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### Business Directory.

#### GUELPH HERALD

Printing Establishment,  
North West Corner of the Market Square.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF PRINTING,  
—such as—

- Business Cards, Insurance Policies,
- Circulars, Posters,
- Pamphlets, Way Bills,
- Catalogues, Blanks,
- Funeral Letters, Bill Heads,
- Hand Bills, Stage Bills,
- Book Work, Cards,
- &c. &c. &c.

Neatly executed, with the utmost expedition and upon moderate terms.

### A CARD.

#### JAMES LYND,

IMPORTER OF  
DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,  
AND DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF  
COUNTRY PRODUCE,  
MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

April 1, 1850. 145

### REMOVAL.

#### DR. W. A. LIDDELL

HAS removed to the house lately occupied by F. H. KIRKPATRICK, Esq., adjoining the residence of the Rev. A. PALMER.

N. B.—Continues to attend patients in the country.

Guelph, June 4, 1850. 154

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

THE Office of the Distributor of Marriage Licenses is removed to the Store of Messrs. BUDD & LYND, corner of Wyndham street, immediately below Mr. Sandilands.

RICHARD FOWLER BUDD,  
Agent for Granting Marriage Licenses.

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1849. 121-1f

### H. GREGORY,

ORNAMENTAL PAINTER & GLAZIER,  
DUNDAS.

THE above is prepared to execute, on the most reasonable terms, Banners, Flags, Devices, &c., in a style that cannot be excelled on this Continent.

### TRANSPARENT WINDOW SHADES.

M. P. Old Paintings renovated and touched up.

### MIR. W. GEO. PATTERSON,

Civil Engineer and Architect,  
M. INST. C. E. I.

late of the Irish Board of Public Works.

MR. P. will superintend the Erection of Mills in any part of the Province, and furnish Draughts, Estimates, and Specifications for Bridges, and all kinds of Buildings, Engines, &c.

N. B.—Surveying and Levelling.

Office—Next Door to Thorp's Hotel.

Guelph, May 21, 1850. 152-1f

### ROBERT OSBORNE,

Watch Maker and Jeweller,  
VICTORIA BUILDINGS, KING ST.,  
HAMILTON.

Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Spoons, and Wedding Rings, always on hand. Orders from the country punctually attended to.

### JOHN STREET FOUNDRY.

E. & C. GURNEY & A. CARPENTER,  
Manufacturers of  
Cooking, Parlor & Plate Stoves  
Of all Sizes and Patterns.

Also—Straw Cutters, Corn Shellers, Turning Lathes, Paint Mills, Pipe Boxes, &c. Castings made to Order.

### CAREY'S

PATENT THRASHING MACHINES.  
The most approved of in the Province always on hand.

John Street, Hamilton. 12

### JNO. P. LARKIN,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN STABLE AND  
FANCY DRY GOODS,  
Corner of King and John Streets,  
HAMILTON.

Country Merchants supplied on liberal terms at the lowest Montreal Prices.

### C. L. HELLWELL & Co.,

BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS,  
KING ST., HAMILTON,

KEEP constantly on hand, Writing Paper and School Books of all descriptions. Books of all kinds procured from New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, to order, on short notice; and most fully at Catalogue price.

### MR. F. MARCON,

LAND AGENT, CONVEYANCER,  
AND NOTARY PUBLIC,  
GUELPH.

Agent for the Canada Company, and Bank of Montreal.

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#### TO LET,

THE Two comfortable and commodious DWELLING-HOUSES, in McDonald Street, formerly occupied by Mr. J. JACKSON & Mr. CHAS. DAVIDSON. Apply to CHAS. DAVIDSON. Guelph, May 27, 1850. 153-1f.

#### J. LAMOND SMITH,

Conveyancer, Notary Public,  
AND  
GENERAL AGENT,  
FERGUS.

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#### JOHN HARRISON,

Joiner, Builder & Cabinet Maker,  
GUELPH.

Plans, Specifications, Estimates, &c. for Buildings. The different Artificers' Work usually employed in building, measured or valued, on the most reasonable terms.

#### MISS MARY CAMPBELL,

Milliner, Dress and Habit Maker,  
All orders made up according to the Latest New York Fashions.

Residence—First Door West of the Wesleyan Chapel.

Guelph, Feb. 4, 1850. 137-1f.

#### THOMAS GORDON,

LAND AND GENERAL AGENT,  
OWEN SOUND.

#### THE COLONIAL

LIFE ASSURANCE Co.

AGENT FOR GUELPH,  
WILLIAM HEWAT, Esq., District Treasurer.

#### T. R. BROCK,

Conveyancer, Accountant, and  
GENERAL AGENT,  
NO. 1, MARKET SQUARE,  
GUELPH.

#### MR. J. DAVIS,

Barrister and Attorney-at-Law,  
NOTARY PUBLIC, &c.,  
GUELPH,  
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, C. W.

#### ANDREW GEDDES, ESQ.,

Government Agent for the District of Wellington,  
CROWN LAND OFFICE, ELORA,  
On the regular Mail Road from Guelph to Owen's Sound.

#### ARCHIBALD MACNAB,

PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR,  
SPYDENHAM VILLAGE,  
OWEN'S SOUND.

#### JAMES GEDDES,

Attorney-at-Law, Conveyancer, &c.,  
ELORA,  
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

February 22, 1849. 36.

THE Undersigned have entered into Partnership in the practice of the LAW, under the name and firm of  
FERGUSON & HURD,  
OFFICE—MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

#### A. J. FERGUSSON,

EDWARD E. W. HURD.

#### THE CANADA

Life Assurance Company  
AGENT FOR GUELPH,  
T. SANDILANDS.

#### W. FELL,

ENGRAVER AND PRINTER,  
Opposite the Building Society's Rooms,  
KING STREET, HAMILTON.

#### NOTARIAL PRESSES,

Notary and Office Seals, Professional and Business Cards, Door and Coffin Plates, and every description of Engraving and Printing.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE WATER-LOO COUNTY COUNCIL, open on every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 3 P. M.

Court House, Guelph. 34-1y

#### To all whom it may Concern.

MARRIAGE LICENSES may be had upon application at the office of the Distributor in FERGUS,

A. DINGWALL FORDYCE.

#### A. D. FERRIER,

CONVEYANCER, NOTARY PUBLIC,  
AND  
General Agent.

Waterloo County Clerk's Office, Guelph.

### EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSION OF PROFESSOR WEBSTER.

Boston, July 9.

At the meeting of the Council this morning, the case of Professor Webster was referred to a committee. Before this committee at 12 o'clock, appeared the Rev. Dr. Putnam, the spiritual adviser of the condemned, with a petition from him for a commutation of punishment, together with a confession that he killed Dr. Parkman. The Rev. gentleman professed this statement with a few remarks relative to the manner in which the confession was made to him. He stated that he had no previous acquaintance with Prof. Webster before being called upon to act in the capacity of his spiritual adviser. In the first few weeks of his visit, he sought no acknowledgment from the prisoner. At length, on the 23rd of May, he visited him in his cell, and demanded of him, for his own wellbeing, that he should tell the truth in regard to the matter, and he acceded to the request by making a statement which was now admitted to the consideration of the Council. It was as follows:—

THE CONFESSION.  
On Tuesday, 20th Nov., I sent the note to Dr. Parkman, which it appears, was carried by the boy, Maxwell. I handed it to the little fellow on Friday, the 23rd, after my lecture. He had become, of late, very importunate for my aid. He had threatened me with a suit; to put an officer in my house, and to drive me from my professorship, if I did not pay him. The purpose of my note was simply to ask the conference. I did not tell him in what way I could do, or what I had to say about the payment. I wished to gain, for three or four days, a release from his importunities, to which I was liable every day, on occasions and in a manner very disagreeable and alarming, and also to avoid, for so long a time at least, the fulfilment of my promise to him, to pay him on Friday should arrive. My purpose was, if he should accede to the proposed interview, to state to him my embarrassment, and utter inability to pay him immediately, to apologise for those things in my conduct which had offended him—to throw myself on his mercy to beg for further time and indulgence, for the sake of my family, if not of myself, and to make good promises to him as I could have any hope of keeping. I did not hear from him on that day, nor the next (Wednesday), but I found on Thursday he had been again in pursuit of me without finding me. I imagined he had forgotten the appointment, or else did not mean to wait for me. I feared he would come in upon me at my lecture hour, or while I was preparing my experiments for the following day. He came, accordingly, on Friday (Friday) between eight and nine o'clock, to remind him of my wish to see him at the College at half-past one—my lecture closing at one. I called on him to talk with him, for I expected the conversation would be a long one, and I had my lecture to prepare; for it is necessary for me to have my time, and also to keep my mind free from other exciting matters. Dr. Parkman agreed to call on me as usual, at ten o'clock, on Saturday, between half-past one and two o'clock, entering at the lecture room door. I was engaged in removing some glasses from my lecture room, and he came rapidly down the steps, and followed me into the laboratory. He immediately addressed me with great energy—“Are you ready for me, sir? Have you got the money?”

“No, Parkman,” I replied, “I am not beginning to state my condition, and my appeal to him, but he would not listen to me, and interrupted me with such vehemence. He called me a scoundrel and a liar, and on top of that, he was the most bitter taunt and opprobrious abuse of which I was speaking, he drew a handful of papers from his pocket, and took from among them two notes, and also an old letter from Dr. Hensack, written many years ago, concerning relating him on his success in getting me appointed Professor of Chemistry. “You see,” he said, “I got you into your office, and now I will get you out of it, and put me into his pocket all the papers except the letters and notes. I can show how long the torrent of threats and imprecations continued, and I can recall to memory but a small portion of what he said; at first I kept in silence, trying to pacify him, and to get him to obtain the object which I sought the most, but I could not stop him, and soon my temper was up; I forgot everything, and felt nothing but the sting of his words. I was excited to the highest degree of passion, and while he was speaking, and gesticulating in the most violent and menacing manner, thrusting the letter and his fist into my face, in my fury I seized whatever thing was nearest to me, and threw it at him, and the passion could give it. I did not know, or think, or care, where I should hit him, nor how hard, nor what the effect would be. It was on the side of his head, and there was nothing to break the force of the blow. He fell instantly upon the pavement. There was no second blow; he did not move. I stepped down over him, and he seemed to be lifeless. Blood flowed from his mouth, and he was a speck and wipe it away. I got some ammonia, and applied it to his nose, but without effect. Perhaps I spent ten minutes in attempting to resuscitate him, but I found he was absolutely dead. In hurrying to the entrance of the lecture room, the doors and bolted them, the doors of the lecture room and of the laboratory below. And then, what was I to do? It never occurred to me to go out and declare what had been done, and obtain assistance. I saw nothing but the alternative of a successful concealment of the body on the one hand, and of infamy and destruction on the other. The first thing I did, as soon as I could do anything, was to drag the body into the private room adjoining, where I took off the clothes, and began putting them into the fire, which was burning in the upper laboratory. They were all consumed, and whatever they contained, I did not examine the pockets, nor remove anything, except the watch. 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