

General in Council, praying that the sentence of death passed on his father be commuted to imprisonment for life. As most of the people about Woodstock think that Topping was insane at the time he committed the murders, the petition has been very generally signed.

EXCISE SEIZURES.—The attempts to evade the Inland Revenue seem to have been far more considerable in Quebec than in Ontario. Late Returns state that during the last year the amount accruing to officers for seizures in this Province amounted only to \$840, while in Quebec the amount was \$2,184. This difference may arise from several causes. In Ontario people dealing with the Excise may be more scrupulous, and thus avoid difficulty. Or, they may be sharper in their methods of dodging the officers, and escape that way. Or, the officers in Quebec may be better posted in trapping delinquents. But whatever the cause, the fact is that it is more profitable to be an excise officer in Quebec than in Ontario.

In a row at Chambers' Hotel, Paisley, last week, one young man named Henry Smith was stabbed in five or six places by another named Stephen Collins. The latter was arrested and placed in the County gaol, to take his trial for the crime. It is thought that Smith's wounds, though serious, will not prove fatal. Whiskey was the cause.

BIRTHS.
BOOKLESS—In St. Catharines, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. W. A. Bookless, of Woodland House, of a daughter, MARY.

MARRIED.
THOMSON—ALLAN—On the 8th inst., by the Rev. W. J. Macdonald, Mr. Hugh Thomson, to Miss Ellen Allan, both of the Township of Arthur.

DIED.
OLIVER—In Guelph, on the 16th inst., Hannah, wife of Mr. H. H. Oliver, aged 26 years.

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That Richard Howitt came to his death in a scuffle near the residence of John Howitt, in the Township of Guelph, on the third of April last, from a gunshot wound inflicted wilfully by his own hand by means of a single barreled gun, and that the said Richard Howitt at the time of committing the said act was of unsound mind.

The Jury after consulting together returned the following verdict:—
“That Richard Howitt came to his death in a scuffle near the residence of John Howitt, in the Township of Guelph, on the third of April last, from a gunshot wound inflicted wilfully by his own hand by means of a single barreled gun, and that the said Richard Howitt at the time of committing the said act was of unsound mind.”

Buelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 21, 1874.

The Council on its High Horse.

We think that the Council in passing a vote of censure on Mr. Crowe for certain expressions used by him in his letter which appeared in the Mercury on the 13th inst., on the proposed new Town Hall, did a very foolish and ill-judged action. The language used by Mr. Crowe may not, in the strict sense of the word, be deemed parliamentary, but we feel satisfied that in using it he did not impute any corrupt motives to any member of the Council, but simply employed the expressions referred to as they are often used in conversation, and in a semi-slang way. Mr. Crowe is not accustomed to write for the press, or to trim his expressions and select his words like those who have spoken much, or written much for newspapers. The Council were well aware of this, yet in order to gratify their thirst for revenge, and vent their spite against a member who had handled them rather roughly, the majority passed a formal vote of censure. Nothing short of this, it seems, would soothe their wounded pride. Yet after taking this very extreme mode of asserting their dignity, they refuse to accept his resignation, or allow the ratepayers who placed him at the Council Board to give their opinion on his conduct, or pass judgment on his letters. There is a strange inconsistency in this which we cannot fathom. Were we in Mr. Crowe's place we would take good care that the ratepayers in the West Ward had an opportunity of recording their opinion on this contemptible action of the majority of the Council.

That majority, it seems to us, are strangely inconsistent in the course they have pursued in this matter. They pretend to feel very indignant and very sore over the expressions used by Mr. Crowe, yet at other times they will pass over unnoticed language which is not only unparliamentary but ungentlemanly. How often have we heard one Councillor use language towards another at the Council Board far worse than ever Mr. Crowe used, and yet no notice was taken of it. Why, on the very same night that all this hubbub took place, Mr. Heffernan characterized a statement made by Mr. Coffee as a wilful and malicious lie! Yet these purists who were so indignant at Mr. Crowe, never once thought of censuring Mr. Heffernan, but allowed it to pass without protest or condemnation. How consistent are these sticklers in upholding the honor and dignity of the Council!

Seeing the shape this matter has assumed, we think it is now the duty of the ratepayers in the West Ward to take it up, and compel the Council either to accept Mr. Crowe's resignation, or rescind the motion of censure. If the majority of the Council don't know how to be consistent even in wrong-doing, the ratepayers will have to teach them.

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The undersigned has been instructed by Mrs. Robert Rae, to sell by public auction, at her residence, opposite the Court House, Guelph, on Wednesday, April 22nd, the following valuable household effects:

Drawing Room—Very handsome drawing room suite in crimson rep. with covers, Tapestry carpet, handsome lace curtains and cornices, polished walnut centre table, wash-table, card table, six handsome steel engravings, in polished and gilt frames, parian and other ornaments.

Parlor—Kidderminster carpet, hearthrug, music cabinet, lounge, in green damask, sewing table, and other chairs, four coloured engravings in gilt frames, sewing machine and lady's work frame.

Dining Room—Handsome walnut sideboard, Kidderminster carpet, walnut extension dining table, six chairs, cane seated dining chairs, pictures, coal stove, refrigerator, crockery, cutlery, glass and plated ware.

Hall—Stair carpet, linen rods and bands, oil cloth, table, bedstead, lamp and harp.

Bedrooms—Tapestry and Kidderminster carpets, handsome walnut dressing bureaus enclosed, and other washstands and wardrobes, and other bedsteads, cane seated chairs, wardrobe, looking glasses.

Kitchen—Cooking stove and furnishings, cupboards, tables, chairs, meat safe, and kitchen utensils, together with a number of useful articles.

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About 200 acres of good land (west of the
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tities of one acre and upwards to suit
purchasers; part of said land is well timbered,
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are 2 good two-story stone dwelling houses,
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Also, Lot 15, in the 10th concession, Egre-
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Town Lots.
Lots 23, 24, 25 on the Eramosa Road.
26, 27, 28, 29 on Queen Street.
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East 1/2 Lot 9, on Macdonnell St., with 2
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Lot 6, corner Eramosa Road and
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Lot 7, on Mitchell St., with frame
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TERMS—One fourth in cash; balance in
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ANN MITCHELL,
RICHARD MITCHELL,
Executors.
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REMOVAL.

**D. NAISMITH,
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**Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings,
three doors north of the Post Office, late
Arcade of Music. He takes the present
opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of
Guelph for their liberal patronage for the
past twelve years, and hopes by strict at-
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**ON Hand a fine assortment of
Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages,
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Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts.
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REMOVAL.

J. Kay, Brass Founder,

**Has removed for a few months in rear of
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**Being desirous that all classes should partake of the great bargains given at his Auction
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Remember 2 o'clock, on Wednesday, 22nd inst.

**Intending purchasers are requested to inspect the Goods on the morning of the sale.
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