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Guelph, 4th January, 1869. dw

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Guelph, December 12. dwly

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Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

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The GUELPH BAKERY

Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST

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Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker.

Guelph, Dec. 19.

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. MEREDITH 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 put in suit in the Division Court.

GEORGE ELLIOTT,
N. HIGINBOTHAM,
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Executors.

Guelph, Jan. dwlm

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.

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Guelph, November 19, 1868. daw tf

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

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ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION,

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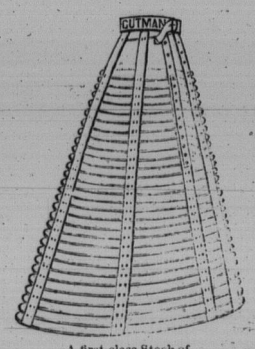

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THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN

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The attention of every lady is requested.

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Guelph, Jan. 17. d

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

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will be supplied with the best

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

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Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock

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Evening Mercury.

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 25, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous

Ash Wednesday this year comes on the 10th of February.

Oshawa commenced taking silver at par on Saturday last.

A menagerie man in Paris keeps his money in the cage of his most ferocious animal. He has never lost any.

"Capital weather, Mr. Jones; capital weather. My wife's got such a cold that she can't speak. I like such weather as this."

We are told that organ playing and singing in fourteen Boston churches cost $37,000 per annum. Praising God in the nineteenth century costs money.

A Boston journal makes the statement that every afternoon after three o'clock, twelve or fifteen United States Senators are so drunk that they are unable to attend to business.

The environs of Rossennau in Upper Hungary are infested at present by a by a band of brigands, commanded by a monk, who was recently an inmate of a Capuchin monastery.

The *Leader* still lives, and that's about all we can say about it.—*Telegraph.* Put *Telegraph* in place of *Leader*, take the "v" out of "lives," and the cap will fit the former paper to a nicety.

THERE is a law in Japan to the effect that whenever a conflagration shall break out, the residents of the house in which it begins shall, without enquiry, and regardless of excuse, be forthwith decapitated.

It is rumoured that Mr. Barber, who has been invited to meet his irate constituents at Milton, to explain his political course, will take with him some of the original blankets which led him to support the Government.

A bill has been laid before Congress to permit persons accused of crime to give testimony in their own defence. The principle is a sound one if to it is added the power to examine such persons as witnesses against themselves.

An old man of Waterbury, Ct., went on Saturday before last, to visit his daughter, who had left that place four weeks since, and was living in New York as a wife. He found that her home was a masked brothel, and took the misguided girl home.

ARRIVAL OF WHALEN AT OTTAWA.—Whalen returned from Toronto to Ottawa on Saturday morning, and was safely lodged in jail. But few expected his arrival; consequently there was no crowd at the station. He was neatly dressed, and heavily manacled.

London was, on the 7th, entirely in possession of the fog, the darkest known this winter. Such a state is a complete calamity for the metropolis, preventing business, and encouraging accidents and offences of all kinds while it stops. The navigation of the Thames was altogether stopped.

GOOD SAWING.—A correspondent in Nassagaweya informs us that Messrs. Hunter & Blacklock cut eighty cords of hardwood for Mr. J. Lawrie, in eight hours, with the sawing machine manufactured by John Able, Woodbridge. If there is any other machine can beat that, he would like to know where it is.

FIRE IN GARAFRAXA—The barn owned by Mr. John Kirtelton, thirteenth concession township of Garafraxa, was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 20th inst. It contained one hundred and twenty bushels of wheat, and a number of farming implements. There was only a small insurance on the property.

The AUCTION SALE at the Rutherford House is affording the greatest inducements to buyers. Lots are being rapidly disposed of and a great saving can be effected by those who may attend. As the sale will shortly close it is to the interest of all parties wanting Dry Goods to avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded.

A SMALL-SOULED PREMIER.—Sandfield Macdonald directed the Clerk not to pay the members of the Legislature for Saturday's session, alleging as the reason, that had they not been so obstreperous in their conduct on Thursday, the House might have been prorogued the next day. Five dollars was accordingly docked off each member's allowance.

THE TANKS.—It having been reported that the tank put down by Mr. Alex. Ferguson, on the Market Square, was leaking, Mr. Ferguson along with several other parties examined it this morning, and found that the reported leakage was incorrect. The water hrd only gone down one and a quarter inches from the edge of the wood since the tank was filled, a day or two after the new year.

"TOO KEERFUL."—The other day, in Schenectady, an old lady with two bandboxes in her arms came to the track of the Central Railroad, and enquired at what time the next train was due. On being informed that it would pass thro' the city in half an hour, she quietly dumped her bandboxes on the pavement, and sat down, remarking that "she'd wait till it passed; she didn't want to be run over, and a body couldn't be too keerful."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS.—The Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, beg to acknowledge the receipt of $208.08½, realized by the late concert at Elora, in aid of the charitable institution under their direction. They also present their sincere thanks to the people of Guelph, Elora and vicinity for their good-will and many acts of kindness towards them. They beg to thank particularly the Rev. Mr. Sherlock, S. J., for his noble efforts in behalf of the little orphans under their care, to which, they are convinced, the success of the above mentioned concert is mainly indebted.

DEMOREST'S YOUNG AMERICA.—This sprightly little Magazine has entered prosperously upon the third year of its existence, and become an indispensible visitor in all those households where it is known. There are many other juvenile periodicals, some older, some younger than this popular favourite, but there are none for the children like "darling" YOUNG AMERICA, so we must, perforce, believe it to be the best, and congratulate the publisher on the great success of his little undertaking. $1.50 yearly. Published at 838 Broadway, New York.

Rockwood Union Agricultural Society of Eramosa, Erin and Nassagaweya.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at Stull's Hotel, Rockwood, on Wednesday last. There was a good attendance of members, farmers from Erin and Nassagaweya, as well as members in the village, in all about 40 being present. The President, Alex. McQueen, Esq., having called the meeting to order, the Secretary, Isaac Laight, read the following Report:

The Directors have great pleasure in presenting their first annual report. You are mostly all aware how this Society came to be established at Rockwood. Certain members of the township society residing in and about Rockwood wanted the show to be held in the village, but that being refused, they went to work and established this Union Society. Most likely the township society will have something to say in the matter. Your Directors must congratulate the Society upon the results of their exertions during the past year, the exhibition and ploughing match having both been a decided success. As regards the yield of grain per acre, it is little better than guess work to average it, but we are well agreed that fall wheat and barley were the best crops by far. Spring wheat, peas and oats have been generally poor, both as regards yield and quality, but hay was a splendid crop. Potatoes, owing to the drought, are very poor—the same may be said of turnips, with few exceptions, while vegetables and fruit were good, to judge by samples shown. The exhibition was held in Rockwood on the 30th of September, and the following statement will show the number of entries in each class: Horses 85, cattle 40, sheep 39, hogs 12, grain 54, seeds 3, potatoes 21, other vegetables 94, dairy 47, domestic manufactures 90, implements 19, fruit 84—total entries, 598. Your Directors believe there would have been far more cattle brought to the show if there had been premiums offered for Durhams, as well as grades, several members being disappointed at the omission. The ploughing match was held on the farm of Mr. Jas. Parkinson, on the 21st of October. The South Wellington Society held their match on the same day, to the disappointment of several ploughmen, who intended to plough at each match. The number of entries was 28. Mr. Parkinson's field was a good one in all respects, but the day was very unpropitious; nevertheless the work done was pronounced extra by the judges, and as to number of entries it was far ahead of other matches in the district. The financial statement has already appeared in the MERCURY.

The report was adopted, and the following office-bearers were elected: R. Dunbar, Esq., President; H. McDougall, Esq., Vice-President, Isaac Laight, Secretary; Directors: A. Anderson, J. Gerow, W. Stovel, J. C. Stull, T. Hughes, M. Sutton, C. McDougall, Erin; A. Currie, do.; A. McIntosh, H. Perrin, A. Osborne, R. Murton, jr., J. Harris, G. W. Lowe, W. Buroughs, Nassagaweya; G. Thomas, do.; Wilson Ramshaw, C. Head, A. Abbott, T. Whitehead, W. Duffield, jr., A. Clark, J. Wright. After a cordial vote of thanks to the retiring President, A. McQueen, Esq., the meeting adjourned.

Nichol Agricultural Society.

At two o'clock on Monday last, the members of the Nichol Agricultural Society at Whyte's North American Hotel, Fergus, the President, Mr. Tindale, in the chair. The Secretary read the annual report as follows,—The Directors of the Agricultural Society of the Township of Nichol, in presenting their annual report of the proceedings of the past year, beg to report, that the subscription list of members amounts to $54; the government equivalent received from County Treasurer on the amount was the sum of $33.08, making the total amount of expenditure as follows' viz:—Treasurer's salary $12.00; stationery and postage $1.00, and balance due him on account of salary for the year 1857, making in all the sum of $20; the balance, say $67.08, was paid into the hands of the Treasurer. Your Directors beg further to report, that in compliance with an act passed by the Legislature of Ontario in the early part of the year 1868, respecting "general provisions relative to Agricultural and other societies" as set forth in subsection two, section 45, this society at a formal meeting preceding the annual show, merged their funds with those of the County, because the County Fall show was to be held in Fergus that year. Your Directors further report that out of seven Directors chosen only four acted, which is the sole cause of the decrease of membership, together with a misunderstanding respecting the nature of the new Act. They would most strongly recommend the propriety of appointing good, acting and persevering men to the offices of the society, and likewise urge the necessity of an early canvass to receive a good return of members. The report was received and adopted. Moved by Mr. Thomas Michie, seconded by Mr. Isaac Modeland, that Mr. Wm. Clarke be President—Lost. Moved in amendment by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Wm. Clarke, that Dr. Orton be President—Carried. Moved by Mr. John Temple, seconded by Mr. Phelan, that Mr. Wm Clarke, be vice-President.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Modeland, seconded by Mr. Clarke, that Mr. Wm. Wilson, (Lower Nichol) be vice-President.—Lost. Moved by Mr. Tindale, seconded by Mr. Monger, that Mr. Todd be reappointed Secretary and Treasurer.—Carried unanimously. The following gentlemen were appointed Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. John Tindale, Jas. Phelan, Fergus; Thomas Machie, Bonaccord; Wm. Robinson, Owen Sound Road; Wm. McDermott, Geo. Monger, Garafraxa; William Wilson, John H Broadfoot, Lower Nichol, Mr. Isaac Modeland, Salem. Messrs. J. McQueen, and H. Michie, were appointed auditors. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the retiring President, Mr. Wm. Tindale.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

Monday, Jan. 25.—An old woman named *Catherine Mulvey* was charged by Chief Constable Kelly with being drunk in the streets on Sunday, and was fined $1 and costs, in default, a week in gaol.

Velocipedes are growing in favor throughout the States. Some of our enterprising mechanics should start the manufacture of them in Guelph.

Toronto Correspondence.

The chief topic among a large number of our mercantile classes just now appears to be, whether the Government is right or wrong in refusing the grant of ten millions of acres of land for the purpose of building the Georgian Bay Canal. Mr. Capreol, flushed with the victory that he has lately obtained among some of the monied men in England by inducing them to subscribe a large amount of stock in that enterprise, is determined to die hard in his attempt to obtain the necessary number of acres of land from our Government. He threatens that if they do not comply, their demise is imminent sooner or later, and so the fight goes on. That usually dormant body, the Board of Trade, has within the last few days given symptoms of life, and have discussed the matter fully; but the majority of its members have pronounced the scheme impracticable, or if practicable, useless. Capreol is furious, and seems to be alive to the fact that the forces arrayed against him are almost superhuman, but yet he believes—he has faith, and hopes, if against hope, that the country will, ere it be too late, shake off its lethargy and rally round the Georgian Bay Canal Company.

The City Council is again organized for another year. In consequence of the provisions of the last Municipal Act only eight members are elected annually, one in each ward. Out of these eight, only one new member (Ald. Lepper) has been introduced into the Council. The return to the old plan of electing the members annually, is now pretty freely admitted to be the best for the interests of the city, and I think an alteration in that respect in the existing law, will be sought for next session. The Mayor, Ald. J. E. Smith, who has for the last two years filled the chair with so much honour to himself and credit to the city, has given place to Ald. Harman, who was elected by a majority of five over Ald. Manning. If the Mayor elect will follow the footsteps of his predecessor he will do well, for it is generally admitted that a better Mayor than Mr. Smith has proved himself to be, Toronto has not had for many years past. He has presided over the deliberations of the Council with becoming dignity, and their meetings have been characterized with due regard to rule and order. He has given of his means to the poor and needy, who have called upon him, with no niggard hand, and he has displayed ability in the other discharge of his duties of no ordinary character. The consequence of this has been that he has won the esteem and respect of nearly every member of the Council, and the confidence of the citizens, at least those of them who were disposed to view his conduct with an impartial eye. He has entered upon his duties at the Custom house, to which place he has been appointed Collector, and there is no doubt will display the same amount of ability that he has in the City Council for the last ten years. He is still a very young man, ambitious and fond of public life, and will probably before many years have passed, enter into the area of politics again. The council will continue to be presided over by a Mayor possessed of all the attributes of a gentleman, and he will have a number of excellent men in the Council to assist him in carrying on the affairs of the city, amongst them I might mention Ald. Sheard and Ald. Boxall. The ratepayers are very much indebted to the former for the great interest he has at all times taken in reducing taxation. He is an able man, and has proved himself to be in every respect worthy of the confidence of the citizens. Ald Boxall, has been appointed chairman of Finance, and no better man could be selected for the important position; always ready in debate, clear headed and possessed of good financial abilities, he will prove to be capable of dealing with the financial condition of the most satisfactorily.

We had a fashionable wedding here yesterday which attracted an immense crowd of persons to St James's Cathedral where the ceremony was performed. It was the marriage of Capt. Northey of the 60th Rifles to Miss Charlotte Gzowski, second daughter of Mr. C. S. Gzowski, the well known proprietor of the Rolling Mills here, and at one time a contractor for the building of a portion of the Grand Trunk Railway. His eldest daughter was married to an officer of artillery a few years ago, and in a short time his third and last will be espoused to an officer in the same service. So you see the Gzowskis have gone extensively into the military line. It appears to be the ambition of many of our young ladies to obtain military men for husbands. There are some who have done so here and have, doubtless, repented of it ere this, but still a red coat has an extraordinary fascination. Those who are so anxious to obtain such a prize had better be on the alert, for by next summer I doubt if there will be many left in the Province of Ontario.

Halton Agricultural Society.

Our correspondent sends us a short report of the annual meeting of the above Society, which took place in Milton, on the 19th inst. There was a good attendance, and a lively interest was manifested in the proceedings. The financial affairs of the Society are in a healthy condition, the past year having been the best the Society has yet seen. The total receipts, including the balance of $163.05 from the year 1867, were $1705.86, and the total expenditures $1634.59, leaving a balance of $71.27 on hand. The receipts at the gates, rents, &c., amounted alone to $491.84. The following gentlemen were appointed office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, A Campbell; 1st Vice-President, John Sproat; 2nd do., D. Alton; Secretary and Treasurer, W C. Beaty; Directors—J. Kirby, C. P. Preston, M. Kirby, J. Main, L. Hagar, E. R. Hunter, J McKerlie, John Kean, and J. Norrish. James Cowan, and Thomas Stock, Esqs., were proposed as members of the Provincial Board of Agriculture. Mr. Stock's nomination was carried by a large majority.

Elmira cattle fair week was well attended, but the farmers brought out fewer cattle than usual. Only about 45 head were to be seen on the grounds, but they were in good condition, and brought fair prices.

We understand the Presbyterian congregation in Alma have resolved to erect a manse for their pastor, the Rev. J. Davidson. Tenders have been received and the work is to be proceeded with early in the spring.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The Chinese Embassy had an audience with the Emperor Napoleon.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The *Gaulois* says the Greek Government has rejected the declaration of the Conference of Paris.

FLORENCE, Jan. 24.—Violent debates took place in the House of Parliament last week on the question of the mill tax. The action of the Government was severely denounced by the Opposition.

MADRID, Jan. 24.—It is announced on official authority that the Provisional Government believing that it truthfully interprets the feelings of the nation, and cannot accept any proposition for the cession of the island of Cuba.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 24.—Admiral Hobart Pasha has sailed with his fleet from the harbor of Syra. The Governor of the Island has promised that the steamer *Erosis* shall not be permitted to leave the Port. The Viceroy of Egypt has offered the Sultan an army of sixty thousand men and a fleet in the event of a war.

American Despatches

Elmira, N. Y., 24th.—Half of the business portion of Troy, Bradford Co., Pa., was destroyed by fire this morning.

New York, 24th.—The *Herald* publishes the full text of the naturalization treaty between the United States and England. It provides that citizens of either country who become naturalized subjects of the other shall be treated as such in all respects and for all purposes. They shall, however, be at liberty to renounce their naturalization and resume respective nationalities within two years after this protocol is carried into effect. The manner of renunciation to be hereafter agreed upon by said governments, and such persons shall not thereafter be liable to be claimed as subjects by either government on account of their former naturalization. These principles are not to be carried into effect until after the necessary provision is made by parliament for revision of the existing laws.

Philadelphia, 24th.—The British bark *Cadet* arrived here yesterday, one hundred and five days from Liverpool. She started with only thirty-five days provisions. The crew have been in a starving condition for a long time. On New Year's Day and afterwards they had only for fourteen men a half-pound of rice and a pint of water every twenty-four hours. On the 14th of January they were within eighty miles of Cape Hatteras, but were blown far to the southeast by a tremendous gale. At one time when provisions were entirely gone, except ten pounds of flour, they providentially spoke a vessel, and received a small supply, or all would would have perished.

New York, 25th.—The *Herald's* special says: The petition to Senate to confirm no more of President Johnson's nominations does not meet with much favor from Senators.

New York, 24th.—Despatches from Havana state that a riot occurred on Friday night in the theatre. Four persons were killed and many wounded.

Detroit, 24th.—The Olympic Theatre was burnt last night. Loss $20,000.

Peel and Maryboro' Agricultural Societies.

The annual meeting of the above societies united for show purposes was held at Kennedy's Hotel, Hollin, on Saturday last, William Ayerst, Esq., in the chair, there was a good attendance of members from both townships. The total amount of receipts was $302.95, and the expenditures $265.58. The following gentlemen were appointed Office Bearers for the current year:—Maryboro', Wm. Holmer, President; Wm. Kidd, Vice-President; Wm. Paterson, Secretary and Treasurer. Directors.—Messrs. Elisher Turner, Walter Forest, John Robertson, Jeremiah Beldon, Jas. Gregory, William S. Hambley, Wm. Oxley, Wm. Philip, W. H. Lowes. Auditor, David Halliday.—Peel.—Thos. Garbutt, President; Edward Dales, Vice-President; William Watson, Secretary and Treasurer. Directors.—Messrs. John Haddon, Samuel Sanderson, David Ghent, George Ste[illegible], Jno. Slimmon, James Kitley, Mi[illegible]kson, Jacob Kimmie, Robert McKi[illegible]. Auditor, J. L. Gibson.

EAST GARAFRAXA COUNCIL.—The first Council for East Garafraxa met at Mars on Monday. Present—Mr. W. H. Hunter, Reeve; and Messrs. T. Hamilton, H. McGowan, A. Semple, and R. Henderson, Councillors. The Reeve and Councillors made and signed the declarations of office and qualification by law required. Mr. W. McCormack was appointed Clerk for the year 1869. Tenders are invited for Treasurer, Assessor, Collector, and Tavern Inspector; the tenders for Treasurer and Collector to give the names of three sureties each, any of whom must be assessed for property in his own name valued at not less than $5,000; and the assessor to name a surety assessed for a sum not less than $2,000. Tenders are to be opened at a meeting of the Council to be held at Mars on Friday, the 5th of February next. On a motion of Mr. Semple, seconded by Mr. McGowan, it was resolved that the expression of the electors at the late municipal elections was adverse to granting aid to railways, and that the Council, therefore, deemed it inexpedient to submit a by-law, granting a bonus to the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, to a vote of the electors.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY—A man named Williams, of Elora, his wife and a boy, while driving down the Owen Sound Road, were stopped by six fellows, who demanded their money. On being refused, one of them hit Williams on the head with a heavy stave, and a general scrimmage occurred. The boy drove away as soon as possible, but not before the rascals had taken two coats from Mr Williams. The robbers are still at large.

ACCIDENT—An old lady, while returning from worship at the Catholic Church, about noon yesterday, fell heavily to the ground when coming down the hill at the gate entrance, and sustained rather severe injuries, though fortunately no bones were broken. She was carried into Murphy's hotel, where her wants were attended to, and in a short time was enabled to return home.

FIRE IN CALEDON.—The barn, stables and sheds belonging to Mr. H Smith, of Alton, were, with their contents, consumed by fire on Friday evening last.—Loss about $2,500—insured for only $200.