Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 22, 1873.

Our High School System.

We extract the following from a Return to an address of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario asking information relating to the admission of pupils to our High Schools, a copy of the order in Council suspending or disallowing the Regulations of the Council of Public Instruction on 26th Sept., 1872, and correspondence in connection therewith. As the remarks of Mr. McLellan, one of the Inspectors of High Schools, which we copy, are, to a certain extent, of a local character, and will prove of interest to many of our readers, we willingly make room for them. Mr. McLellan is a gentleman who speaks plainly, and although we cannot endorse his views, we think that he says much worthy of serious attention, and therefore believe that it will be doing good service to the cause of education to give them publicity:—

Inspector McLellan to the Chief Superintendent of Education.

Yorkville, Jan. 2, 1873.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following memoranda concerning the admission of pupils into High Schools:—

GUELPH.—Found a class of about 20 in *course of training* for the entrance examination by masters, who assumed that "All of them would be admitted on the following day." The *reading* of nearly all these twenty (whom the regular pupils hardly surpassed) was *very bad*; pupils not familiar with common words; pronunciation atrocious; violence read *violence*; *torrt* for torrent; *genus* for genius; *laboristy* for laboriously, &c. In grammar I gave the candidates "Few and short were the Prayers we said." This sentence was too difficult; *e.g. were* a preposition governing prayers; *short* a preposition, ditto.; *were* a transitive verb governing prayers; *said* an intransitive verb, passive voice. None of the candidates could parse *said*; only twelve of ALL SCHOOL (150) could solve question in subtraction of fractions; and *only eight* could find the cost of 5,250 lbs. coal at $17.50 per ton of 2,000 lbs. You can imagine how much the candidates knew.

ELORA.—Trustees rejoice that "checks to entrance are removed." Four candidates for entrance; twenty pupils present; four did question in subtraction of mixed numbers, and five got the cube root question — three "old pupils." One would think that with "the hands checks to entrance," the pupils had not been frequently dealt with in their entrance examinations.

STRATFORD.—Twenty-seven admitted; seventy-nine on roll. Only sixteen got cube root question. The entrances did badly. Analysis and parsing in *whole school* not being half good.

LONDON.—Seventy-two admitted after my visit, a large number of whom could not have passed (and cannot pass) a fair entrance examination.

SARNIA.—Nineteen admitted; forty on roll. Reading very bad; history do.; geography do.; eight in *whole school* found difference between 2275 and 5-16ths. and 2171 and 141-142ths. Judge what the entrants could do. *Grammar very bad.*

SIMCOE.—Eighteen on roll; thirty-eight admitted — nearly whole of Senior Public School Division. Examination papers fair, but pupils not up to papers. Query: Had the thirty-eight been aided by teachers? *They have been down.* A year ago there were twenty-eight pupils on the roll, now 87! Even the "old" pupils did badly.

The Inspector, after making similar reports respecting schools, in other places, proceeds to state that "the number of the unqualified has been very largely increased during the present half year, in consequence of the examinations for entrance being free from almost all control by disinterested parties;" and adds that "many of the Schools have been so far degenerated that it is simply a perversion of language to call them High Schools." He offers the following suggestions for the improvement of the High Schools:—

1) Let there be a *uniform* examination for entrance, conducted by an independent examiner or examiners.

(2) Two Masters for even the small school: number of Masters to be increased when pupils reach a certain number.

(3) Something more than a name-college to qualify a Head Master. Many present fresh from College Halls are in charge of High Schools — many with little scholarship and more with less experience. I presume but very few of our Head Masters could take a "First A" under the new law. Let every High School Master be required, in addition to his Degree, to hold a First Class Provincial Certificate, and be a year (or one as Assistant) under it before he becomes qualified for a Head Mastership. It is insisted that no person shall have a 2nd Class Provincial Certificate to qualify for a First Class, why should not a candidate for High School Certificate be required to hold the highest grade of Public School Teacher's Certificate in order to qualify for the lowest educational positions?

(4) Let the number of High Schools be [illegible] by population, [illegible] County Town or Village in the county even though it should not have the spirit and [illegible] to keep up a decent Public School, surely have its High School.

(5) I would do away with the 550 minimum, or, in the Classification of Schools let those that fall below a certain standard receive no Government aid, and die a deserved death. Or let Schools be established according to population — by one School to every 15,000 or 20,000 inhabitants. *Two good schools* in a County would be of infinitely greater benefit than half a dozen poor ones.

(6) Let *Union Schools* be no more. I am more and more convinced that there should be a total separation of the High and Public School.

(7) Collegiate Institutes now are only High Schools with larger attendance of pupils than in ordinary schools. * * * As at present constituted they seem to be not in harmony with our High School system. * * * * * *

(8) The County Council should be compelled, by *law*, to carry out its wise designs.

A certain young man who had lost his girl in the crowd after church for a month on Sundays, forgot that it took two to arrange a little affair of that kind. Served him right, too.

Arbitration Meeting.

The Harriston *Tribune* says that the second meeting of the Councils of the Tp of Minto and the Village of Harriston was held on Monday Feb. 17th 1873. With regard to the separation between the said Municipalities. All members of both Councils being present, the following proceedings were had:

The 4th proposition as to liabilities was again taken up. That the Railway debt shall be paid as in the way pointed out by statute, that is, that the same rate shall be levied in each year on all the Assessed property in the Tp. and Village, as if no incorporation had taken place. But the Tp. Council shall retain the management of the railway debentures, and may collect a less rate than the amount mentioned in the Railway by-law, in their opinion. But the village shall not be required to pay a larger rate than the Tp. but the village Council shall collect the same by their own Collector, and the same pay over to the Tp. Treasurer. The Gravel road debentures now amounting to over $200 shall be paid by the village and Tp. and the village relieved from any liability therefor.

Here a dispute arose between the two Councils which continued until midnight. The proposition above mentioned, not being agreed to remain nil.

The Council adjourned to meet again when in better humour.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.—A man named John Cormack was killed on Friday afternoon, near Lockerby. As he was hauling saw-logs the sleigh upset, and he was crushed under the logs.

McCULLOUGH & MOORE.

Notice of Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore carried on by the undersigned, as Chemists and Druggists, at the Town of Guelph and Village of Rockwood, under the style and firm of McCullough & Moore, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due to the Guelph Store are to be paid to Mr. G. B. McCullough, who will settle all liabilities, and there due to the Rockwood Store to John H. Moore.

Guelph, Feby 22nd, 1873.

GEO. B. McCULLOUGH,
JOHN H. MOORE.

Witness, FREDRICK BISCOE.

With reference to the above, I beg to inform the patrons who have so largely patronized the late firm of McCullough & Moore, that I intend carrying on the business of the late firm, a, the Town of Guelph, and trust, by strict attention to business and keeping always on hand the very best articles of every description in the Chemist & Druggist line, to merit the confidence heretofore shown the late firm. GEO. B. McCULLOUGH.

The partnership heretofore carried on by the late firm of McCullough & Moore, at the Village of Rockwood, having been dissolved by mutual consent, I beg to notify the customers of the late firm that I intend carrying on the business, and hope that by constantly attending to the wants of customers and keeping none but the very best articles, to merit a continuance of their patronage.

dwtf JOHN H. MOORE.

RECEIVED DAILY

PER EXPRESS AT

Pickard's Fruit Store,
Alma Block.

Fresh Codfish.
" Haddock.
" Mullett,
" Flounders.
" Herrings,
" Salmon Trout,
etc. etc. etc.

Pickard's Fruit Store.
ALMA BLOCK.

Guelph, Feb. 22nd, 1873. dw

NEW
Books,
NEW
Stationery.
NEW
Fancy Goods.
NEW
Wall Papers,
NEW
Window Blinds.
NEW
Music,
AT
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Day has a large stock, and sells cheap.

1873

Young Ladies Journal
FOR MARCH

Family Herald
FOR MARCH

English Magazines
FOR MARCH

ANDERSON'S
Cheap Bookstore.

Opposite the Old English Church, East side

WYNDHAM STREET.

New Advertisements.

GREAT SALE
OF BANKRUPT STOCK!

The whole stock of
BOOTS AND SHOES

Belonging to the Insolvent Estate of John A. McMillan will be sold at a tremendous sacrifice. The immense stock, amounting to $8,000,

Must be Cleared Out within ONE MONTH!

The greatest Bargains ever offered in Guelph!

Special inducements to retail merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

The sale is now going on at the old stand, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, Feb. 22, 1873. WM. McLaren, Assignee. dw

BUSY STOCKTAKING
AT THE
FASHIONABLE WEST END!

Extraordinary Bargains for the next Two Weeks.

500 pieces Early Spring Dress Goods to be sold off at once to the Ladies of the Town of Guelph, at 12c, 20c, and 25c a yard, the cheapest lot of Dress Goods ever shown by any house in this town.
50 pieces New Black Lustres, our usual superior make, cheaper than ever, to be sold at 25c, 30c, and 40c, from 5c to 10c per yard under regular prices, and the best goods for the money we have ever sold.
150 pieces "Hoyles New Prints" first quality, to be sold at 12½ cents, all choice and select patterns.

JUST OPENED

1 case Lustres.
50 New Poplin Dresses—beautiful designs.
1 case Sewed Muslins, Laces, Edgings, Frillings, &c. &c.
50 pieces Splendid White Cottons, to be sold at 12½ cents per yard.
25 pieces Brown Hollands at 15c, 20c and 25c.

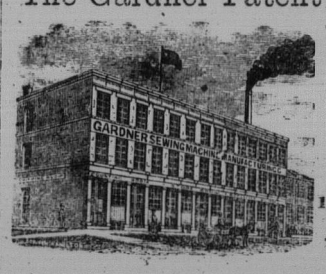
LADIES WILL PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

Our Sale of Dress Goods commences on Monday morning, the 24th inst.,

And as we are determined to clear the lot within the next two weeks, intending purchasers may come expecting to receive decided Bargains.

A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.
Guelph, Feb. 21, 1873. dwy

THE
Gardner Sewing Machine
COMPANY
MANUFACTURERS OF
The Gardner Patent Sewing Machine



Take much pleasure in directing attention to the fact that notwithstanding the severe tests applied by skilled judges, when in competition with other machines, at the Fairs held throughout the Dominion, the

Gardner Patent
WAS AWARDED
135 Prizes - - in 1871
—AND—
203 Prizes - - in 1872,

WHICH IS A CONVINCING

Proof of the superiority over all others for Family Purposes, and Light Manufacturing Work!

Its simplicity of construction, strength and durability, recommend it to all classes. A complete set of attachments: is very strong; runs light and easy, and does all kinds of work. Instructions in all attachments given free of charge.

Guelph, Feb. 11, 1873. dw3m Lumgair & Fairgrieve, AGENTS GUELPH.

J. E. McELDERRY
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

Still a-head! See the Prices:

A CHOICE JAVA TEA, very strong and sweet ..... 40c per lb
EXTRA FINE YOUNG HYSON, new crop ..... 50c per lb
FINE BLACK TEA ..... 50c per lb
EXTRA FINE BLACK TEA, English Breakfast ..... 75c per lb
CHOICE YOUNG HYSON, best value in town ..... 80c per lb
A fresh lot to hand of our Famous Mixed Tea at ..... 50c per lb

11 lbs. Good Bright Sugar for $1
20lbs. Good Currants for $1.
Good Family Washing Soap, - - 12c per bar.

The above Goods are model stock, but fresh goods, which are daily arriving at

J. E. McELDERRY,
No. 2. Day's Block, Guelph.
N.B. No old Stock Teas. dw

Co-Operative Store.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE QUANTITY OF

BLACK LUSTRES
AT
At 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, and 40c.

Which are Cheaper than the new ALPACAS just being imported.

WE HAVE AN
All wool Tweed at 65c. yd.

Which is better value than any we ever offered to the Public before.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, Feb. 5 dw

THE MEDICAL HALL
GUELPH

HIGINBOTHAM'S
PULMONIC
SYRUP
AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY
—FOR—
Coughs,
Colds,
Asthma, etc.

and highly recommended by the faculty.

PREPARED ONLY BY

E. HARVEY & Co.,
Dispensing Chemists,
Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-streets, Guelph.
Guelph, Feb. 7, 1873. dw

AUCTION SALE
—OF—
Kinnettles Farm,
MANSION AND GROUNDS.

Off THURSDAY, 20th February next, at 2 o'clock, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph, will be offered for sale by Auction the above properties:

The Farm comprises 156 acres, being part of Lot 8, on the North West side of the Grand River, in the Township of Nichol, in the County of Wellington; nearly all cleared and well cultivated.

The Mansion is adjacent to the Farm, well built upon a plot of three acres, which are a part of said township lot.

The above properties are beautifully situated between the flourishing villages of Elora and Fergus on the Grand River.

They will be sold together or in parcels, under powers of sale contained in three mortgages thereon, default having been made in payment.

Terms Cash—Title good and immediate possession given.

For further particulars, and conditions of sale, reference is made to

LEMON & PETERSON,
and W. S. G. KNOWLES, Seller's Solicitors.
Auctioneer.
Guelph, Jan. 28, 1873. dlaw-wtd

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale is postponed till Thursday, the 6th of March next, at the same time and place.

LEMON & PETERSON.
Guelph, 21st Feb., 1873. w2dlaw

JAMES CORMACK,
No. 1, Wyndham Street,

Has just received and opened out a large and superior

STOCK OF
CLOTHS

Which he will make to order in the most fashionable styles.

ALSO: READY-MADE CLOTHING,

With youths and boys suits in great variety at very low prices.

Underclothing, Dress Shirts, Collars, Oxford Shirts with Collars, Scarfs, Ties, Gloves, &c.

A Lot of Tweeds bought very low, will be sold by the piece or yard, considerably under the present value. Call and examine, before purchasing elsewhere.

At James Cormack's,
No. 1, Wyndham St.

BEST WHITE COAL OIL
AT BOND'S
Lamps, splendid assortment,
AT BOND'S
Extra Flint Lamp Glasses
AT BOND'S
Best Wicks,
AT BOND'S
Lamp Shades
AT BOND'S
Fire Irons in Setts
AT BOND'S
Fire Shovels
AT BOND'S
Tabular Lanterns
AT BOND'S
Coal Scuttles
AT BOND'S

For what you require in Hardware go to

JOHN M. BOND AND Co.,
DIRECT IMPORTERS.
GUELPH.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town.

CHAS. FENNELL.
Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw

SPEX, SPEX!

THE
ROCK CRYSTAL
SPECTACLES

Pronounced by all who have worn them to be superior to any other.

Every Eye can be Suited.

Call; try, and be convinced.
To be had only
AT J. HUNTER'S.

NEW SUPPLY OF
Chignons, Braids, Coronets, &c.
AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store.
dw Wyndham Street, Guelph.

NEW
Boot and Shoe Store.

The subscriber begs to announce to the Public that he has opened a first-class Custom Shop, where he is prepared to

MAKE TO ORDER

All kinds of Boots and Shoes on the shortest notice. A neat fit and good leather guaranteed.

Ladies, Misses and Children's Boots and Shoes made in the neatest style.

Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. Give us one trial and you will be sure to call again.
Remember the Shop—Next to McElderry's Grocery Store, Wyndham Street.

D. TRIPP.
Guelph, Feb. 6th, 1873. d3m

FRASER

$34,600

GOOD NEWS—The Largest Wholesale Bankrupt Stock ever brought to Guelph will be offered for Sale in Lots to suit Merchants, Hotel Keepers, and others, on and after Monday, the 13th inst., at the Cheap Store.

MR. FRASER having bought a Wholesale Bankrupt Stock, in Montreal, at Fifty Cents in the Dollar, will sell the same at less than the Goods could be bought for in England. Seeing is believing.

$34,600

FRASER

AUCTION SALE
—OF—
Homestead, in Guelph.
ON
Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873,

AT TWO P.M., AT THE PREMISES.

Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford sts. Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, containing Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (as in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses, also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump.

The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit Trees.

These premises are in excellent condition, sufficient for a large family, and situated in the most pleasant part of the Town, within five minutes walk of all the Churches and Market.

Guelph being widely known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, an opportunity rarely equalled — is now presented to persons desirous of procuring a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a most agreeable homestead.

Terms—One-third cash, and the balance in five years at 7 per cent. interest half yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy.

Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. Title good.

Intending purchasers are referred to
LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors,
or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

N.B. The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon.
Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. dwd

DOMINION SALOON.

FRESH OYSTERS
IN EVERY STYLE

to be had at this saloon.
The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.

DENIS BUNNIN.
Guelph, Sept. 20, 1872