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January 6. 1869.

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JOHN A. McMILLAN

Lowest Wholesale Prices Boots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.

Wanted, a number of good journeymen to work on Ladies' Kid, Goat, Prunella and Canvas Gaiters, in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine.

Leather Wanted. Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

Special Notice. The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers and Moccasins, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work.

Undertakers! MITCHELL & TOVELL

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, harness, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full assortment of Coffins always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guitard's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr. Guelph, December 12. dely

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OF LONDON. (Established 1803.)

HEAD OFFICES.—Old Broad Street, and 15 Pall Mall, London.

GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA.—24 St. St. Granville Street, Montreal.

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserved Fund £1,965,000

Insurance against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid with reference to the lowest in London. No charge made for policies or endorsements.

Bischoff's Block, General Agents, 24 St. St. Granville Street, Montreal, Inspector.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph. Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

Mrs. ROBINSON'S DOMINION STORE

Mrs. ROBINSON begs to inform her patrons, and the public, that she is still in the old stand, and is able and willing to supply the wants of all who give her a call. She has lately received a fine

Stock of Dried and other Fruits. FANCY GOODS of all kinds. A splendid lot of Berlin Wools; also the Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in town, inuding English, Fingering, Clouded, Berlin, double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns. MEN'S UNDERCLOTHING and SOCKS.

Also, Ladies' Breakfast Shawls. Stockings of all colors, of the best quality made and can be bought cheap.

Stamping and binding done to order. Guelph, Jan. 23, 1869. MRS. ROBINSON. dwf

NOTICE TO DEBTORS. ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER.

The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. R. McCreith for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. & T. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be taken suit in the Division Court.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Jan. 27. dw

PUBLIC NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Estate of the late JOHN HEARBY CLARKE are requested to call on one of the Administrators and settle before the 1st of February next, and all parties having claims against the said Estate will please present them on or before the above date for payment.

JAMES G. WRIGHT, JOHN KIRKLAND, WILLIAM STEVENSON, Administrators to the Estate. Guelph, Jan. 22. dw

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above Factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced about

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES. Most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as time-keepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

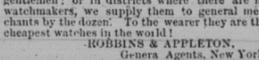
ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS. Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer THE AMERICAN WATCH to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Elihu" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied ONE MINUTE AND A HALF IN THAT TIME, WITHOUT CARE OR CLEANING, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN These watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION, as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fineness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen; or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearer they are the cheapest watches ever made.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, General Agents, New York. Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

JUST IN.



GUTHMAN'S CELEBRATED Hoop Skirts

In all the Latest and most Approved Styles.

Including the

New PANNIER Skirt

Which is a general favorite.

THIS IS BEYOND ALL COMPARISON

THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN

IN GUELPH.

The attention of every lady is requested.

Guelph, Jan. 17.

A. O. BUCHANAN

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON. Market Square, GUELPH.

THE subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has resitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor. Late of the Commercial Hotel, Waltham.

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL SQUARES, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Callipers, 100-Prong Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, 2nd-Ed. Callipers, General and Dividers, Strips, Files and Tools. Patent Callipers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street, Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HARRIS & CO., 114 Yonge Street, Toronto. 1st April, 1868.

NEW MUSIC BOOK.

"THE WREATH OF GEMS," a Collection of the most Popular Songs, Ballads and Duets of the day, with Accompaniment for the Piano-forte. Boards, \$2.50. Cloth, full gilt, \$4.00. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. OBITSON & CO., Publishers, 377 Washington Street, Boston, & C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

Evening Mercury.

WEDNESDAY EVE'G, JAN. 27, 1869.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

From our own Correspondent.

A drunken character named Bruce made a serious attempt on the 25th inst. to introduce the guillotine on a small scale. He deliberately fixed his spouse's neck and heels, and laid her head on the door step preparatory to decapitation with the axe. Her cries brought a rescue party to the shanty, who, at once, on discovering the apparent intentions of the whiskey demented rascal, knocked him down, secured him, and brought him before the Reeve, who sent him down to the County Gaol for one month. It is to be hoped that he will return a wiser and better man.

It is currently reported that Grey, who recently levanted from Durham, was shot in that celebrated rendezvous of rascals, Chicago. If such be true, certainly the ways of the transgressor are hard. It is further stated by report that the defaulter Grey blackmailed every man he could get a sixpence from, and commenced his retreat to the land of the free with the nice little sum of \$7000 in his wallet. The frequency of those individual exploits, which so seriously affect the solvency of many respectable parties, calls for the immediate interference of our Legislature. If they can spare time from the patchwork business on hand, viz: the License and Assessment Laws, why not compel all travellers who desire to cross the Rubicon to procure the certificates of travellers, signed by the mayor, Reeve, or other constituted authority of the municipality from which they hail, setting forth that the travellers are on legitimate business and that they are honest men, and that they do not carry on their persons the money or goods of their neighbors. Why not scrutinize the character of travellers, as well as their baggage, trunks or pockets. Let a general search be made for contraband moneys, as well as goods, subject to state duty. If a system of close inspection were adopted and scrupulously exercised upon all persons crossing the lines, it would, no doubt, prove salutary and diminish the class of whom it is painful for us to say they once passed for honest men amongst us. I cannot dismiss the subject without coming to the conclusion that the interests of the whole community, collectively and individually, would be sufficiently protected if a similar system were adopted like that of the Customs Department, or by an honest man would feel aggrieved if courteously asked to show his passport.

The weather, so far, this winter has fully sustained the theory of the editor of poor Robin's Almanac, viz: long foul, long fare. In consequence of the fine weather trade is dull, nevertheless the streets are covered with all kinds of farm produce. The highest prices are paid, the competition being sharp.

REFORMER.

Mount Forest, Jan. 25th, 1869.

Township of Guelph Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—In your weekly issue of the 21st inst., a (dateless) communication appears from Mr. Whitlaw, reviewing my letter of the 12th inst., which he does with one, two, three, and a hop. Without being able to refute one of my statements, he scolds me over then off at a tangent to the Red River settlement. Mr. Whitlaw confutes himself so well that it is not necessary for me to say much—I will only notice a few points.

Mr. Whitlaw says that Mr. Hood makes out two cases in which the amount insured is over \$2,000 in one risk by two members of the Board. But Mr. Hood knows there are other cases of over insurance, for example, Mr. A. Hogge on barn \$2,300, Mr. John Shortreed on do. \$2,200, Mr. Jas. G. Wright on do. \$2,100. These with the other two before mentioned amount to \$1,060, of over-insurance. Mr. Whitlaw again says, Mr. Hood is wrong in supposing me willing to admit that they were entitled to more than \$2,000. In that case the loser would be the sufferer, and not the other members of the Company, he having paid his share of expenses and losses on a greater amount of property than he was entitled to recover.

Mr. Whitlaw uses the word "fraud" frequently in his letter. I did not use it before but will do so now. If property is overinsured a fraud must be practiced either on the Company or on individual members of it, by having them pay more than their share of expenses and losses.

Mr. Whitlaw says the parties who insured over the Companies took the usual way by notifying the Board of Directors. If they did so Mr. Whitlaw must have considered that the Board was centred in himself, for the Directors received no communication whatever at any of their meetings. If Mr. Whitlaw had been deeper versed in legal lore, and practiced fewer quibbles, it would have been more to the advantage of the Company and not given sharper (like your humble servant) a chance to kick over the traces. I wonder Mr. Editor when the President and Board of Directors start their managerie who will play the monkey.

Thanking you for the space you have allowed me in your valuable paper, I remain, yours truly,

THOMAS HOOD. Guelph Township, Jan. 26th 1869.

GRAND CONCERT AT MORRISTON.—

A concert will be held in the Town Hall, Morrison, on Thursday evening, 4th February, the proceeds of which will be expended in seating and repairing the Hall. Several local and other amateur singers have kindly promised to give their services, and it is expected the entertainment will be a very popular and attractive one. Tickets, 25 cents. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock. We trust it will be well patronized by the people of Pusluch.

FIRE IN NASSAGAWEYA.—

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., a fire broke out about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, in the dwelling house of Mr. John Cottrell, first cooperator, Nassagaweya. The entire building and part of its contents were consumed. A defect in the stovepipe was the cause of the fire. No insurance.

SEED WHEAT FAIR.—

The North River Agricultural Society will hold a spring seed wheat fair at Harriston on the 3rd of March.

Wellington Battalion Dinner.

The officers of the Wellington Battalion gave their third annual dinner to the County Council last (Tuesday) night. In addition to the members of the County Council were the members of the Town Council, and several prominent citizens, making altogether a company of about eighty. Mr. Miller presided at the dinner, which was excellent. The Battalion Band, under the leadership of Mr. Vale, was stationed on the platform, and played a number of pieces during the evening in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest applause.

Lieut.-Col. Higginbotham occupied the chair. On his right were the Warden of the County, John Mair, Esq., P. Gow, Esq., M.P.P., and the Rev. W. S. Ball, Chaplain to the Battalion; on his left, D. Stron, Esq., M.P., and B. Martin, Esq., M.P.P. Dr. Herod, Surgeon to the Battalion, and Dr. Tuck, Assistant Surgeon, discharged the duties of vice chairmen. Nearly all the officers of the Battalion were present in uniform.

After the edibles had been disposed of, the Chairman said that he would propose a toast which Britons always delighted to honor; he therefore gave "The Queen," which was drunk with great enthusiasm—the Band playing "God Save the Queen." The toasts of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," "The Governor General," "The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario," and "The Army and Navy of Great Britain," were next given, and duly honored. Col. Hewat returned thanks for the last toast, and in response to the unanimous request of the company for a song, gave "Tulloch-gorum."

"The Dominion Parliament, and the Legislative Assembly," was next on the programme, and was given by the vice-chairman, P. R. Herod.

Mr. Stron, in response, said that as an humble member of the Dominion Parliament, he thanked them for the honor they had done him in proposing the toast, and the hearty manner in which it had been received. He could say that he was with the officers of the Battalion in everything they did for the benefit of volunteers, to whom the Dominion Parliament had not done justice. He bowed, as a loyal subject, to the decision of the majority, but as Britons, it was the duty of all to criticize the enactments of the measure, and if possible to have them altered and improved. Neither from this Government nor the one preceding it had the volunteer system received that encouragement to which it was entitled.—He had already done whatever lay in his power to assist the 30th Battalion and the Band. The officers had been to a great expense in getting up the fine Band, whose music contributed so much to the pleasure of the present gathering. In this work they had been assisted by grants from the County Council, and other sources. In reference to the provisions of the new militia law, he would just mention that it calls for an active force of 40,000; and with a population of 60,000, Wellington must furnish 600 volunteers. This has been done without any draft, and shows the patriotic feelings with which the volunteers were animated. Let these "snuffed out," as it were, and we would have 600 men taken from the fields of industry to serve as active militia—even the Reeve and Deputy Reeve present might be forced into the ranks, and taken away from their occupations, at least eight days in the year. Substitutes could not be depended upon, and would cost at least \$30, so that the volunteers were the means of many a man in this county saving annually this sum. If the volunteers withdrew, the consequence would be that every able-bodied man between the ages of eighteen and forty-five would be liable to the draft, but as it is, a sufficient number have volunteered their services, who were worth twice the number of those who had to be literally driven into the service. It was more in harmony with the feelings of the people that the volunteer system should be in vogue. The speaker concluded by saying that his only son—at present a cripple—belonged to the volunteers and had faithfully performed his duties in that respect, which to him (Mr. Stron) was a great source of pride; and whenever the country wanted defenders, his own would be found in the front ranks of the volunteers.

Mr. Gow, being called upon, remarked that he was pleased to attend this annual dinner given by the officers of the 30th Battalion, where Whigs and Tories could all meet together and agree. He was indebted to them for the toast of the House of Assembly, and in regard to that body he would say that after an experience of two sessions, he was more pleased than ever with Confederation, because now we had full control of local affairs. Not having an upper house to check the lower, there was perhaps a danger that measures might be pushed through too hastily—but this he trusted would be avoided. Several of the laws just passed by the Ontario Legislature were a credit to the members. The new election law for instance would lessen bribery, and cause much less expense to candidates for Parliamentary honors. There were also some good features in the new assessment act—one of which was that no man receiving \$400 or under of income shall be taxed. The House which he represented had nothing to do with the volunteers, but in order to show the sympathy which was entertained for them, he would just point to the fact that under the assessment law he was pleased to see that the speaker further stated that he did not regard the present Militia Bill as a good one. It was framed by the Minister of Militia, who was a Frenchman, and was designed more particularly to meet the exigencies of the case in Lower Canada. It was no duty to receive humbly what we get, but at the same time we should petition Parliament and show them the grievances complained of, so that the law may be amended. The 13th Battalion, however, did not exhibit one man in excess on account of the obnoxious features in the law, and for this they were worthy of great praise—and he knew that if called upon to meet the foe, they would do so with the same willingness as they had manifested on a former occasion, when their roll was invaded.

Mr. McKim also returned thanks for the toast, and said that his heart was with the volunteers in everything they did. He was pleased to see such a military spirit displayed by the members of the 13th, and to witness the high state of proficiency to which their band had attained.

Mr. Gow, in answer to repeated calls for a song, read a capital poem from the

pen of the editor of the Guelph Herald, entitled "The Volunteers of Canada," and afterwards sang "In the days when we went gipsying."

Er. Tuck, second vice-chairman, gave as a toast, "The guests, the Warden and County Council."

Mr. Mair, Warden, returned thanks, saying that he spoke the sentiments of every member of the Council, when he said that they all felt proud of the 13th and their splendid band, and would do all in their power to assist them.

Mr. Cross, of Peel, also returned thanks for the toast; and Mr. McInnes, Reeve of Fergus, sang "God defend the right."

The "Corporation of Guelph," coupled with the names of the Mayor and Mr. John A. Wood, was next given.

Dr. Herod, in response, said that he considered Guelph occupied a proud position both as regards its commercial prosperity and the fine agricultural country which surrounds it. "Wherever you go—New York or elsewhere—the best mutton, beef, etc., came from the vicinity of Guelph—and for this we have to thank the people in the country. As far as Guelph was concerned, her interests were reciprocal with the townships, and she had always done her duty in the matter of securing a market here for the farmers second to none. The building of the Galt and Guelph road had done much good to both town and county, and he looked upon the Wellington, Grey and Bruce railroad as a settled fact. The people of Guelph were unable, on account of the large debt which they labored under, to give material support to this undertaking, but they would, nevertheless, do what they could in aid of anything which would enhance the prosperity of the county, and would not part "adog in the manger" course of action.

Mr. Wood followed in a few remarks, and Mr. A. Robinson sang "The Land of Cakes."

"The Legal Profession" was responded to by Mr. D. Guthrie in a witty speech.

"The Clergy," coupled with the name of the Rev. W. S. Ball, who, in responding, said that he could not adequately express the feelings that filled his mind at the very kind manner in which the toast had been received. He would have preferred the toast of "the clergy," but he had been drunk in cold water, for he was sure that the members of that body would appreciate it all the more. Some thought that he had stepped out of his place when he connected himself with the volunteers, and he was made to suffer through false misrepresentations, but he felt that he was not the feelings of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the 13th Batt. all of whom had invariably treated him with consideration and respect whenever he had come in contact with them. No class should be more patriotic than the clergy; and he yielded to none in his attachment to the land of his birth and the person of our Gracious Sovereign. He hoped every clergyman would feel himself bound to see after the welfare of the volunteers, for there was no class of men they were more bound to attend to. He had it in contemplation to prepare a special hymnbook for the volunteers having a selection of hymns which were not the feelings of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the 13th Batt. all of whom had invariably treated him with consideration and respect whenever he had come in contact with them. No class should be more patriotic than the clergy; and he yielded to none in his attachment to the land of his birth and the person of our Gracious Sovereign. He hoped every clergyman would feel himself bound to see after the welfare of the volunteers, for there was no class of men they were more bound to attend to. 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