, and  
Member of the Royal College of Surgeons,  
England. (dw)

**BOARDERS WANTED**—A few board-  
ers can be accommodated at the house  
formerly occupied by the late Mr. Edward  
Carroll, Nottingham street.  
Guelph, May 1. (dw) MRS. ROSS.

**COTTAGE AND GARDEN TO SELL**  
OR RENT.—A cottage with two and a  
half acres of good land, one mile from the  
Market House. Immediate possession will  
be given. Apply to Henry Hatch. (dw)

**BUILDING SITE FOR SALE**—In  
town, well cultivated, well fenced, 44  
acres, spring creek running across, 60 assort-  
ed fruit trees, frame stable, &c. Terms easy.  
For particulars, apply to Robt. Mitchell,  
No. 1, Day's Block. (dw)

**\$5 to \$20 PER DAY.** Agents wanted.  
All classes of working peo-  
ple, of either sex, young or old, make more  
money at work for us in their spare mo-  
ments or all the time, than at anything  
else. Particulars free. Address G. Stinson &  
Co., Portland, Maine. (dw)

**MONEY TO LEND,**  
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's  
fees or commission charged. Apply direct  
to the undersigned.  
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,  
April 24, 1873. (dw)

**MONEY TO LEND,**  
On farm security, at eight per cent. No  
commission charged. Apply to  
FRED. BISCOE,  
Barrister, &c.  
Guelph.  
April 4, 73. (dw)

**PROMPT PAYMENT.**—R. CHANCE  
returns thanks to E. Morris, Esq., on  
behalf of the Travellers' Accidents Insurance  
Company, for the very satisfactory and  
prompt manner in which they have paid his  
claim for the late accident he received in  
breaking his leg. Mr. Chance was insured  
for \$25 per week, and now receives the  
handsome sum of \$437.71 without scruple or  
diffidence. Mr. C. advises all to insure in  
this straightforward and honorable Com-  
pany. (dw)

**GORDON STREET BAKERY.**  
**Change of Business.**  
Notice is hereby given that the Bakery  
and Confectionery Business hitherto carried  
on by John Sole, senr., will, from this date,  
be continued by John Sole, junr., and R.  
Johnston, under the name and style of Sole  
& Johnston.  
Guelph, May 14th, 1873. (dw)

**WESLEY MARSTON,**  
Sewing Machine Repairer.  
All orders promptly attended to. Shop on  
the premises, Vermont street, opposite  
Nelson Crescent, Guelph. (dw)

**SIX Boarders** can be accommodated  
with first-class accommodation. Apply  
at the shop. (dw)

**THE**  
**Queen's Birthday.**  
**MR. H. K. MAITLAND**  
WILL GIVE A GRAND  
Vocal & Instrumental Entertainment  
On the evening of the above day  
**IN THE TOWN HALL,**  
When he will be assisted by several well-  
known Ladies and Gentlemen of acknowl-  
edged talent.  
For particulars see programmes.  
Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 50c. (dw)

**GUELPH DIVISION OF THE SONS OF**  
TEMPERANCE, No. 219.  
**LECTURE.**  
The Committee have great pleasure in an-  
nouncing that they have secured the ser-  
vices of the celebrated lecturer, Bro. E.  
CARSWELL, to lecture in the Good Tem-  
plars' Hall, on FRIDAY EVENING, 16th of  
MAY.  
Chair to be taken by His Worship the  
Mayor, at 8 o'clock. A collection will be  
taken up towards defraying expenses. All  
persons are earnestly invited to attend.  
The Division will meet at 8 o'clock on  
Thursday evening, at the Hall, when the  
friends will welcome all persons who may  
wish to become members.  
S. MOSELEY, Secretary.  
Guelph, May 11, 1873. (dw)

**RETURN VISIT**  
—OF—  
**GRACE EGERTON.**  
TOWN HALL, GUELPH.  
Wednesday Evening, May 15th.  
Entire Change of Programme.  
**ONE SPECIAL NIGHT**  
and absolutely the last appearance of this  
popular artist.

Price of admission, 25 cents; Reserved  
seats 50 cents.  
Reserved seats can be secured at Day's  
Bookstore on and after Thursday morning  
at 10 o'clock.  
Doors open at 7:30; commences at 8. (dw)

**TOWN HALL**  
Extraordinary Attraction.  
Friday Evening, May 16th  
The Great St. JAMES  
Minstrel & Variety Combination  
FROM THE  
St. James Theatre, Boston, Direct.  
A Glorious Congress of Artists.  
The Stars of the Profession,  
In a sterling Bill of Novelties.  
MINSTRELSY, BURLESQUE,  
COMEDY and FARCE.  
Everything ENTIRELY NEW.  
6 SUPERIOR COMEDIENS (dw)

PRICES AS USUAL  
Doors open at 7; entertainment to com-  
mence at 8.  
For particulars see bills of the day.  
Tickets for sale at the usual places  
m13-d4t B.F.N. WYCKOFF, Agent.

### DRESS AND MANTLE MAKING.

—AT—  
**The Fashionable West End.**  
**To the Ladies:**  
We have during the past two years con-  
templated the establishment of a Dress  
MAKING DEPARTMENT, in connection  
with our other branches. The difficulty  
of obtaining a suitable person to take  
charge, has, up to the present time, only  
prevented us from doing so.  
We have now great pleasure in inform-  
ing you that we have secured the ser-  
vices of Miss MORRISON, of Toronto, a lady  
of first-class abilities, highly recom-  
mended to us, and we believe eminently  
qualified to give complete satisfaction in  
every respect. Miss Morrison has for  
the past ten years occupied the position  
of cutter and fitter in one of the leading  
Fashionable Dress making Establish-  
ments in the City of Toronto.  
Miss Morrison is also an experienced  
Mantle maker, and all orders entrusted  
to her will be executed in a style equal  
to anything that can be obtained in the  
largest cities.  
Orders for these departments will be  
received on and after Monday next, the  
4th of May.  
A. O. BUCHAN,  
Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle  
and Millinery Establishment  
**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
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### Town and County News.

A BUTTER inspector has been ap-  
pointed by the merchants of Palmerston, and  
since May 1st, all butter brought into the  
village for sale has, and will be inspected.

**LECTURE.**—Remember Mr. E. Carswell's  
lecture in the Good Templars' Hall to-  
night. It will be well worth hearing.  
Lecture to commence at 8 p.m. A collection  
at the close to defray expenses.

**ST. JAMES' COMBINATION.**—To-night  
this famous troupe will exhibit in the  
Town Hall. If you want to pass a merry  
evening go and see them, they are unique  
in comicities. Doors open at 7 p.m.  
Prices as usual.

**BASE BALLS.**—The No. 1, Ryan dead  
ball, the one used in match games this  
season, is for sale at Day's Bookstore.  
He has also on hand a large stock of bats  
for men and boys. See advertisement in  
another column.

**DISTRICT MEETING.**—The Guelph Dis-  
trict Meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist  
body, was convened in Elora on Thurs-  
day. The ministers of the District and a  
number of laymen arrived on Wednesday  
night. Last evening one of the proba-  
tioners preached his "trial sermon."

**PRIMITIVE METHODIST SOCIAL.**—The  
social held last night in the above church  
was very fairly attended and was also  
gathered a very pleasant and profitable af-  
fair. The programme consisted of songs,  
reading, recitations, &c. by members of  
the society and others, which were duly  
appreciated.

**GAMES ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.**—  
Messrs. Deady and Heffernan are engaged  
collecting subscriptions for prizes to be  
given at the games on the Queen's Birth-  
day. They have been very successful, and  
promise a first-class programme in the  
shape of games and amusements for the  
24th. The programme will be issued in  
a few days.

**ACCIDENT ASSURANCE CO.**—An ad-  
vertisement inserted by Mr. Robt. Chance to-  
day shows most conclusively the benefit  
of being insured in the Travellers' Ac-  
cidents Insurance Co. He has received in  
compensation the large sum of \$437.71  
since he broke his leg in the latter end of  
November. This fact speaks for itself,  
and should induce others to go and in-  
sure in the Travellers'. Mr. E. Morris,  
Manager Ontario Bank, is agent.

**PRESENTATION.**—On the evening of the  
10th inst., at a meeting of the Congrega-  
tion of the Canada Presbyterian Church  
in Rockwood, Mr. Alexander Nairn of  
that place, with commendable generosity,  
presented the above mentioned Church  
with a handsome and valuable silver  
communion service. Such a proof of  
interest and kindly feeling to this Con-  
gregation, of which he is a member, is very  
highly appreciated by all connected with  
the church.

**CONCERT ON THE 24th.**—We notice by  
advertisement that Mr. H. K. Maitland  
will give a grand concert in the Town Hall  
on the evening of the 24th, when he will  
be assisted by several ladies and gentle-  
men of acknowledged ability. Mr. Mait-  
land's concerts are always popular, and  
well patronized, and we doubt not the  
forthcoming one will be one of the most  
attractive features of the Queen's Birth-  
day celebration. The programme will be  
issued in a few days.

**NEW DRUG STORE.**—As will be seen by  
advertisement Messrs. Herod & Co. will  
open their new drug store, in Patrick's old  
stand, in a few days. No expense has  
been spared in fitting up the store, which  
when all the decorations are finished will  
be one of the neatest and handsomest in  
the country. A very fine and select  
stock of the purest drugs and medicines  
have been procured, and as the store will  
be under the management of a gentle-  
man of long experience and tried ability,  
the public may have every confidence in  
filling their orders and prescriptions  
correctly executed. Dr. Herod will have  
an office over the drug store, where par-  
ties requiring medical advice can see him  
at certain hours. It is expected the  
store will be opened on Monday next.  
See advertisement.

**WONDERFUL.**—Can anything good come  
out of Chicago? We are constrained to  
answer in the affirmative, for an exchange  
says the stone-cutters of Chicago have  
voluntarily reduced their wages "to meet  
the necessities of the times," from \$4.50  
for the working day of eight hours, to \$4.

### Local and Other Items.

**RIZL,** the Manitoban chieftan, is called  
the Captain Jack of the Dominion by the  
Graphic.

The stevedores and batteaux in Que-  
bec, have succumbed to the merchants, and  
all are now working again.

Mr. C. H. Corbett, Governor of King-  
ston, is spoken of as Warden of the  
new Central Prison at Toronto.

The Earl of Derby is to lay the founda-  
tion stone of Rev. Newman Hall's new  
chapel, in Westminster Bridge road, Lon-  
don, which is to cost \$150,000.

**TROTTERING RACE.**—The match trotting  
race at Clifton, on Thursday, between  
Quick's "Dominion Boy," of St. Catharines,  
and Ellis's "Minnie Collins," of  
Clifton, for \$1,000, was won by the for-  
mer in three straight heats.

The Railway. — We understand that  
Mr. Ridout, Chief Engineer of the  
W. G. & B. Railway, has informed the people  
of Kincardine that the Southern Extension  
will be completed to that place, and  
ready for traffic, by the 1st of October.

**SENSITIVE ACCIDENT.**—A man named  
Mitchell, an employe at the L. & P. S.  
R. workshops, met with a serious acci-  
dent on Wednesday. A splinter of hot  
iron struck the ball of the eye, cut a  
large gash in it, and it is believed totally  
destroyed the sight.

In the South Leeds case the Commit-  
tee decided there could be no scrutiny  
the petitioner not having filed the list of  
objected votes within the time limited.  
Mr. Richards, Q. C., for the sitting mem-  
ber, then took the preliminary objections  
to the petitioner's right to proceed, after  
which the Committee adjourned.

**ANOTHER BOOM GONE.**—The boom which  
resisted the course of the logs released by  
the breaking of a boom higher up the  
Gatineau a few days ago, broke on  
Thursday and 350,000 logs were sent  
floating down the stream to the Ottawa.  
Fortunately for their owners, they drifted  
by the wind and current against the  
south shore of the Ottawa, where they  
are comparatively safe.

**WIMBLEDON TEAM.**—Considerable sur-  
prise is expressed at the small number of  
Candidates for entrance to the Wimble-  
don team. Some dissatisfaction prevails  
as to the requirements of candidates,  
which may have prevented a large num-  
ber from entering, but on the whole they  
are designed to be in the interest and for  
the encouragement of the Active Militia.

**LUCKY.**—The largest lottery prize ever  
awarded was that drawn in the Havana  
lottery, April 22, by a Philadelphia  
lignor dealer, named Peniston, on the  
ticket numbered 1,077, for which he paid  
\$150 six weeks before. The face value  
of the prize is a half-million dollars,  
but the usual lottery discounts will  
absorb about a fifth of the sum in turn-  
ing it into cash. There were more than  
sixteen hundred tickets in the lottery.

**C. O. O. F.**—The Grand Lodge of  
Canada of the Canadian Order of Odd  
Fellows was opened on Thursday morn-  
ing in the Hall, King street, Toronto, when  
some sixty delegates from all portions  
of the Dominion were present and handed  
in their credentials. It is anticipated  
that an excellent meeting will take place.  
The Lodge sits two days, and during that  
time transacts the usual annual business  
and some business of importance to be  
brought before it.

**LOOK OUT FOR HIM.**—Fergus has had  
a sensation! A lad named James Strachan  
has been making free with the property of  
others without giving an equivalent for  
the same. He isn't particular about  
what he takes either, watches, cash, etc.,  
are alike to him, and though only 10 or  
11 years old can lie with the audacity of a  
rogue of 40. He has left Fergus, and  
may be pretty well-known by sight from  
the shameless custom he has practised of  
smoking tobacco in a long clay pipe  
wherever he goes.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—A fatal accident oc-  
curred between Port Robinson and Wel-  
land, on Thursday. A man named  
Daniel Foster, an employe of the Great  
Western Railway was nearly cut in two  
by the construction train. He was  
standing on a flat car, and when the  
train moved the fell back between the  
cars, the wheels passing over his thigh in  
an oblique direction, and mangled him  
terribly. He expired in a few minutes  
after. No inquest was held.

**GOOD SHOOTING.**—A friendly contest  
with the rifle took place here on Friday  
of last week, between Mr. Lillies and Mr.  
Herbert Swinford, six rounds each, 400  
yards. The day was very blustry, and  
by no means well suited for such a con-  
test, but the score shows well, and proves  
that both gentlemen understand the art  
of rifle-shooting. The score stood—  
Lillies, ..... 4, 2, 4, 4, 2, 4—20.  
Swinford ..... 3, 4, 2, 4, 4, 4—21.

The rifle used was a Maynard, and the  
system of counting that prevailing in  
England. The competitors formerly be-  
longed to the 80th Wellington Rifles, On-  
tario.—*Manitoban*, April 19th, 1873.

**SURPRISING VITALITY.**—The assessment  
returns for St. Thomas have been made,  
and show an increase of 43 per cent.  
Last year the total assessment of real  
and personal property and taxable in-  
come was \$988,485. This year it is \$1,  
404,885. This does not include the prop-  
erty of the Canada Southern Railway,  
which is exempt from taxation and  
amounts to \$150,000 more. The popula-  
tion has increased in a still greater  
ratio. The census shows a gain of 2,131  
within the twelve months, having risen  
from 2,906 to 5,037, or at a rate of 73 per  
cent. Four months ago, when the  
school census was taken, the population  
was given at 4,090. This would show an  
increase of 977 within that time. In  
1871 the total number of ratepayers in  
the town was 537. In 1872 it had in-  
creased to 705. This year it is 1,038.  
Comment on these statistics is unneces-  
sary. They evidence surprising vitality.

### THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

**Floods in Turkey.**  
**Carlist Success.**  
**Remored Seizure.**  
**Death in a Palace Car.**  
**Conspiracy Against M. Thiers.**  
**Pope Much Better.**  
**Nixon's Fate.**

Vienna, May 15.—Recent heavy rains  
have swollen the rivers and streams in  
the Turkish Province of Bosnia, causing  
them to overflow the banks and inundate  
a large portion of the country. A num-  
ber of persons were drowned and the loss  
by destruction of property and crops is  
very heavy.

Madrid, May 15.—A despatch from  
Barcelona—midnight—says the city is in  
a great state of excitement. Information  
has been received by the authorities that  
the Carlists, under Saballo, captured  
Matero, 12½ miles distant, levied contribu-  
tions upon the inhabitants and seized  
the Custom House. The rappel sounded  
in Barcelona and the troops are hurrying  
to Matero.

Utica, N. Y., May 16.—The Herald this  
morning contains a letter from Dr. Peters,  
director of the Litchfield Observatory,  
Hamilton College, refuting the theories  
of interior planets advanced by Professor  
Kirkwood, and adding proof that, from  
data relied upon, they are incapable of  
the construction placed upon them.

Little Rock, Ark., May 15.—A rumor  
was prevalent on the streets to-night that  
an attempt would be made at midnight,  
or shortly afterwards, by the adherents  
of Lieut. Gov. Baxter, to seize the records  
of office of Gov. Baxter, taking advantage  
of the absence of the Governor's private  
secretary. There is but little discernible  
excitement. Some 50 citizens are now  
in the State house and they will pass the  
night there.

Chicago, May 15.—The wife of Count  
Portales, of the French Legation at  
Washington, died this afternoon in a  
palace car, on the Burlington Railway,  
while returning from a visit to San  
Francisco.

Paris, May 15.—It is rumored the  
Legitimists and Orlanists have combined  
in a movement for the overthrow of  
President Thiers, and that they have  
sent M. Rochefoucauld to Vienna to ask  
M. Dechambona to authorize the Legiti-  
mists to nominate the Duke D'Anville  
for President in place of President Thiers.

Rome, May 15.—The Pope is much  
better.

New York, May 15.—The general term  
of the Supreme Court rendered a decision  
condemning murderer, denying a new  
trial or stay of proceedings. This de-  
cision destroys Nixon's last chance, as  
Governor Dix has declared that he will  
not interfere.

**By-law Carried.**  
(Special to the Mercury per Montreal Line.)  
Mount Forest, May 15.—The Egrem-  
ont Township By-law, granting a bonus  
to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway,  
was carried yesterday by a majority of  
two hundred and sixty seven, only twenty  
votes being polled against it.

**POLICE COURT.**  
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.  
Friday, May 16.  
Wm. Jackson charged by Constable  
Maddock with being drunk on the market  
square on the 16th inst. Fined \$1 and  
costs, or 10 days.

**The Colliery Explosion.**  
**The Inquest.**  
Halifax, May 15.—Although relays of  
men have been at work since yesterday,  
filling up the slopes and air shafts with  
clay, the fire still burns as fiercely as  
ever, and blue sulphurous flames are as-  
cending to a height of thirty feet. The  
roar from the burning mine is something  
terrible, and dense volumes of smoke  
continue to ascend from the several air  
shafts. No adequate idea can be formed  
of the terrible disaster. It is computed  
that the loss of property will be enor-  
mous, but that is nothing in comparison  
to the loss of life. All the woodwork in  
the mine has been burned, and experi-  
enced miners say it is one mass of burn-  
ing ruins below.

The causes that led to the disaster are  
not, as stated, owing to the strike of the  
miners, but to powder having been per-  
mitted to be used in one of the beds  
worked by a miner named Robert Mc-  
Leod, who insisted upon using it unless  
he received a higher rate for cutting  
without it.

In the inquest yesterday several im-  
portant facts came out in the evidence,  
which show a recklessness or careles-  
ness at work, and supervision of the  
miners in dangerous parts of the mines.  
The inquest on Wednesday was on  
the body of John Dunn, one of the miners  
who was rescued from the pit, but who  
died shortly after being brought up to  
the surface.

The jury returned the following ver-  
dict:—"That the said John Dunn came  
to his death on the 13th inst., by ex-  
posure to gas in the Drummond Colliery,  
caused by derangement of the ventila-  
tion of the mine, arising from fire in  
Robert McLeod's "bord." The jury  
consider care was exhibited in the man-  
agement of the mine, but express their  
regret that powder was permitted to be  
used in the bord worked by Robert Mc-  
Leod."

A fund for the relief of the distressed  
widows and orphans, rendered so by the  
explosion, has been opened. Relief  
meetings are to be held this evening in  
New Glasgow and Westville.

**DEBT OF SPAIN.**—The official returns of  
the Minister of Finance shows the total  
debt of Spain at the end of March, 1873,  
was 7,830,000,000 pesetas, about a third  
more than in 1868.

### Accident on the W. G. & B. Railway.

An accident occurred on the Wellington  
Grey & Bruce Railway yesterday after-  
noon, which was attended with very  
serious consequences to the Company,  
though we are happy to state no loss of  
life or limb was connected therewith. It  
seems almost incredible that such a  
thing should have occurred. When we con-  
template the nature of the accident, and  
the precautions taken to prevent it, we  
are almost inclined to attribute it to  
carelessness. Indeed, we might do so  
with a good prospect of substantiating  
the charge were we to accept the explana-  
tion of the engineer in charge of the  
locomotive which was more immediately  
the cause of the accident, for he did not  
hesitate to affirm that his signal "down  
brakes" was ignored until it was too late  
—until after, in fact—he had reversed  
his engine. However that may be, the  
accident occurred, and the damage in  
consequence is the almost complete de-  
struction of an engine and passenger car,  
serious damage to two other engines, be-  
sides lesser damages which in the aggre-  
gate will amount to no small item. The  
cause and effects as narrated to us by the  
station master and several persons con-  
nected with the train involved are briefly  
as follows:—About 2:30 p.m., the rear  
baggage car of a train going north, by  
some means got off the track; steps were  
immediately taken to remedy this mishap.  
By means of "jacks" the car was raised,  
and they were busy propping and prying  
when a train from the north loaded with  
ties appeared upon the scene. She was  
halted but a few yards from the first  
train, so that two trains were upon one  
track, one going north the other south—  
workmen plied with busy hands to set  
the trucks of the baggage car on the track  
again, and had almost succeeded when a  
note of warning was sounded by another  
train coming south loaded with timber.  
A messenger was immediately dispatched  
to signal the coming train, while the lo-  
comotives at the station shrieked "dan-  
ger," yet the speed of the coming train  
was not slackened. All possible haste  
was made to get the trucks on the track.  
Everything of which the officials could  
think was done to ward off the danger  
which seemed inevitable. The driver  
still no response from the brakemen  
until they came in sight of the  
trains ahead, then all the brakes  
whistled "down brakes" repeated, but  
were put on and the engine reversed, but  
it was too late—the speed of the train  
was so great that it was impossible  
to stop on the down grade, and the train  
came thundering, and with wonderful  
velocity, to its fate. Every eye was on  
it, would it stop in time? There was a  
perceptible slackening, would the calamity  
be averted? No! on it came, there was  
a crash, and the engine buried itself in  
the rear passenger car; but the end was  
not here. Such was the velocity and  
weight of this train that the heavily  
laden train at rest was set in  
motion, and rushed upon the train which  
was the primary cause of the accident.  
Steam was put on and the engines met,  
each was locked in the other's embrace,  
the meeting was terrific, iron three  
inches in thickness were snapped like  
pipe stems, the wrought iron encircling  
the cow catcher was bent into inconceiv-  
able shapes and the whole front  
of the engine lifted off the track,  
but the end had come so far as the  
damage was concerned. What's the damage?  
was the question now, and it was soon  
answered. An inspection showed that  
the three engines were damaged, two of  
them seriously—almost every airbrake  
coupling was broken, and the passenger  
car all but completely telescoped. A  
remarkable escape from death took place  
in this car. A little boy, son of the  
driver, was in the rear of this car looking  
at the coming train. In the hurry and  
confusion he was forgotten, and innocent as  
he was, could see no danger until just  
before the locomotive struck the car, when  
he thought the quarters were getting  
rather warm, and turning round towards  
the other end of the car. But the engine  
was quicker, and as it crashed through  
the car struck him and threw him some  
feet forward, happily out of danger, and  
fortunately against a well-cushioned seat.  
He picked himself up, a little frightened,  
but not hurt in the least. Operations  
were immediately commenced to clear  
the track, which was accomplished a  
little before six, and regular traffic was  
resumed after a very short interruption.

This is the first accident on the W.  
G. & B. line in Guelph, but we think,  
from what we could learn, that had the  
brakemen done their duty, we would not  
have had to chronicle even this. Acci-  
dents are becoming very common on all  
the roads in consequence of the excess of  
traffic thereon. If a delay of a few  
minutes occurs, the whole system is  
deranged. If a track can be left clear,  
well; if not, the chances are that some-  
thing similar to the above will occur,  
with "no one to blame."

**THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.**—The United  
States Government has found it neces-  
sary to appropriate a large number of  
stamps for the different departments of  
the State, in lieu of the franking privi-  
lege, which has been abolished. Each  
department will have a special stamp,  
differing in color from those in use by  
the public, the name of the department  
will also surround the medallion. The  
colors are said to be the following:—  
War Department, carmine; Navy, blue;  
Interior, vermilion; State, green; Treas-  
ury, velvet-brown; Post-Office, black;  
Agriculture, straw-color; Department of  
Justice, royal purple; Executive, blue-  
white. Congress appropriated \$600 for  
Executive postage, \$83,000 for State,  
\$800,000 for Post Office, \$604,000 for  
Treasury, \$153,000 for War, \$38,000 for  
Navy, \$900,000 for Interior, \$52,000 for  
Agriculture, and \$15,000 for Justice; in  
all, \$1,945,000.