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The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board.

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H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE. Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of MILL Feed, Chopped Peas, Hulled Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes. Guelph, 25th August, 1867. dw-1f

New Livery Stable, HORSES FOR HIRE.

Parties wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.

JOSEPH STRAHAN. Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. do-3m

CORDWOOD FOR SALE IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood yard. ALEX. BROWN. Guelph, 25th November, 1867. ddm

The Wizard Soap W. F. FOX & CO.

HAVE commenced to manufacture the celebrated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is superior to any other.

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR.

Does not injure the hands, takes less labor, and gives the clothes a better appearance.

Sold at one-third the price of any soap of the same quality in the market—14 lbs. for 50 cents. Orders sent to W. F. FOX & CO., Woolwich-st. Guelph, 30th November, 1867. d

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Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario. (Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.) OFFICE: Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store

REFERENCES—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pettibone, M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton. Dr. Barnhart, Warden of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital. The new anaesthetic agents used for extracting teeth without pain.

W. K. GRAHAM. Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-1y)

STRAY CATTLE. CAME on the premises of the undersigned on the 9th December 1867, 2 Heifers 3 years old, and one two years old. The owner can have them by proving property and paying expense.

WARREN JESTIN, Lot 2, 12th Concession, Township of Ganaraska. Guelph, Dec. 18, 1867. (w-3)

Store House to Rent. TO RENT, the premises formerly known as Williams' old Brewery, with three floors so feet long by 25 wide, suitable for either storing wheat or packing pork. A never-failing stream of water runs through the premises. It is adjacent to the Market Square. Apply to

WILLIAM DYSON. Guelph, 17th Dec. 1867. 6dw1

Amongst the Roses.

Last night as the carriage whizzed along Through the silent star-roofed city, Through my busy brain swept walls of song. Half of pleasure and half of pity.

Of pleasure, for two sweet girls were there, And as chance sometimes disposes, I sat 'twixt the pair—(one dark—one fair) "Like a thorn between two roses."

Two poets of many tongues and climes Upon all sweet themes have written, But here and there through the golden rhymes One sees where a blight has smitten; And oft we note on the stanzas end How the pathos wild discloses That all pleasures are tinged with pain, my friend— Just "a thorn between two roses."

Ah! life's first laurel is fair, no doubt, With its smiles and its silver laughter, Like a happy youth with his hands stretched out To the manna coming after; But our ripen years bloom not so fair, And the truths their light discloses Are prophets crying—"Beware!—beware! Of the thorns amongst the roses."

Aye! this ripe age of manhood strong, And of womanhood so tender, If it be no light which cheers us long With its calm and steadfast splendor; If not all sweet be its flower—'I wren Though a blight its petals close, That youth and age have the sweeter been For this "thorn between two roses."

Still on we whirl through the silent streets; Our talk is light and I wonder As I gaze on each sombre face I meet Of the moon hidden under; Of the secrets locked in each rugged breast Where a record stern reposes, Of months and of years whose tale at best Is of thorns but where the roses?

Ah well! if the world prove not so sweet As our youthful dreams have found it, There is some smooth path for the weary feet, Though the dark clouds gather round it. A night, for the brave who struggle on, In the future fair reposes; For the thorn exults 'er the winter gone Whose first frost slew the roses!

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

4. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN. Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury. OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. SATURDAY EVEN'G, DECEMBER 21.

Local News.

For the commencement of our new Story—"The Maiden's Choice"—see the fourth page.

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

The Chimney of the NEW COAL OIL BURNER can be taken off at any time without burning the fingers.—To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.

SAD.—John Paxton, the young man who sustained such severe injuries by the bursting of his gun, in the neighborhood of Fergus, died on Monday the 16th inst.

STILTON CHEESE.—Ingersoll Factory Cheese at John A. Wood's.

ELMIRA FAIR.—At the last fair in Elmira about a hundred head of cattle were offered for sale, and seventy of them changed owners, at prices twenty-five per higher than had been paid for similar animals at the fair held the month previous.

If you appreciate a good article in Briar Root Pipes, at a low figure, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

A VILLANOUS DEED.—During the night of Thursday last week, says the Fergus Record, some dastardly wretch, having gained an entrance to Stewart's photograph rooms, scratched his two lenses with a diamond, and mixed certain of his chemicals. The same mean trick was done at Miller's room on the same night. The lenses thus almost irretrievably injured are valued at from \$50 to \$75 in each case. We hope the perpetrator of an action so utterly atrocious and mean may be discovered and brought to severe punishment.

THE NEW BURNER at MR. HORSMAN'S saves one-third Oil, and gives a Light Clear, White, and Cheerful.

PROSPERITY OF SEAFORTH.—Seaforth, five years ago, contained about three hundred souls, it now boasts of a population of 1,500, with every evidence of a continued and steady increase. The quantity of grain actually sent away from that station during the last year summed up 350,000 bushels, and of pork and butter 1,100 tons—representing a money value of not less than \$202,000.

The Presbyterians are erecting a large brick church at a cost of about ten thousand dollars, which, when finished, will add much to the appearance of the village.

If you want Sugar at low rates, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

THE NEW BURNER for Safety, Economy and brilliancy of flame is unsurpassed. To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.

ARREST OF A HORSE THIEF.—The Berlin Telegraph relates the particulars of the arrest of a horse thief, who is individualized by the complimentary sobriquet of "Drunken Louis." He stole a horse some place near Linwood, traded him in Hawkville for another—getting boot, drunk the boot, sold the horse he had traded for, invested the proceeds in the ardent, and had a high old time. The constable caught him near Listowel, and he does not deny his guilt.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

"CHRISTMAS CHEER" AT THE GUELPH GROCERY STORES.

The Christmas week puts the best phase upon business that it is capable of assuming in any particular locality, and the shops don their most gaudy attire, and look their best as the festive occasion approaches. People expect to treat themselves to indulgences, and indulgences are set before them in a most tempting way. We imagine—perhaps it may be only imagination—that the town is not so lively, nor business so brisk as it was during the corresponding week of last year. This is what we say when we speak in general terms, for were we to particularize, and give each person's own report of himself, we would find their opinions concerning business as different as mountain tourists, when one descending into the valley will meet another going up to whom he will complain of the heat, while the latter in his turn will grumble about the cold. We should find men murmuring about dullness—we should find those individuals (the most difficult to find and the most happy) who are satisfied and no more, and we should find the sanguine-tempered who are agreeably bothered with customers and profits—

However these things may be, whether people have resolved to deny themselves gastric luxuries or not, we know that the Grocers' stores in Guelph are heavily stocked with everything that any epicure might demand, with which his Christmas feast should be prepared. As Mr James Meredith observes for himself, and as we helped him to observe yesterday, he is "battling alone," like a hero, with the trade of Upper Wyndham street. We have looked in upon this interesting warrior and found him well supplied with many groceries, and more liquor of the best brands, and telling him to persist in being courageous we left him, assured that the patronage of the public would reward his valor. Mr Rutherford has a full supply of groceries, and in his own person gives the amplest testimony of the excellence of their quality. It must be good faith in customers when they see a man improving on the same kind of edibles he recommends to them. Mr Hugh Walker has on hand, in addition to the usual amount and variety of groceries, a very large quantity of sardines, oysters and other shell fish, besides fruits of many kinds, and the very best of liquors. Mr Meredith's window is a sort of epitome of his store, and is well worth observation. Nothing in his line is wanting inside, and if a happy Christmas be contingent on good cheer, a great many people can procure the biggest part of the cheer from Mr Meredith. Mr John A. Wood's capabilities in the way of groceries are well known, and it would be almost superfluous for us to say that he is as well prepared as ever to suit his patrons in the quality and price of the goods he offers. Gentlemen with moustaches will see china cups to their advantage by calling upon him. Mr Lewis is going to resign the field of retail, and as far as groceries are concerned betake himself wholly to jobbing. We, as well as the other retail dealers, will wish him success in his venture. The Co-operative Store presents to the public the inducements of a large and varied stock of articles at very reasonable prices. The Messrs. Hadden are not a whit behind their neighbors, but are fully prepared to fill all orders with which those bent on the enjoyment of good things may favour them. Mr George Wilkinson presents a very extensive and very varied bill of fare. His groceries are fresh and good, and if extensive oyster suppers, or repasts at which sardines are indispensable, he has them on hand to any amount at reasonable rates. The fire has no injurious effect upon Mr. Masse's retail business in Day's Block. He knows his numerous customers and is known of them, and his name is a sufficient guarantee that while he has a store he will have it well stocked with the choicest productions of the sugar plantations, tea, and other fields, and we have heard the contents of the cellar rapturously applauded. Messrs. E. Carroll & Co. have entered with spirit into business, and done what was most necessary for success, laid in a splendid stock that must needs prove attractive to housekeepers, and the prices of the various articles which can scarcely be murmured at by the most economical purchaser. Mr M. J. Doran's store does not show his goods to advantage, but if people will be pleased to step inside they will wonder at seeing so much crowded into such little space. Irishmen as well as others can eat good things when they can get them, and Mr. Doran at his end of the Town, like Mr. Murphy at the opposite, is amply provided with luxuries to eat, and has also numerous things in the way of drink, which he is dispensing at moderate rates. Messrs McGill & Co., as usual, have a capital stock of everything required—both in liquids and solids. Mr. Robert Burns, Northumberland street, has also made ample preparation for his increasing trade and those in his end of the Town will be fully supplied with all that the season can afford.

FANCY GOODS. "The sports of children satisfy the child," sang Goldsmith, but inventive as youthful ingenuity is in drawing from within itself the means of amusement it often requires external aid. We know of no place where such assistance can be so easily procured as at Mr. Shewan's. He has reared his Christmas tree, and the "little things that are great to little minds" are heaped together in gaudy and attractive profusion. It is seldom except in a wholesale house, that so many material "nothings" designed to afford gratification to children are found together. Prices and qualities are such as will suit the rich, the poor, and those in moderate circumstances, for toys of innumerable descriptions can be bought, from a jack-in-the-box up to the big wax doll with its bright eyes that seems almost asking you to speak to it. Mr. Shewan has beside a large stock of new books, handsomely bound, and most appropriate for Christmas presents to those of a literary turn of mind.

Mrs. Robinson, of the Dominion Store, has a large stock of goods, consisting of albums, dolls, fancy baskets and fancy pipes, beads, &c. She is well supplied with everything in the fancy goods line

that the season requires, and also a fair stock of first-class groceries, and an abundance of excellent fruits, pea nuts, and a number of other kinds of nuts. She will sell a large lot of her fancy goods by auction this evening.

Mrs. Hunter, Market Square, can supply the demand of ladies for Berlin and fancy wools of all kinds and colors. She has also toys to more than a moderate amount, worked ottomans, and what is very important at a time when ladies make presents to the gentlemen—some beautiful slipper-pattens. Get the slipper-pattens, ladies, you will know how to finish them and dispose of them afterwards, and as certain individuals lounge in the evenings with elevated feet, they will look upward and call you blessed. This comfort with many others Mrs. Hunter's store is amply adequate to supply.

Mr. Cuthbert has remodelled his premises into possession of which he has lately entered, and his display of watches, clocks and jewellery is now indeed magnificent. He goes in pretty strong in the book business, and fancy goods we observe. His stock is seldom excelled by any house.

Mr. Savage has an elegant and costly stock of watches, clocks and jewellery of all descriptions, and much beautiful electro-plate ware. His articles must attract custom, and please the most fastidious.

Mr. Day's stock has been previously noticed, and we may just say now that he is constantly increasing it. He has a rare and costly assortment of books, elegant albums, and the very best gift books ever issued from either the American or English press. Gustave Doré's illustrations of the Wandering Jew, are superb.

HARDWARE.—It is unnecessary to remind the public that everything in the way of hardware required at this season, or indeed at any other season, is to be found at Mr. Horsman's. His large establishment is crowded with goods peculiar to his business, and intending purchasers both in town and country, who buy wholesale or retail will find that Mr. Horsman can supply their every requirement, and that he will deal with them too in the most fair and honorable manner.

CAKES AND CONFECTIONERY.—As will be seen by advertisement Mr. H. Berry has a large stock of cakes and confectioneries, peculiarly suitable for the present festive season. His window gives only a faint idea of what are stowed away upon the shelves. Mr. John Harris' establishment will also be found fully up to the times. His long established reputation is a sufficient guarantee that nothing will be lacking so far as he is concerned to render every one who patronizes him happy as the season requires them.

Messrs. Armstrong, Watson, Simpson, Wright and Stirling, are also making great preparations for supplying in copious abundance everything in their line.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey, Old Rye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

School Examinations. The Local Superintendent finished his examination of the Town Schools on Thursday.

GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL.—The attendance at this school is 63. The following pupils passed to the Senior Girls' School, Annie Hadden, A. Brightmore, Annie Kenney, Louisa Dyson, Eva Oakes, Annie Kribbs, Harriet Cross, Harriet Oldham, Margaret Campbell, Elizabeth Collins, Elizabeth Torrance. Ed. Rudd passed to the Senior Primary.

WEST WARD PRIMARY.—The attendance at this school is 72. The following were passed to the Senior Primary—Charles Brown, Charles Waldron, George Bruce, James Davidson, James Harrison, Wm. Griffin, Frank Hatch, John Emalie, Herbert Smith, Eli Cunningham, George Penfold, Charles Walker.

SENIOR PRIMARY.—The attendance at this school is 58. The following passed to the Grammar School—A. Buckland, C. Clarke, R. Hunter, J. Kirk, W. Torrance, W. McCrae, W. Smith, J. Hood, G. Martin, A. Kelley, E. Armstrong, J. Fessant, S. Sunley, C. Tatham, J. Allen, W. Heather, C. Kelly, G. Burgess, G. Alexander, J. Barclay, W. Taylor, A. Glass, R. Howie. The Superintendent specially examined the class in Algebra, Geometry and Bookkeeping, and was much pleased with them. Charles Clark, John Kirk and George Alexander answered every question put to them.

EAST WARD SCHOOL.—The following passed to the Senior Primary School—George R. Coulson, Frederick A. Preasants, George Hood, Alex. Mackenzie. The Superintendent declared himself better pleased with the classes in Geography than at any other school.

NORTH WARD SCHOOL.—The attendance at this school is 110. None were passed to higher school, the teachers and parents mutually desiring that the children should continue their till able to compete with the older scholars of those institutions. Rev. Mr. Graffley is himself carrying on an examination, and has purchased a list of prizes, which he distributes among the most deserving of the pupils.

SENIOR GIRLS' SCHOOL.—This school was examined on Monday, and gave great satisfaction. We will in a future issue give a list of the pupils who received merit marks.

EXPLANATION.—In our notice of the South Ward School examination, we stated that five pupils were promoted directly to the Grammar School, and that this was the first time such a thing had happened. In saying so we meant that it was the first time pupils had been promoted from that school to the Grammar School. At the East Ward School, taught by Mr. John Martin, two of his pupils were promoted directly to the Grammar School at the last midsummer examination.

EXAMINATION OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—The half-yearly examination of the pupils attending the Guelph Grammar School took place yesterday. They were put through a most rigid ordeal, and acquitted themselves admirably—their pertinent answers proving that the "root of the matter" was in them. The fairness of the examination gave the satisfaction, as it was plain that the masters made it their chief object to inculcate principles, the main, the only basis on which a sound education can be built, for from principles fully understood theories can be deduced ad libitum. The visitors were but few, yet more we believe than are usually in attendance on such occasions. Mr. Cuthbert generously presented three volumes as prizes for the greatest proficiency in Mathematics, in Classics, and in General History. The

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. The Clerkenwell Affair. FURTHER ARRESTS.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST. Verdict of Murder against Timothy Desmond & Jerry Allen.

Proposed Suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act. BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Dec. 20.—Four men, who gave their names as English, Mulvaney, W. Desmond, and O'Keefe, were arrested in this city, last night, on suspicion of having been connected with the recent Fenian outrages. The alarm caused by the outrages here continues. The magistrates are still swearing in special constables. The guards around the prisons have been strengthened, and the warehouses in the city are carefully watched during the night. Troops were suddenly ordered to Portsmouth to-day, and left on a special train. The coroner's inquest on the bodies of those killed by the explosion at Clerkenwell prison was concluded this evening. The jury rendered a verdict charging Timothy Desmond and Jerry Allen, who were arrested on the 13th, with the crime of murder, in having caused the explosion which resulted in the deaths of the deceased. The prisoners, English, Mulvaney, O'Keefe and W. Desmond, who were arrested last night, were brought before the justices for examination to-day. The testimony so far elicited goes to show that they had something to do with the Clerkenwell explosion.—They were remanded to gaol for further examination.

London, Dec. 20.—A great fire is raging in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Paris, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the Emperor has proposed to Belgium, Holland and Switzerland that they join France in a Customs union. Belgium is said to have declined the proposition, on the ground that she had already concluded a military and commercial alliance with Prussia.

London, Dec. 20.—In view of the recent outrages committed or attempted by the Fenians in this country, and to prevent, by summary measures, their repetition, the Cabinet has determined to ask Parliament to suspend the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus in England.

London, Dec. 20th.—The Times of this morning has a leading editorial article on American matters. It is mainly devoted to decrying the finances of the U. S., and the plans of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The Monitor of this city publishes later details of the recent battles on the Parana. It seems, according to the Monitor, that Lopez, the Paraguayan general, by neglect and inactivity, not only lost the results of his real victory, but was turned on by his vanquished enemy and badly beaten. The loss of the Paraguayans was very heavy.

American Despatches. Schenctady, 20.—Considerable excitement exists in the town of Glenview on account of an outrage committed by a negro on the person of a married white woman named Mrs. Brown. The negro fled, and has not been arrested.

New York, 20.—Mr. J. Weir, editor of the Brooklyn Times, died suddenly last night.

New York, 21.—The Herald's Havana telegram says losses sustained by earthquake at Antigua amount to £100,000 sterling. Intelligence has been received from Melbourne, dated 1st Nov., that a gold nugget weighing 500 ounces had been found in Sandhurst. The abolition of the Constitution was possible. The Governor asks for £500,000 sterling, and will then dissolve the Chambers. Miners were flocking to the new diggings.—The United States gunboat Shamout is at Aspinwall. About 1500 miles north of Cartagena the Shamout lost her foremast and three men. Advice from Panama to the 12th state that President Prado had gained a victory at Arequipa, and the city was completely surrounded by his division on the west and Gen. Bustamante on the east. Prado demanded the surrender of the city within three days. If refused, he would take decisive measures. The revolution in the North had been checked. The Chilean Minister to Peru had asked to be relieved. Gen. Mosquera arrived at Panama on the 7th en route for Peru, accompanied by Gen. Estrada and 100 men. Intelligence from Terotula to the 13th represent the people suffering greater privation than those of St. Thomas. The dead remain unburied, and pestilence could only be averted by burning the corpses.

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DEATH OF DR. OSGILVIE.—The death is announced of Dr. John Osgilvie, author of the "Imperial Dictionary" and other educational works of merit. Dr Osgilvie was a native of Banffshire, and, after finishing his University course, devoted himself for some time to teaching. He was for upwards of thirty years mathematical master in Gordon's Hospital, from which position he retired some seven or eight years ago. Since then he has devoted himself principally to the work of a lexicographer. His principal work is the "Imperial Dictionary," a work of considerable merit. Dr Osgilvie was a quiet, unostentatious, scholarly man, and was highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

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