

The Evening Mercury

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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 1874.

PRICE TWO CENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MY IMMENSE STOCK
OF
DRY GOODS
IS NOW
Open for Inspection.

On account of being delayed in opening until the season is so far advanced, I find that my stock is much too large in all kinds of seasonable goods, consequently I will commence selling at once all such lines, at about

WHOLESALE COST.

Call and judge for yourselves.

G. A. SMITH,
McQUILLAN'S BLOCK,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph
Guelph, Nov. 10th, 1874 dw

XMAS and NEW YEAR'S GOODS.

WE REMIND
"SANTA CLAUS"
That our stock of Goods suitable for the holiday season is of

Rare Excellence,
Cheapness,
and Variety.

WHILE WISHING ALL

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
We would invite their attention to

Bargains in Hardware.

To see is to buy at the popular hardware establishment of

John M. Bond & Co.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, December, 1874. do

I now show one of the finest Stocks of Goods, suited for Christmas presents, and at prices that will readily sell them. The choicest Goods bought for cash, very low, and will be rushed off cheap. Books, and all kinds of Fine Fancy Goods, at your own prices, at Day's Bookstore.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WM. NOBLE,
Opposite the Market, Guelph
NEXT TO HAT STORE.

Great Bargains for One Month!

Bound to Reduce His Stock

I am also prepared to make all ordered work, in the neatest style and of the best material, no matter how small. All sorts of little boys' work will be kept on hand. Repairing done on the shortest notice.

A Large Stock of Ladies Slippers

Velvet and Croquet, suitable for Christmas Presents.
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1874. WM. NOBLE, dwt

1874 1875

Christmas and New Year's

Presents and Gifts

Especially selected for the Season, and

Suitable for Every One.

SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS

AS USUAL AT

J. HUNTER'S.

The Largest, Most Attractive, Useful and Cheapest Stock of General

Fancy Goods, Dolls and Toys!

Will be found at J. HUNTER'S.

Cheap, Attractive and Useful Presents suitable for Old or Young.

J. HUNTER,
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Bookstore
Wyndham street, Guelph.
Dec. 19, 1874 dw

New Advertisements.

WANTED, a smart active boy to do the book and stationery business. Apply at J. Anderton's Books, &c.

HOT AIR FURNACE.

For sale, Midland Wood Furnace, as good as new, cost \$100, having been substituted by a more reasonable one. A. Levesque, Guelph, Sep. 8, 1874. dwt

GUELPH ACADEMY AND SEMINARY

The Young Ladies and Gentlemen of the above Institute will give a Christmas Soiree at the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, December 24th, commencing at 7 o'clock. The friends of the Institute are cordially invited to attend. dwt

TO THE ELECTORS OF

The East Ward.

GENTLEMEN—A large number of you have again consented to be candidates for your suffrages. Should you feel disposed to elect me, I shall continue to do all in my power for the interest of the Ward, consistent with the general interest of the Town. It will be impossible for me to interview you personally, I hope you will save me the inconvenience, and yourselves the annoyance of a general canvass. I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,
DENNIS COFFEY,
Guelph, Dec. 22nd, 1874. dwt

CRAWFORD'S Jewellery

Stock is SELLING OFF QUICK. Parties wishing Watches, Clocks, or Jewellery, will save money by calling at his Store, next the Post Office.

RENAULT, & CO.

COGNAC

CELEBRATED BRANDIES

(The oldest Bottlers in France.)

Hear what Dr. Sheridan Muspratt, F.R.S.E.; M.R.I.A., F.G.S., says: "Fine Pale Cognac—Renault's or Hennessy's—is often prescribed for invalids with great success."

To be had of all grocers and Italian warehouses in Guelph. dwt

ANNIVERSARY

SERMONS

The Annual Sermons of the Methodist Church of Canada (formerly Wesleyan) will be preached at the Church on SABBATH next, the 27th inst., in the morning at half-past 10 by Rev. Mr. Howard, and in the evening at half-past 6, by the Rev. Mr. Lancelotti.

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will take place on MONDAY EVENING, the 22nd inst., for which an interesting programme has been prepared, consisting of singing by the scholars (over 400), Addresses, Dialogues, Recitations, etc. Parents and friends interested in the Sabbath School are cordially invited to attend. Tickets, 25 cents. A. O. CHAM, Sec. Guelph, Dec. 22, 1874. dwt

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For any kind or style of Photograph, GO TO BURGESS'

For Frames of all kinds, GO TO BURGESS'

If you want a Frame made large or small GO TO BURGESS'

If you want to save money GO TO BURGESS'

Guelph, December 19th.

TO THE ELECTORS OF

The East Ward.

GENTLEMEN—I again ask your support for Councillor for the East Ward. My position in the Mutual Insurance Company prevents my personally waiting on you at this season. If elected I will act in the future as in the past. Will do my part to reduce taxation—consistent with the interests of the town. On nomination day I will have an opportunity of more fully explaining my views. CHARLES DAVIDSON, dwt

BASS ALE

ON DRAUGHT,

In Splendid Condition,

For sale at M. Deady's, Queen's Hotel, Market Square, and at T. Ellis' American Hotel, Upper Wyndham-st.

JOHN A. WOOD,

WHOLESALE IMPORTER,
Dec. 17, 1874. dwt

NELSON CRESCENT

GROCERY.

W. A. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has commenced business in the store lately occupied by R. S. King, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he has opened up a new and complete stock of Groceries and Provisions.

As all goods have been bought at the lowest figure for cash, they will be sold as cheap as by any other house in Guelph. He hopes by keeping a good article, and by paying strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage. Goods delivered to any part of the town. W. A. SUDDABY, do

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TUESDAY EV'G. DEC. 22, 1874.

Town and County News

WEST WARD.—The friends in this ward of Messrs. Melvin, Howard, McCrea, and Elliott are requested to meet in the reading room of the Wellington Hotel this evening at half-past seven o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

VIEWS OF GUELPH.—Mr. John Anderson has sent us some very pretty photographic views of Guelph, which are adapted for the stereoscope. They are executed by Mr. Esson, of Preston, and are really good. For sale at Anderson's.

REMOVAL.—Mr. W. J. Little has just removed to the new store, one door north of his old stand, in Mass' new building, which has been fitted up in first-class style, and is well filled with the choicest articles in his line of business. Don't fail to call and see his new shop.

ACCIDENT TO A HORSE.—On Monday evening while a team of horses was starting from the front of Jackson & Hallett's store, Wyndham street, with a load of wood, one of them, not being properly shod, or having too much of a load, fell on his side. Happily no damage was done, though the accident might have been serious. Those who own horses should be very careful during this season.

JUDGE'S COURT.—At the Judge's Court on Friday his Honor, Judge Macdonald presiding, David Green, (colored) who was remanded by the Police Magistrate on the 9th inst., to the next court of criminal jurisdiction for stealing 25 cents from a man named McKernan, elected to be tried by his honor Judge Macdonald, who, after hearing the evidence sentenced him to two months' imprisonment in the common jail.

POULTRY FAIR.—The annual poultry fair at Berlin was held on Saturday, in connection with the regular weekly market, and in every particular was a decided success. About \$300 was given in prizes ranging from one to ten dollars, the latter for the heaviest turkey. A large number of farmers—between 3,000 and 4,000—were in town. The entries were over five hundred, largely in excess of all former fairs, and over 4,000 lbs. of all kinds of poultry were shown, besides high any amount could be had outside of very fair prices.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.—We understand that the brethren of Speed Lodge intend to celebrate St. John the Evangelist's Day by a grand Festival in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 29th. No doubt there will be a good turn out of the members of the Lodge, as well as invited brethren from other Lodges. The members of Speed Lodge always get these Festivals up in grand style, and the one this season will be no exception to those held in previous years.

MOUNT FOREST TOWN HALL.—The new Town Hall for this village is all but completed. It is situated in a central part of the town, is two stories high, 80 x 30 feet, and is every particular in the style of the Mechanics' Institute and one for the Council room. The basement is divided into warehouses for produce dealers. The whole of the upper floor is occupied with the Hall, which is on the ground floor. There is a rear staircase to the platform. The building cost over \$4000, and will be a great convenience, as hall accommodation was much needed in the village.

ROCKWOOD.—L. O. L. No. 661, held their annual meeting for the election of officers on the 17th inst., and after the usual business of the Lodge was disposed of, the members were regaled with oysters. A very pleasant evening was spent. The following is the list of officers:—W. M., Bro. David Slank; Dep. M. Bro. Thos. Bro. Treasurer, Bro. Edward Magee; Secretary, Bro. Geo. E. Ramsay; Committee men—1st Bro. William Osburn; 2nd Bro. David Mitchell; 3rd Bro. Geo. Danbar; 4th Bro. R. B. Stump; 5th Bro. John Osburn.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—We are in receipt of the January number of this justly popular periodical, from the publishers in New York, and Tunis & Co., wholesale news dealers, Clifton. This is a very excellent number, contains over seventy beautiful engravings, while its literary contents cover an unusual variety of themes.

For the title folks there is a generous provision in the richly illustrated opening poem, "The Children's Night," and in the reproduction, with characteristic illustrations, of Robert Southey's "Story of the Three Bears." Miss Woolson's entertaining description of St. Augustine, profusely illustrated, is concluded. Junius Henri Browne contributes a biographical sketch, accompanied by a faithful portrait of George D. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal.

The third paper of the Centennial Series continues the review of the Mechanical Progress of the Century, treating of the improvements in Iron-working, Engineering, and Wood-working, and illustrated with twenty-four engravings. Sir Samuel Baker's new book, "Ismaïlia," furnishes the basis of a very interesting illustrated account of his expedition to Central Africa. William Black contributes a humorous Christmas Story. There are also short stories, appropriate to the season, by Ruth Dana and Virginia W. Johnson. Miss Dana's story, "Two Sketches," is beautifully illustrated. Mr. Mason's vigorously illustrated serial drama, "Rape of the Gamp," is continued. Emilio Castelar's Fifteenth Paper on "The Republican movement in Europe," also appears.

Poems are contributed by R. H. Stoddard and Nelly M. Hutchinson. Those who are desirous of a picture-book description of a gala night in St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the marriage of the Grand Duke Vladimir to the Grand Duchess Marie.

The contents of the Editorial Department are, as usual, varied, timely, and interesting.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, HARPER'S WEEKLY, and HARPER'S BAZAR, for one year, \$10 00; or any two for \$7 00; postage free.

Town Council.

The Council met on Monday evening. Present—The Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Pettie, Crowe, Elliott, Howard, Hood, McCrea, Coffey, Mills, Robertson, Hall, Heffernan, Davidson and Bruce.

The Mayor read a memorandum from Messrs. Guthrie, Watt & Cullen, respecting the times when the contractors for the work on the Market extension have to finish their work, viz., mason work, Aug. 15; carpenter work Oct. 7; to be completely finished two weeks after the plastering is completed; tinmith's work, Oct. 7; foundry work, as required by the contractors; painting and glazing, one month after carpenter work is finished.

COMMUNICATIONS.
From Police Magistrate, respecting report of sect. 3 of By-law, No. 164. Referred to By-law Committee.
From Mr. Minnamack, on behalf of Speed Lodge, asking for use of Committee Rooms and Council Chamber on the evening of the 29th inst.—Granted.
From J. A. Davidson, J. Reid, J. Robertson, J. Bryce, R. Melvin, J. Haley and J. H. Cox, in reference to the remission of taxes and assessments. These were referred to Finance Committee.
From Mary Atkinson and J. Lafferty, in reference to transfer of license. Referred to License Inspector.
From St. Ann's Society, asking for the use of Town Hall for the purpose of holding a concert.—Granted.
From J. Birmingham and R. Smith, asking that some action be taken in reference to the land at present in dispute between them and the Corporation.—Referred to Town Solicitor, with a request to report at next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Elliott presented the report of the Committee on Finance.
They recommended that Chief Constable Kelly be paid \$16, and Constables Dooley and Turner be paid \$24 each, in lieu of clothing for eight months in full to Dec. 31, 1874. The account for telegrams respecting Sheriff's horse stolen, your Committee cannot recommend to be paid. They recommend that the following sums be refunded to the following parties:—H. J. Vincent, \$7.80, income tax; Loch & Weir, \$24, shop license; J. H. Mackay, \$3.90, income tax; M. Bell, \$1, dog tax, on his producing a receipt to the Treasurer to show that his son has paid the same; that Mary A. Duigan's taxes be remitted. In reference to the petition of Chas. Coffey, they find that he is assessed on a lot on Dublin street, north west half B. three-tenths of an acre \$100, which makes his assessment correct. In the case of Mr. Pearce, they find a dog charged to him, and there is evidence that he did not possess one. They recommended that the Clerk advertise for all accounts against the Corporation to be rendered by the 4th of January, 1875.

This report was, on motion, adopted.
Mr. Coffey presented the following report of the Committee on streets, highways and bridges.
In accordance with a resolution of Council, asking your Committee to bring in a detailed statement of assets and liabilities to date, and also to examine petitions, memorials, &c., presented from time to time, your Committee report as follows:—

1st. That part of the work asked for in the petition of R. White and others is already done, and that in consequence of the lateness of the season your Committee cannot recommend that any action be taken at present.
2nd. That the petition of Susan Hollingshead be not granted, as your Committee cannot encourage any encroachment on the highways.

CASH IN HAND.
Amount of cash in Treasurer's hands when last appropriation was made.....\$1,620 91
Appropriation for boundary rds. 300 00
Cash received from Gas Co'y for damage done by drain 15 50
Cash received from Heffernan Bros., for work done..... 6 00
Cash from Allan Simpson..... 3 00
Cash received from J. Hazelton for building side walk..... 8 31
Cash rec'd through Fin. Com. for work done by L. & B. Com. at former time..... 75 00
\$2,028 72

AMOUNT PAID OUT.
Cash paid for labor, lumber, nails, &c., since last appropriation was made.....\$1,422 84
Leaving a balance to the credit of your Committee of.....\$ 615 88

The Chairman cannot close this report without thanking the Committee individually and collectively for the interest they have taken in the work assigned to them, and for their unanimous support of all the reports presented to the Committee.

DENNIS COFFEY, Chairman.
This report was, on motion, adopted.
Mr. Heffernan presented the report of the Committee on Fire, Water and Gas. They reported that they had exceeded the appropriation to the extent of \$85.65, which is accounted for by some unforeseen expenses, and by an under estimate in one or two items. The new streets and leather hose cost more than your Committee had calculated, and the cost of deepening the well at the Market House was not included in the estimate of deficiency to be placed to their credit. They recommended that some action be taken by the Council in regard to the tanks at the Wellington Hotel. They being in the centre of the road had to be bevelled down, and when covered with snow, it is almost impossible to find them. It is almost impossible to find them. It is almost impossible to find them. It is almost impossible to find them. It is almost impossible to find them.

The reports of the expenditure of the different Wards were presented to the Chairman of the Railway Committee. The report of the Railway Committee was presented by Mr. Davidson. They recommended that the Clerk be instructed to notify the General Superintendent of the G. T. R., requesting him to notify all conductors to uncouple their trains everywhere, so that the travel on Hudson street, and also that his attention be called to the speed that trains are run through the town, on account of which the engine has to blow the whistle for such a length of time and so loud, as to be entirely unrecalled for. They recommended that the bell be rung from the passenger to the freight station on trains going west; and from the west of Norfolk street to the passenger station on trains going east, and that no trains cross Norfolk street until the semaphore is lowered, so as not to obstruct the street. They also recommended the placing of a night signal man at the crossing at the west end of the Market square, so as to render less whistling necessary. The state of the crossings and the fence along the track, was also reported to. The report was adopted.

Mr. Robertson presented the report of the Central Exhibition. They reported that they had carried out the instructions given them by the Council, by having a driving track made around the grounds. The gate-houses have been completed, and arrangements made for the ready entrance and exit of carriages and visitors to the grounds. They recommended that the By-law relating to regulating the renting and granting of the grounds be so amended as to keep the gate open, and that no entrance money shall be demanded except when the grounds are under the control of the Agricultural Association for exhibition purposes. The account of Geo. Tolton for six months' oversight of the grounds from Nov. 1873, to May 1874, amounting to \$50, was recommended to be paid. A detailed statement of the expenditure accompanied the report.

The Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the report.
Considerable discussion then took place on that part of the report referring to the keeping of the gate into the Exhibition grounds open, and that no entrance money be charged upon any occasion except when the Exhibition is being held. Messrs. Heffernan, Coffey and Harris disapproved of the action, while Messrs. Robertson, Howard and McCrea contended that the grounds were public property, and should upon all occasions be open to the public, except during the time of the Exhibition being held by the Agricultural Society.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the report be adopted, and that the motion be carried, and the Committee rose.

Ontario Legislature.

Dec. 21.

THE PROROGATION.

The Lieut.-Governor came down to the House at three o'clock, and gave his assent to the bills passed during the Session.
The Speaker then presented the Supply Bill, and was thanked by His Excellency.
The following is His Honour's SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—I am pleased that the state of public business enables me to relieve you from your labours at this early day. I feel persuaded that your respective constituencies and the public at large will appreciate the assiduity and dispatch with which you have performed your arduous duties during the session, and will recognize the importance of the work which you have produced elsewhere. Short as the session has been it has been exceedingly fruitful in important, and I trust beneficial, legislation.

I congratulate you on the relief that the general Incorporation Acts already afford in regard to private Acts of incorporation, which have always constituted so large a portion of every volume of our Statutes.

The public Bills which have received your approbation, and which have now become law, embrace a wide range of subjects.

You have passed a measure, involving but a small addition to the number of members representing the people in the Assembly, and yet giving a just increase of representation to the large and populous counties of Huron, Kent, Lambton, Grey, Simcoe and Essex; giving also to Parry Sound and Muskoka, hitherto unrepresented in the Assembly; and a member to the new county which (subject to the vote of its inhabitants) you have authorized to be formed out of outlying portions of three of our largest counties.

Provision has been made for the convenience of its inhabitants a municipal organization of its own; and to which new county you have given a name that will be a permanent memorial of the happy connection with this country of the distinguished nobleman who presents Her Gracious Majesty in the Dominion. You have passed a Bill for the further improvement of our Election law; affording additional security against illegal practices at elections; and by means of an easy and expeditious appeal, providing for uniformity of decision on questions arising in the trials of controverted elections. You have passed the necessary Statutes for the settlement of the boundaries of the Province on the east, north, and west; an object of rapidly increasing importance. You have made additional provision for the more convenient and effectual administration of justice in the unorganized districts of the Province, and for the municipal Government of those districts. You have given your sanction to an improved immigration policy, which, I trust, will have the effect of helping to fill up our vast territory with hardy settlers, for their benefit as well as ours. You have made legislative provision for the protection and settlement of orphans and other destitute children, who may from time to time be part of the immigration to Ontario, or be found among the existing population of the Province. You have provided for the extension to Municipal Elections of the popular system of voting by ballot. You have extended the purposes to which Municipalities may apply their respective shares of the surplus distribution fund, so as to embrace objects of a permanent nature not previously authorized. You have given welcome repose to all land titles, by shortening by one-half the periods for questioning them on the part of persons not in possession. You have in the interest of those who have anything to insure, given a new and necessary security to the policies on which they rely for relief against loss from accidental fire. And you have passed various other beneficial measures. To all the measures of the session, I have had much pleasure in giving my assent.

The Railway Bills, which constitute a large portion of the Private Bill legislation of the Session, indicate the continued desire of our people for increased railway facilities, and their continued appreciation of the value of these facilities in increasing the wealth and prosperity of the country.

I look upon the two series of Bills which you have passed affecting important sections of the religious community of the Dominion as indications of the growing recognition everywhere of the National Unity into which the Confederation Act has welded the Province, as well as of the desire for closer association among Christians, who have a common religious faith and a common discipline.

I thank you for the liberal supplies granted for the service of the incoming year. You may rely upon their being expended with a vigilant regard to economy.

The last Session of the term for which you were elected has now closed; and I pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon the labors which you have brought to a happy conclusion.

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Atlantic Gule Works, Berlin.

(From our Special Correspondent.)
Your readers may not be aware of the fact that gule works on an extensive scale are situated so near them as Berlin. The above works, carried on by Fischer & Son, have been in operation for some years, although not on a scale nearly so extensive as at present. The buildings in which they previously worked having become insufficient in capacity for their extensive and ever increasing business, they erected, in the fall of 1873, a frame building with 60 feet of frontage, 88 feet deep, and four stories in height. During the past summer they have erected an addition, 50x36, the same height as the main building. The buildings are situated on the westerly part of the town, on the line of the Berlin and Galt branch of the Grand Trunk Railway. The Company have promised to allow them to build a switch in to their establishment from the main track. Many of the readers of the MERCURY may not be familiar with the process employed in the manufacture of an article of such general use as glue; and perhaps of some of the many uses to which it is appropriated. The raw material from which it is manufactured is the cuttings and dressings of hides, both green and dried. The *modus operandi* is as follows:—The raw material is first taken into what is termed the preparing room, where it is put into immense vats and soaked in water for some length of time. They are taken from thence to the boiling room, where by a boiling and steaming operation they are dissolved. From the boiling kettles, it is run by a pipe into a cooling room where it is allowed to stand over night in the coolers, which are 6 feet long, 18 inches wide and 6 inches deep, after which it is taken to the spreading room where it is cut in sheets from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in thickness. It is then spread on nets to dry, in the upper stories. Of these drying nets 6,000 are kept in constant operation. Three different qualities of glue are manufactured of which No. 1 is used by confectioners, and is three months in the process of manufacture from the hide cuttings, and is three days in drying. Nos. 2 and 3 take from two to three weeks to manufacture and four days to dry. About twenty-five hands are kept in constant employment at the works. They now supply the most of Ontario and Quebec with a finer quality of glue than can be produced elsewhere. Their process of manufacture is one which other makers in Canada are not acquainted with, and which is used only in one or two American establishments. They have thus obtained almost a monopoly of the entire trade in Canada.

Chalmers' Church Anniversary.
The annual anniversary of the above church was celebrated on Sunday and Monday evenings. On Sunday Rev. Mr. Cochran, of Brantford, preached eloquent and interesting sermons, to a large audience. The sermon in the afternoon was to the children of the Sabbath School. On Monday evening the annual tea meeting was held in the basement of the church. Soon after six o'clock the spacious and commodious basement was filled with people. The tables, of which there were four, were placed across the floor, and were literally groaning beneath the weight of good things the ladies of the congregation had provided. Rev. Dr. Hogg presided the divine blessing, and the first tables were soon emptied, and as quickly filled. The four tables were emptied and filled three successive times. The arrangements of the waiters were perfect, and no jar occurred. Shortly after eight o'clock the audience assembled in the body of the church, where Rev. Mr. Warthrop filled the chair in usual agreeable and courteous manner. Popular and interesting addresses suited to the occasion were delivered by Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Elora, Rev. Dr. Hogg, Rev. Mr. Dickie, of Berlin, and Mr. D. McDougall, Registrar, Berlin. The choir of the church, under the able leadership of Mr. Maitland, in a very acceptable and effective manner during the evening sang some favourite anthems. Votes of thanks were, on motion of Rev. Messrs. Torrance and Clarke passed to the speakers, the choir, the ladies, and to Messrs. Chalmers & Co., who so kindly lent the organ for the occasion. Altogether this has been one of the most successful and pleasant gatherings the church has held for a long time.

Fergus Correspondence.
The proceeds of the Y.M.C.A. annual picnic amounted to about \$75 which goes into the building fund of the Association.

The Methodist Church held their annual tea meeting on Christmas day. St. Andrew's Church held their anniversary of the Sunday School on Tuesday evening, which was a pleasant affair.

The pupils of school section No. 1, West Gairdraf, presented their teacher, Mr. John Dick, on his giving up school, with a handsome writing desk and album. Mr. James Spence, takes Mr. Dick's place.

MR. HELLERS.—The examination of the schools in this village was held on the 19th inst., and was in every respect satisfactory. Mr. Hammill, the Principal, who is leaving St. Helens to take charge of the Mt. Forest schools, was at the close of the examination presented with an album, a beautiful shell work box, and a valuable gold watch and chain, accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Hammill made a feeling and appropriate reply.

SEWING MACHINES.—The Wheeler & Wilson Company denies the existence of any sworn returns showing large sales of sewing machines in 1873 than by that Company.