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New Advertisements.

PUBLIC LORRY.

PIANOS, FURNITURE, &c., carefully removed. Terms easy. Orders can be left at Dempsey & Chamberlain's, and at the West End Flour and Feed Store, Hatch's Block.
d20 d1m E. RUDD.

DRESSMAKERS WANTED—TWO experienced hands at once. Apply to Miss Buckney, dressmaker, Fashionable West End.
18d tf A. O. BUCHAM.

TO LET.—A new brick house, No. 34 Norwich Street, six rooms, hard and soft water. Rent moderate. Apply to R. B. WOOD. 35 Greene street. j3d tf

BOARDERS.—A few lady boarders can find good accommodation at 29 Oxford street. j3d6

School For Young Ladies.

THE MISSES PHILLPOTTS WILL (D.V.) resume their classes on Thursday, January 8th. j3d6

NOTICE.

THE KINDERGARTEN

On Woolwich Street will re-open (D.V.) on Monday, Jan. 5th, 1880.
j3d2t

EDUCATIONAL.—The Misses Macdonald will resume their classes for young ladies Tuesday, January 6th, in the old Baptist Church, Norfolk street.
N. B.—The Misses Macdonald are prepared to give lessons in double entry book-keeping.
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Educational.

MISS HAYWARD WILL RESUME her classes in English and Music, on Monday, January 5th, 1880, at 301 Woolwich street. 31d6w1

SEE OUR STOVES AND SAVE MONEY.

A brand new stock of base burner parlor, parlor cook, hall stoves, &c., will be sold by James Thorp & Son at low prices that will induce the public to purchase. Splendid cook stoves sold cheap. dwtf

NEXT. NEXT.

GO TO C. A. BRITTON'S FOR AN easy shave, or nobby hair cut. Try Britton's Sea Foam Shampoo, or Hair Dye. Get your razors set at Britton's, where everything is done in a first class manner. Don't forget the sign—NEXT. St George's Square, Guelph.
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Children's Singing School.

MISS JACKSON

WILL START A SINGING School for Children, commencing on the 3rd January, at her residence 261 Glasgow-st, at two o'clock p.m. All those wishing to attend will please leave their names at her residence between now and the above mentioned date. Terms $1 per month. n8d6m

REMOVAL

MISS HOSKIN WISHES TO INFORM the ladies of Guelph that she has removed to 58 Suffolk Street, where she continues to make over Ladies' Combings and Curl Hair in the latest styles. All orders left at Mrs. Wright's fancy store will receive prompt attention. d6f

Commercial Travellers' Association

GUELPH BRANCH.

TRAVELLERS' CERTIFICATES for 1880, can now be had on application to
THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Corner of Dublin and Suffolk Streets, Guelph.
27d6

PORK. PORK.

ork Street, opposite Reynold's Hotel, and 122 Quebec Street, Hearn's Block.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND FRESH and Salt Pork, Sausages (all kinds), Hams, Bacon, Lard, &c. Charges moderate.
de9dtf JOSEPH ZINGER & CO.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the estate of George Allan, late of the city of Guelph, laborer are requested to furnish to me, at the office of Messrs. MacMillan & O'Connor, on or before the 15th day of January, 1880, a statement of such claims, duly verified, and in default thereof they may be precluded from sharing in the assets in my hands.
20-d31aw J. P. MACMILLAN, Executor.

NOTE LOST.

LOST IN GUELPH, A NOTE OF hand for $174.03, drawn by L. Cossitt, in favor of James Rouse, dated January 8th, 1879, payable four months after date, upon which $124.09 have been paid and endorsed thereon. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at Ellis' American Hotel, Guelph.
27d3-s

Attention. Attention.

GENUINE HARPERS' BAZAR Patterns. Full Suits, only 25 cents.
Straw and Felt Hats and Bonnets done over in all the latest styles.
Mrs. E. H. Pass wishes to inform the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she has lately learned the French mode of cutting and fitting, and is now prepared to give even greater satisfaction than formerly.
Dresses and Jackets cut, and a perfect fit guaranteed, at a reasonable price.
For stylish and cheap Hats and Bonnets go to Mrs. E. H. Pass. Wedding and funeral flowers embalmed.
o2d ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE Guelph.

Walter J. Fairbank

DESIRES TO CALL THE ATTENTION of the citizens of Guelph to his stock of Meats, which will be sold at the following prices:—

Sirloin Roast and Steak, 12½ cents.
Best Steak, 10 cents.
Beef Roasts, 7 to 10 cents.
Boiling Beef, 4 to 6 cents.
Lamb or Mutton, 7 to 10 cents.
Pork, 7 to 11 cents.
Best Lard, 12½ cents.
Sausages, 10 cents. do

W. H. CRESSWELL SHAW,

TEACHER OF

Pianoforte and Violin,

WILL RESUME LESSONS ON January 5th. Intending pupils will please apply at once, so as to secure convenient hours.
Address—Music Store, Quebec Street. 2d6

$10 to $1,000 Invested on Wall st. Stocks make fortunes every month. Books sent free explaining everything. Address BAXTER & Co., Bankers, 17 Wall-st. N. Y. m r d e o d w 1 y

PETER ITTER, AUCTIONEER, for the Counties of Waterloo and Wellington. Orders promptly attended to. Address Hespeler P. O. o e 2 w t f

City Church Directory.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

St. George's—Rev. Canon Dixon, B. A., Rector. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian—Rev. Robert Torrance, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m.

St. Andrew's—Rev. J. C. Smith, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

Knox—Rev. W. S. Ball, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

Chalmers'—Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D. D., Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

METHODIST.

Norfolk Street Church—Rev. Wm. Williams Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m.

Dublin Street Church—Rev. W. J. Maxwell, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m.

Primitive Methodist—Revs. H. Harris and C. Curtis, Pastors, at Beechgrove and Guelph. Services at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. D. McGregor, M.A., Pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p, m.

Zion—Rev. James Howie, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m.

BAPTIST.

Rev. J. Coutts, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

BRETHREN.

Meet in the upper flat of Brownlow's buildings, near the post office, for breaking of bread, at 11 a. m.; preaching at 6:30 p. m.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

Meet in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms on Sabbath morning. Services at 11 a. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Fathers Hamel and Du Mortier, Pastors. Services at 7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and vespers at 7 p. m.

B. M. E. CHURCH.

Services at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m. Rev. J. B Roberts, Pastor.

Special Business Notices.

The trade done this Christmas at Day's Bookstore was as large as ever has been done in the best of times.

The balance of Fancy Goods, Toys, etc., at Day's Bookstore will be sold off very low. Call early get bargains.

Now is the time to buy at Day's book store, balance of Christmas stock to be sold off at any price. Day sells cheap.

Writing desks, work boxes, globe boxes sewing baskets, dolls, fancy goods, toys, balance of Christmas stock left over at Day's bookstore will be cleared out at any price.

OVERCOATS! OVERCOATS!—These very seasonable goods can nowhere be bought to better advantage than at the Lion. Also those wonderful $14.50 Suits, which are exceptional value. See the Lion's advt. in to-day's issue.

For New Year's cakes, wedding cakes or cakes iced, or scons, buns, rolls, muffins, tarts, pastry, cakes or buns of any kind, go to W. T. Tanner's, West End Bakery.

CRUET STANDS and other plated ware, ivory handled knives, pocket knives, tea trays and waiters, skates, sleighs, and other goods suitable for Cristmas and New Year's presents, in large variety and very cheap, at J. M. Bond & Co's.

Some queer stories are afloat here in regard to the competition of a firm which has lately taken a deep interest in the Canada Pacific Railway contracts. Some strange developments are expected at no distant day.

THE 15th SEMI-ANNUAL

Clearing Sale

now going on at

THE ELEPHANT

The following goods have been

Reduced to Cost.

Overcoats and Pea Jackets. We have still in stock about 300 Overcoats, in Ulsters, Beaver and Pilot.

We still carry a very heavy stock of Woollen Underclothing, which we will clear out at cost price.

Come early and learn our low prices.

A full assortment of Gent's Furnishings and Hats greatly reduced during the sale.

WM. RUTHERFORD & CO.

Guelph Township Agricultural Society.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE above Society will take place on Thursday the 15th instant, in the Secretary's office on Cork street, at 2 p. m.
j3 2d 1w GEO. MURTON, Secretary.

Guelph Horticultural Society.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE above Society will be held at the Secretary's office, on Cork street, on Thursday the 15th instant, at 3 p.m.
j3 2d 1w GEO. MURTON, Secretary.

South Wellington Agricultural Society.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE above Society will be held at the Secretary's office, over Marcon's seed store, on Wednesday the 21st instant, at 2 p.m.
j3 2w 3d GEO. MURTON, Secretary.
Herald copy.

AUCTION SALE

OF

Valuable Farm in Eramosa.

WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC Auction at the door of the Market House in the City of Guelph, on Saturday, the 24th day of January, 1880, at one p. m., under the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Sarah French and her husband to the vendor, dated the 1st day of May, 1878, and which will be produced at the time of sale, all and singular the south-east half of lot number twenty-five, in the 8th concession of the township of Eramosa, containing 100 acres of land, more or less.

This property consists of about 70 acres well cleared, clay loam, watered by spring creek and well, 30 acres swamp, with usual swamp timber. There are upon the property good log house, stable and barn.

TERMS OF SALE—$1,400 will be allowed to remain on mortgage for a number of years, at 8 per cent half yearly; the remainder as follows: 10 per cent of the whole at the time of sale, and balance within 30 days from the time of sale.

Immediate possession. Title good. The purchaser may take the crop in the ground at a valuation.

Further terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on application to

MACDONALD & MACDONALD,
2d&wtd Vendor's Solicitors, Guelph.

Daily Mercury.

SATURDAY EV'G, JANUARY 3, 1880.

PAY UP.

We are now sending out our accounts for advertising and job work, and have to request that prompt payment be made.

THIS MORNING'S TELEGRAMS.

The country between the rivers Volga and Don is famine-stricken and many persons have already perished.

Mr. Samuel Plimsoll, member of Parliament and author of the Merchants Shipping Act, has declared his intention to make an earnest effort at the coming session of Parliament to secure legislation prohibiting the loading of grain in bulk.

Mr. MacLear, of the St. Rollox Chemical Works, writes to the *Times* affirming that he has produced carbon in diamond modification, and asking for the suspension of judgment on the letter of Mr. Maskelyne, of the Mineral Department of the British Museum, pending an interview appointed for the 6th, in which Mr. MacLear hopes to convince Mr. Mackelyne, that his conclusions are premature.

The Bank of England voted $2,500 towards the fund instituted by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of the distress in Ireland.

A large number of Nihilists have recently been arrested in Warsaw.

The rivers Rhine and Main in Germany are overflowing their banks, owing to the channels being blocked with ice, and several towns are inundated.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin has opened the relief fund, and £1,500 has already been subscribed.

An influential deputation headed by the Marquis of Hamilton, have waited upon Mr. Lowther, Under Secretary for Ireland, to ask aid in procuring a loan of £35,000 for the construction of a railway from Donnegal to Castle Caldwell as a relief work. Mr. Lowther promised to lay the matter before the Treasury.

The flood in the Seine at Paris is becoming very serious. Great blocks of floating ice have made a clean breach of 200 feet in the temporary wooden bridge opposite the Hotel des Invalides. The river is still risirg fast.

The Afghan War.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—General Roberts reports under date of December 31 that the country is quiet, and his communications have been restored. Numbers of the people are returning to Cabul, and supplies are coming in.

CABUL, Jan. 2.—The Military Commission has reassembled to try the prisoners who have been sentenced to be hanged on the 30th ultimo. One was proved to have killed Jenkyns, the Secretary of Major Cavagnari's Embassy.

Arrival of Parnell and Dillon in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The steamship *Scythia* arrived in port this morning having on board Messrs. Parnell and Dillon, both of whom were received by a large delegation of prominent citizens from other cities and heartily welcomed to America.

The delegation at an early hour this morning steamed down the bay in a revenue cutter and boarded the *Scythia* on her way up. An address of welcome by the citizens of New York and another by the citizens of Chicago were presented. Parnell replying as follows: "I regret my power of language is not sufficient to convey my appreciation of the kindness and honor done me. It has always been a great pleasure to me to come to the United States. I could have wished that the circumstances attending our native land were of a more happy and prospering character, but we must hope and believe that the time is approaching when we may be able to speak of Ireland as other men speak of their own country, as really and truly among the nations of the earth. Our task is of a double character. We have to war against a system which causes discontent and suffering in our country, and we have endeavored to break down the system and, with God's help, we are determined to break it down. We have also to see that the victims of this system are not suffered to perish in the meanwhile. The physical suffering, misery and starvation in a large portion of the population of Ireland have not been exaggerated. We have been calling on the Government for eight months to relieve the distress, but only within the last few days the English Government has agreed to admit that there is any distress, now that it is too well spread for almost any effectual remedy. Do those rulers in England appear to understand their responsibility? We, who have been working at this great land question have not made any appeal to the Government for the relief of the destitution; we cannot longer shut our eyes to the terrible peril approaching, and we think we ought to put the case before our own countrymen, both at home and here in America; we know our countrymen in America will do their duty, as they have in every clime, to their suffering brethren at home. I confidently anticipate the result of our mission will be of such a nature as to give pleasure to us and also give help to our people at home."

Dillon was called upon and also spoke, referring in complimentary terms to the generosity of America to their suffering brethren at home.

RAILWAY TO HUDSON BAY.—The Ottawa *Free Press* says: It is said that the application for a charter to build a railway from the head of Lake Winnipeg to Port Nelson on Hudson Bay really emanates from the Hudson Bay Company. This corporation apparently realises this season more than in any preceeding one, that their real interests lie in colonizing the North-West, so we hear not only of building the line of railway alluded to, but of the transformation on the Thames of four of the company's ships into steamers, capable of breaking ice, and of an anticipated immigration under the Company's auspices of forty thousand people from Europe to the North-west during the spring and summer of 1880.

Rutherford's clearing sale has been a great boon to the people since the announcement of it. Goods were never sold at such low prices. d1w1

Local News.

KINTERGARTEN.—This School will re-open on Monday first.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES—Cloudy, warmer weather and rain areas.

REAL ESTATE SOLD.—The store on Wyndham street, lately occupied by Heffernan Bros., was purchased on Thursday by Wm. Damer, of Toronto, for $8,500.

SABBATH TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The Rev. W. Williams will address the meeting in the City Hall to-morrow afternoon, at 4.15 o'clock.

THERE WAS a small market to-day as compared with the market of Saturday generally. Prices remain the same as quoted in the commercial column.

OYSTERS, CANDIES, NUPS, FRUIT.—Be sure you get all your delicacies at Murray's, Wyndham-st. Fresh oysters always on hand by the can or pailful.

THIGH BONE BROKEN.—John Morrison of Elora was admitted to the General Hospital here a few days ago, having fractured one of his thigh bones through a fall. The patient is doing well.

MEETINGS.—See advertisements in another column with reference to the annual meetings of Guelph Township Agricultural Society, Guelph Horticultural Society and South Wellington Agricultural Society.

MANY persons found it difficult to keep their equildrium while walking this afternoon. Several did not succeed in their efforts to do so, and tumbles were numerous. The sleet became frozen on the sidewalks, making them very slippery.

VAGRANTS.—John Cunningham and Janet Leith were arrested last night for vagrancy. It being the first appearance of Cunningham before the Police Magistrate he was discharged. So much could not be said for Janet and she was sent up for thirty days.

THE annual Sunday School service will be held in St. George's Church on Sunday afternoon at three p. m., when the Christmas carols will be sung and appropriate addresses delivered to the children. Parents and all others are invited to attend. Offertory for additions to Sunday School Library.

FIREMEN'S BALL.—There was a good attendance at the annual ball given by the Firemen in the City Hall, on New Year's eve, there being between seventy and eighty couples present. The orchestra of the Artillery Band furnished excellent music. The dancers seemed to find plenty enjoyment and the affair passed off successfully.

FOR THE SCHOOL OF GUNNERY.—Lieut. G. B. Hood, Sergt. R. Shortreed, Gunners W. K. Hood, W. Tuck and A. Beesley, of the Ontario Field Battery, and Bombadier Addison, of the Wellington Field Battery, left by the G. T. Railway yesterday afternoon for Kingston, where they are to take a three months' course at the School of Gunnery.

RUNAWAY ON THE ELORA ROAD.—Last night while a young man was driving a horse on the Elora Road, the animal took fright and ran away. The occupant of the cutter was thrown out but received no injury through the fall. He was unable to find the horse last night but it returned to the livery stable this morning, the cutter being considerably damaged.

ASSAULT.—James Penleton appeared at Police Court this forenoon for assaulting James Swan by striking him with a shovel. Some evidence was taken for the prosecution when at the request of complainant—the case was adjourned till Wednesday. It appeared that the assault, which was not a very serious one, arose through a quarrel, and Penleton thinking Swan had said something insulting, struck him with the shovel.

INCORRIGIBLE.—This forenoon there was a scene at the Police Court when John Cunningham was being tried for vagrancy. A man named Slater thinking the prisoner had been placed in a false position, rose and was bound to testify to his good character whether the court willed or not. An order from the Police Magistrate was sufficient to satisfy the voluntary witness that his testimony was unnecessary.

RUNAWAY.—A team of horses driven by Alex. Campbell, ran away yesterday from the neighbourhood of the Victoria Bridge. Mr. Campbell was racing his horses with a span driven by Mr. Laing when they took fright. The animals made a spring, and becoming detached, drew Mr. Campbell over the dashboard. He retained his hold on the lines but was unable to control the horses, which dashed southwards rapidly, drawing him along the roadway. At length the lines broke and the animals becoming free, galloped about two miles along the road where they were afterwards found, one on each side of a rail fence. Mr. Campbell though somewhat bruised, sustained no material hurt.

REQUIRING ATTENTION.—Gordon street at the railway crossing is in such a condition as to make it dangerous for teams to cross the track. The rails project above the boards laid between them, and are an obstruction to sleighs. It is with difficulty that teams can cross the track at all, and every day they may be seen stuck at that point. Unless this defect is remedied it may occasion some serious accident as trains are constantly passing. The authorities should make no delay in repairing the roadway at that place.

The Customs report for 1879 shows the value of imports of Canadian goods into Manitoba to have been two millions of dollars, being half a million greater than in 1878.

The Government intend building eighty miles of the Sault Ste. Marie Railway as an offset for the abandonment of the Georgian Bay branch.

The large extension to the Hudon Cotton Factory in the east end of Montreal is complete, and about 400 additional hands are employed. The factory is kept running till nine o'clock each night.

There are two hundred Protestant schools now open in Manitoba.

In spite of low freights, the commerce of New York has seriously fallen off.

The Hamilton Bridge and Tool Works have gone into bankruptcy. They have had a hard year and blame the N. P. for their failure.

The town of St. Thomas, wicch is fairly bursting to be a city, announces municipal election meetings by *written* placards. Yet there are printing offices there.

The citizens of Sarnia have resolved to submit to the ratepayers the question of a grant of $20,000 bonus to a cotton manufactory to have a capital of $250,000 and employ not fewer than 200 hands.

New Year's calling is reported much less general than on previous new years in Montreal. In many cases it was limited to relatives and in many others no refreshments were offered.

The announcement that a list of the defaulting taxpayers would be published at the beginning of the year, in Montreal, has had a most salutary effect. On Wednesday about $70,000 was collected.

A very marked improvement has taken place in the business of New York in the year just closed, as indicated by the large decrease in the number of failures and in the amount of liabilities.

A safe was blown open with nitroglycerine at Omemee on Thursday night, and papers valued at $25,000 carried off by the burglars.

Extensive customs frauds in the importation of silks, velvets, etc., have been discovered in New York.

The number of vessels on the registry of the port of Halifax is 14 less than a year ago, and the registered tonnage is 8,139 tons less. Obviously this important branch of our national industries is not booming under the N. P.

The inland revenue returns for London district in 1879 are less than the returns of 1878 by nearly 22,000.

Last year was a prosperous one for Colorado. The output of ore in the State is valued at nearly $12,000,000.

Dr. Tanner, of Minneapolis, who claims to be able to live thirty days without food, proposes to prove the assertion by a public test in that city, for the benefit of science.

The proposed sugar refinery for Moncton is now assured, as $130,000 of stock has been subscribed.

A young Scotchman named Bain, living in Montreal, was shocked upon reading the name of his sister in the list of killed at the Tay Bridge accident.

Of the seventy thousand people in Toronto, at least two-thirds must have received Christmas cards last week, for upwards of fifty thousand were delivered by the letter carriers.

M. de Lesseps has arrived in Panama, and on New Year's Day he inaugurated the work of verifying the canal surveys. He adheres to the sea level plan, which he considers the only practicable one, and expects to be able to commence the work of construction in about six months. The Panama people have received De Lesseps with the greatest enthusiasm, and are welcoming him with a three day's holiday, a grand parade, a bull-fight, and a banquet.

Hon. Mr. Letellier's health is still bad. The whiskey State of the Union is Illinois. In Chicago during the past year there were 11,008,091 gallons of that spirit manufactured, the value of which was $11,888,738. The amount of capital sunk in the trade, which employs fully 8,000 men, is $2,400,000. Out of the 5,500,000 gallons exported last year from the United States, Chicago alone sent 3,574,821.

A firm of Montreal engineers has just sent the parts of a number of wooden houses to Newfoundland, and are making preparations for a more extensive consignment, The houses go in sections.

On Friday Joseph McBride, a lad about ten or twelve years of age living in Seaforth, while attempting to force a cartridge into a revolver, held the muzzle against his abdomen and hammered the cartridge with an old file, when it exploded, passing nearly through his body. The doctors have very little hopes of his recovery.

The season in Richmond, Va., is remarkably mild. Strawberry plants are blooming in gardens around the city.

The United States Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro reports that the Canadians have made arrangements for a line of steamers between Halifax and Rio. An exhibition of Canadian products is to be opened at Rio de Janeiro next June.

At a public meeting held at Woodstock last week, it was decided to lend between $1,000 and $10,000, without interest, as inducement for an agricultural implements manufacturer to start business in that town.

GARAFRAXA.—The death of Mrs. Jane Boothe took place on the 28th ult., at the age of 82 years, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Wm. Robinson, of Garafraxa. She has left to mourn her loss five sons and five daughters, fifty-nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

The Stratford and Huron Railway Company have given notice that they will apply at the next session of the Legislature for an amendment of their charter to enable them to build a branch from their main line to the town of Walkerton.

John Battle, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, born in 1767, died at St. Bridget's Home, Montreal on Wednesday, at the age of 112. His memory was good to the last, and four years ago when he was visited by Lord Dufferin, he conversed freely about the battle of Vinegar Hill and the rebellion of 1798, all of which he remembered.

Rutherford has reduced his white and colored shirts ten per cent. d1w1

Rutherford will continue his clearing sale for two months, read advertisement. d1w1

It is not probable that the Government will entertain the proposal made by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Selby Smyth for the formation of a mounted police force for Canada, the same to be used for military purposes in case of necessity.

Inland Revenue Returns.

The following is a statement of duties collected at this port by the Inland Revenue Department for December, and a comparison with the same month 1878:—

In 1878 the duty on malt was 2 cents per pound, while last year the duty was 1 cent per pound.

The duty on spirits in 1878 was 90 cents per gallon, last year the duty being $1 00 per gallon.

The following is the statement for Dec. 1879:—

License Fees	$50
Duties on Tobacco	1446 50
Duties on Spirits	9629 56
Duties on Malt	2667 7
Inspectors Fees on Petroleum	161 00
Total	$12,954 81

The returns for December, 1878 follow:

Duties on Tobacco	$892 90
" " Spirits	9036 11
" " Malt	3606 38
Inspection Fees on Petroleum	38 60
Total	$13,573 99

This statement shows a falling off in the revenue of $2,619 18.

GUELPH EXPORTS FOR LAST MONTH.

The following is a statement of goods exported from Guelph last month and their value, together with the total exports in December, 1878, and a comparative statement of exports for the last three months of 1878, '79.

Last month the exports were:—

ARTICLES.	VALUE IN GOLD.
Barley, 54,533 bush	$31,935 71
Bran, 60 tons	545 00
Cattle and calves, 291 head	3,943 00
Cheese, 735 pounds	164 20
Hay, 80,000 pounds	360 00
Horses, 28 head	3,590 00
Iron scrap, 20 tons	240 00
Lumber, 328,425 feet	6,008 80
Malt, 3,444½ bush	2,530 85
Oats, 2,550 bush	816 00
Paper stock, 11,550 pounds	129 94
Peas, 4,861 bush	3,122 85
Pigs, 20 head	286 00
Rye, 2,150 bush	1,376 00
Sewing Machines	1,838 01
Sheep and lambs, 3,300 head	10,567 30
Steel springs, 1102 pounds	128 93
Sondries	2,113 50
Wheat, 4,000 bush	4,840 00
Total	$74,536 09.

The exports for 1st Dec. 1878, amounted in value to	$36,433 96
The total value of exports for Oct last year was	$138,589 08
And for Nov,	101,057 66
which with the total of Dec. shows for the quarter a total of	$314,182 83.
For the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1878, the exports were	213,822 56
showing an increase for the last quarter of 1879 of	$100,360 27.

The Guelph Curling Club.

A meeting of the Guelph Curling Club was held in Mr. Charles Davidson's office, Day's Block, on Friday evening, when the following resolutions relating to the competition for the Gow Cup were passed:—

Moved by Mr. Wm. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Jas. Barclay, that the Cup be played for by time—say two and a half hours.

Moved, in amendment, by Mr. Wm. Russell, seconded by Mr. D. McCrae, that the Cup be played for by ends—say 19. Carried.

Moved by Mr. D. McCrae, seconded by C. Davidson, that the Committee of Management meet on Friday, 9th January, to select from members who have then paid their subscription fee for this year and who are not in arrears on the books the first competitors to play for the Gow cup, and that each player be allowed to choose a director who shall have power to sweep. Carried.

It was distinctly expressed by the meeting that all parties who had not paid their subscription fees by the above date would not be allowed to compete.

Several new members were admitted to to the Club. After the transaction of routine business it was decided to arrange for a match with Elora on the Elora rink at as early a day as possible.

The meeting then adjourned.

WHISKEY DRINKING.—The distillers would not have made and barrelled 71,892,621 gallons of whiskey and other such fiery potables during the last fiscal year, if they had not an intelligent confidence in their ability to find customers at paying prices. It is a slight relief to know that 15,000,000 gallons or so were sent across the seas to fire the brains and gnaw the stomachs of the effete despots and their subjects; but even with this deduction, there was on hand the enormous quantity of 56,893,000 gallons (in round numbers) of whiskey and its congenors for home consumption. Even if all Americans took their liquor straight—which they don't—and if the average price of a drink was ten cents—which we are not informed, is not the fact—the gurgling of the last swallow of this colossal potation down the free and equal American throat will represent an expenditure of between $341,090,000 and $455,000,000, according to the size of the average bar drink. And the distilleries are still at work.—*N. Y. Sun.*

A SHOEBLACK'S SERMON.—A little shoeblack called at the residence of a clergyman of this city and solicited a piece of bread and some water. The servant was directed to give the child bread from the crumb basket, and, as the little fellow was walking slowly away and shifting the gift between his fingers for a piece large enough to chew, the minister called him back and asked him if he had ever learned to pray. On receiving the negative answer, he directed him to say, "Our Father," but he could not understand the familiarity. "Is it our father—your father—my father?" "Why, certainly." The boy looked at him awhile and commenced crying, at the same time holding up his crust of bread and exclaiming between his sobs: "You say that your father is my father; aren't you ashamed to give your little brother such stuff to eat when you have got so many good things for yourself" *New Orleans Democrat.*

PRESBYTERIANISM.—By a statement just published we learn that the Presbyterian church in Canada contains 860 pastoral charges; 1,350 congregations; 75,000 families; and about 130,000 communicants. The average stipend is $850 per annum. Its contributions for missionary and college purposes last year reached $241,000, while for all purposes including ministers salaries, etc., there was raised nearly $1,250,000. Six theological colleges are connected with the church, besides the two ladies colleges at Ottawa and Brantford. The missionary work is divided into the home, French and foreign departments, each under the care of a separate committee.

Open the pores and break up colds with SANFORD'S JAMAICA GINGER.

The Cantata of Santa Claus.

This Cantata, got up by the young people and children connected with the St. Andrews' Sunday School, was produced with great success in the Caledonian Rooms on Friday night. Those who took part in it had been engaged for some time previous to the work of preparation, and when the grand test came it was found that they were remarkably well up in their parts. The piece was produced with every regard to scenery and effects—so far as the stage would allow—and the different scenes were well represented, and from the first seemed to take the fancy of the audience.

The Cantata has been specially composed for the Christmas season, and hinges on the looked for and welcome visit of Santa Claus to the children. Of course intermixed with the story, if it can be called such—are a number of choruses, which are really good, being sprightly and well adapted to the subject. The solos are simple but expressive, and in good keeping with the subject. The finest instrumental piece is the "Reindeer's gallop," which, with the accompaniment of the sleigh bells, was received with the greatest favour.

The costume, stage fittings, etc., were excellent, and gave the greatest possible effect to the piece on the small stage at the disposal of the characters. The solo singers did their part well, and the chorus was carefully drilled, and did their part without a hitch, and with admirable effect. The entire success of the piece is greatly due to Mr. Crawford, who had all the labor in drilling the young people in the vocal parts, and to Mr. Vale who ably assisted him in the instrumental work, and who led the orchestra on Friday night.

The characters in the piece are as follows: "When the Shepherds watched by night," Misses Furvis and Anderson. Solo invocation to joy, by Miss Kirkland; Peace, Miss McLaren; Love, Annie McGregor; Hope, Miss Stevenson; Joy, Miss McGregor; Frost King, W. Higinbothm; Mirth, Miss Stewart; Fred, E. Higinbotham; Daisey, Minnie Stewart; Lena Ellen Anderson; Gretchen, Maude McGregor; Carl, Edward Crawford; Fritz Albert Gibbon; First Fairy, Adelaide Patterson; Second Fairy, Effie Smith; Third Fairy, Mary Higinbotham; Goddess of Dreams, Miss Paterson; Santa Claus, Mr. Bish; Krako, Nicholas Jeffrey; Drake, Harry Higinbotham.

The cantata will be repeated to-night in the same place, when the admission will be only ten cents. We hope there will be a large turnout of young people, for the piece is the best of the kind yet produced in Guelph.

The Municipal Elections.

List of Candidates and Polling Places.

The municipal elections will be held on Monday, the hours of polling being from nine till five p. m. Mr. Howard having declined to stand for re-election as Mayor, there will of course be no contest for the Mayoralty, Mr. Sleeman being elected by acclamation. In St. George's and St. Andrew's Wards the present members have also been elected by acclamation. The members for St. George's Ward are Dr. McGuire, Ald. Stevenson, and Biscoe. For St. Andrew's Ward the members are Messrs. Geo. Bruce, T. Gowdy, and J. C. McLagan. In order that electors may have no difficulty in deciding beforehand who they are going to support or of knowing where to vote, the following list of polling places in the different Wards is subjoined, together with the Aldermanic candidates:—

St. Patrick's Ward—Polling places—City Hall, and East Ward School House, York Road. Candidates—Denis Coffee, F. J. Chadwick, Joseph Groom, Walter Laing and M. J. Doran.

St. James' Ward—Polling places—South Ward School, Waterloo Avenue, and the Old Central School. Candidates—Geo. S. Grange, J. P. MacMillan, John A. Lamprey, and Thos. Holliday.

St. David's Ward—Polling places—Central Exhibition office and West Ward School House. Candidates, Thomas Goldie, William Hart, James Hewer, Jas. Patterson, George Henry Skinner, and John Tyson.

St. John's Ward—Polling places—Hearn's Store, Woolwich street, and at Han's store, Perth street. Candidates—Walter J. Fairbanks, Thomas Goldie, John Hall, Robert Mitchell, John Read, and Adam Robertson.

Mr. Thomas Goldie has announced by card that he will not stand for either Wards.

The balloting for Water Commissioners will be held at the same time and place as the municipal elections. The candidates are Mayor Howard, Richard Mitchell and John Harris.

Counterfeit bills are in circulation in the vicinity of Lucknow. Chiefly Dominion Bank Fours, old issue, Ontario Bank Tens' and Commerce Fives, old issue. The Lucknow Bank here detected several during the last week.

WEATHER RECORD.

ONTARIO SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, January 3, 1880.

Normal height of barometer at Guelph, 1,100 feet above sea level, 28.86 inches.
Average temperature for Jan. 22. 80
Observations taken at 7 a.m.

Barometer	Height 29.192
Thermometer	Change—Rising; Temperature—19; Change—Decreased.
Hygrometer	Dew point—; Moisture—Decreased
Wind	Direction—E. by N.
Min. Temp. during night 18	

FIRE AT LUCKNOW.—On Friday night a fire occurred at Lucknow, which through comparatively small in extent, yet was fraught with much misery to one family. The house of Mr. John Morgan, in that part of the suburbs called Cedarville, was burned to the ground together with all the contents, the family barely escaping with their lives, and being driven out in the cold with only their night clothing on.

Captain Symes, one of the pioneers of Lake Superior navigation, has sent in his resignation as Captain of the *Manitoba*, a position which he has held since that steamer was first put on the Lake Superior route from Collingwood, in 1871.