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HALIFAX HOTEL,
HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being generally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.
HENRY HESSELEIN, Proprietor.
Halifax, 12th August.

DOMINION HOTEL,
GUELPH.
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has started the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST., a few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seditors. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 15th.

AMERICAN HOUSE,
BOSTON, MASS.
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of Tutis' magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entire house has been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly repainted and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country. Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.
Ang 13 to 6m LEWIS RICE & SON, Prop'rs

CANADA HOUSE,
CALADONIA SPRINGS,
Near L'Original, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario. By A. M. GIANELLI.
THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every necessary and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly furnished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient. All lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of travellers, without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for in-door amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Billiard Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other requirements. The Saline, White Sulphur, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.
Charges uniformly moderate.
For further information, please address
A. M. F. GIANELLI, Proprietor, Montreal.

ONE IN TEN.
Statistics show that One in every Ten of the entire population meets with an Accident every year.

INSURE AGAINST ACCIDENTS
By taking a yearly Policy in

THE TRAVELLERS
INSURANCE COY,
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Cash Assets, over One Million.
Has paid \$850,000 in Losses for Death or Injury by Accident.

E. MORRIS,
October 29. dim Agent for Guelph

NO RESERVE.
IMPORTANT

Auction Sale.

W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by the subscribers to sell by Public Auction, at his farm near Guelph,
ON FRIDAY THE 30th OCTOBER,
At twelve o'clock, noon, the whole of his valuable Stock and Implements—2 horses, 2 mares (6 and 8 years old) in foal to "St. Lawrence," 1 one year colt and a foal by the same Horse, 2 grade cows, Durham, steer, 1 Galloway heifer, 15 pigs (Essex and Berkshire breeds), 1 iron-axle wagon, 1 box do., 2 ploughs, 2 harrows, 3 scuttlers, prize cultivator, pair of double-mould-board plough made by Thain, 1 turnip sower, 1 roller, 1 stone boat, 1 new furnace, 2 hay racks, 2 sheep racks, 1 fanning mill, hay and manure forks, harness, and numerous other articles. There will be no reserve, as the provisions are about to close his business and leave the Province.
TERMS—Sum of \$20 and under, Cash; over that sum, 12 Months' Credit will be given on approved Endorsed Notes, or 10 per cent allowed off for cash.
HAY, STRAW, TURNIPS, &c. will be sold 7 acres of Turnips that cannot be surpassed in the country, besides a quantity of Hay and Straw, if not previously disposed of. Terms—3 Months' bankable paper, or 10 per cent per annum for cash.
AN EXCELLENT FARM—The Farm will be offered for sale the same day, if not previously disposed of. Terms made known at the time of sale.
JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor,
Guelph, October 5th. Anglo-American Hotel, dwtw

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS!
Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH on the hours of 12 noon and 5 p. m.

FUNERALS
DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, 17th October.

FUNERALS
WILLIAM BROWNLOW
UNDERTAKER,
SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. House in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.
The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS
As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.
W. M. BROWNLOW
March 20 1868. dawa

DOMINION LIVERY STABLE
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
H. MARRIOTT

BEGS to inform the citizens of Guelph and the travelling public that he has started a Livery Stable next door to Mr. W. Armstrong's Blacksmith's Shop, Macdonnell Street, where he can supply
Saddle Horses, Horses and Buggies. Commercial Waggons
At the shortest notice. Also, a large

PLEASURE WAGGON!
FOR PIC-NICS.
Guelph, 19th June. dofm

GASTLE GARDEN SALOON
MARKET SQUARE
GUELPH, ONT.

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.

THE BAR
will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!
Every day from 12 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor,
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittby
Guelph Jan. 29, 1868. do

CARD.
To Friends & Strangers.

AFTER an experience of over four years in selling the New York Union Piano Company's Pianos, (made under the direction of J. P. Hale at the corner of 19th Avenue and 38th Street, New York) with the instruments of some of the other leading manufacturers, we have decided to drop all others and confine our sales to the

Union Pianos!
Being fully satisfied, after having sold over 500 of these splendid instruments in New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis, that they are the best toned and most durable Pianos now made. They have given us and our agents less trouble than any Pianos we have ever dealt in, and we would invite both dealers and customers to try them in preference to any other now made. THEY ARE SUPERIOR INSTRUMENTS.

PHILIP PHILLIPS & CO.,
Musical Dealers,
New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

About 5,000 of the above Pianos are now in use giving entire satisfaction. Samples constantly on hand at the subscriber's Music Store, opposite the Market, Guelph, at 22 per cent. less than other good imported instruments. Also, the best Melodeons and Cabinet Organs.
W. WARNER CLARK,
Market Square, Guelph, dwtf

LUMBER & WOOD YARD.
CHARLES HEATH
Has opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on

Quebec-St. West of English Church,
Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to suit purchasers.

CORDWOOD
For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.

FLOUR & FEED
Also for sale, Flour and Feed, delivered in any part of the Town according to order.
All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to.
CHARLES HEATH,
Guelph, May 14, 1868.

18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68
Wools, FANCY GOODS
TOYS, &c.

JUST Arrived, an immense Stock of Berlin, Zephyr, Saxony, Andalusian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American.

FINGERING YARNS.
A splendid assortment of Brads, Frillings, Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods.
A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns Ottomans, &c.

JET and RUBBER GOODS.
Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery
from the Latest Designs.
J. HUNTER,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St
Guelph, September 12th. dwtw

Cunard Ocean Steamers.
LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queens town or Liverpool.
FARE FROM HAMILTON
First Cabin, - - - \$87, gold value
Steerage - - - - - 29,
Berth not secured" paid for. For further particulars apply
CHARLES T. JONES & CO.,
Exchange Brokers, Hamilton
Agents for the Erie and New York Railway,
Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value.
Hamilton, 1st June, 1868. dw

Singing and Pianoforte.
MISS L. REMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road, Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. do

Anglo-American Hotel
FOR SALE.

THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London. It is 100 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high and of cut stone, 12 and 11 feet between ceilings; cellar full of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone kitchen 40 x 24, with a steam that holds over 1000 barrels of water. It is situated in the best business part of the Town, and is directly opposite the proposed site of the new Union Passenger Station of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. It is the only first-class building in town that is capable of doing a first-class business. The hall runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and none in the house dark.—The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stone stable capable of accommodating for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to the back street.

A Capital Farm.
Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of its size in this county. Three barns and feeding stable and log house are on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs that will do for public property. The land runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and none in the house dark.—The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stone stable capable of accommodating for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to the back street.

First-Class LIVERY STABLE.
Also, there is in connection with the hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario, of fifteen horses, doing the only first-class business in town and indisputably surpassing all others.
As the proprietor is retiring from business he offers to the public a property, the advantages of which are seldom enjoyed by one man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve within three months, either the business separately, or the whole property as may be agreed upon to suit the purchaser.
The hotel property, half cash down will be required, the remainder to be paid in six yearly instalments, or ten per cent. allowed off the second half, if paid at time of sale.
JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor,
Guelph, Aug. 29. dwtf

LAMPS
FOR THE MILLION.

MEDICAL HALL!
Wyndham Street,
Guelph, Ontario.

Now offering at the MEDICAL HALL every description of
PARLOR, BED-ROOM, KITCHEN, HALL and SIDE LAMPS,
At prices which defy competition. Who will bring LIGHT when a first-rate COAL OIL LAMP, WICK CHIMNEY can be obtained at the Medical Hall for the small sum of 25 cents.

E. HARVEY & CO.
NOW offering at the MEDICAL HALL every description of
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At prices which defy competition. Who will bring LIGHT when a first-rate COAL OIL LAMP, WICK CHIMNEY can be obtained at the Medical Hall for the small sum of 25 cents.

SPLENDID PARLOUR LAMPS
From 50c. to \$5.

COAL OIL
THAT IS COAL OIL.

If you want the Pure, Genuine O. L. for family use, procure it at the MEDICAL HALL, where none but the very purest is kept.
E. HARVEY & CO.,
Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell-Sts. Guelph.
Guelph, October 1st. dw

H. METCALF,
Late Smith and Metcalf

WISHES to inform his customers and the public that he has opened a
SHOP NEXT DOOR TO MR. HAZELTON'S,
Nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel, where he is prepared to attend to the wants of customers and the public. He has on hand a lot of will

TRUNKS and SADDLES
Slightly soiled by removal at the late fires, he sold cheap
Guelph, July 3, 1 dw

SPECIAL ATTENTION.
THE Highest Market Price paid for
Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calvekins and Wool Pickings,
At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 28 dw D. MOLTON.

Canada Clothing Store
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
GREY BARGAINS
Positively selling off at
20 PER CENT BELOW COST

COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are parties lately invited to inspect the stocks of CLOTHES, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.
A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from \$10 to \$45, in good working order.
Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.
RICHARD JAINLEY,
Guelph 26th July. dw

EDWARD O'CONNOR,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph, Ont. Office, No. 3, Day's Block. Money to loan at low rates on mortgage security.
Guelph, July 15th, 1868 do

Evening Mercury.
OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET
TUESDAY EV'NG, OCT. 26, 1868.

Local News.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday, a son of Mr. R. Kirby, Puslinch Plains, was thrown from a horse, and sustained fracture of the arm, and dislocation at the wrist. Dr. McGuire fulfilled the surgical requirements, and time is all the lad needs to set him right again.

TORONTO, GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—On Monday a joint meeting of the Directors of this railway, and of the Orangeville Tramway, was held in Toronto, when their interests were consolidated, the Tramway Directors having made up their minds to lend all their influence in favor of the railway.

FISH & THORNTON'S MINSTRELS.—This troupe of Artists announce their appearance on our midst on Friday evening next, when they will give an entertainment in the Town Hall. They are, we understand, the *creme de la creme* of Dick Sands' minstrels, supplemented by some superior talent to make a full company. They are very well spoken of in places they have already visited.

COINCIDENCE.—The Hamilton Times says: "While Dr. Parker was lying on his death-bed in Guelph, his brother, Rev. W. R. Parker, Wesleyan Minister at Stanstead, while riding in Barnston, Thursday, with his wife and child, had his carriage precipitated over a bank by his horse taking fright. Mr. Parker received a contusion and cut on his head, which were quite serious. The others escaped serious injury.

The following from the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, is a very strong evidence that the afflicted may find relief and that without pain.
HAMILTON, Sept. 25th, 1868.

From personal experience I can testify that Dr. Briggs operates most successfully and painlessly upon the feet. To any suffering from corns, &c., his aid must be most welcome.
Dr. Briggs has taken Rooms at Coulson's Hotel, where he will treat Corns, Bunions, Bad Nails, Chilblains, Tender Feet, &c., for a very short time only. Sufferers should call at once and be relieved from these vexatious torments of the human feet. Hours 7 to 10 a. m., and 1 to 10 p. m.

DR. PARKER'S FUNERAL.—As we go to press a large number of people are assembling from all parts of the County, and from Toronto and Hamilton, to attend the funeral of the late Dr. Parker. The stores were closed at half past two, and will remain so until after the cortege has passed. Out of respect for the memory of the deceased the flags on the Market buildings and the Court House, as well as Mr. Massie's new block, have been flying at half mast all day.

HORSE RACE.—A large number of spectators assembled to witness the race on Monday afternoon, between Mr. H. Newton's "Kitty Clyde," and Mr. Budgeton's pony. It was a half mile sprint, and the mare won by a very little, chiefly in consequence of the pony having bolted. The backer of the latter not disheartened made another match for an equal amount with a gentleman who had some money to put up on the mare, and the second race was run immediately after the first, the pony this time beating the mare by as much as she had won before.

The following from Rev. Mr. Potts, of Hamilton, will convince the timid that Dr. Briggs performs his operations without pain.
I have great pleasure in testifying that Dr. Briggs, from New York, has without pain extracted corns from my feet. It affords me great pleasure to commend him to those who are afflicted in a similar way.
JOHN POTTS,
Pastor of Centenary Church.

Dr. Briggs may be found at Coulson's Hotel for a short time only, from 7 to 10 a. m., and 1 to 10 p. m. Corns, Bunions, Bad Nails, Chilblains, and all diseases of the feet skillfully and successfully treated without pain. The boot or shoe can be worn with ease immediately after the operation. Those suffering daily tortures with their feet should lose no time in seeking relief.

SHEEP WORRIED.—On Monday night, Mr. Smart, butcher, whose residence is a short distance from town on the York Road, had ten fine sheep, which he intended for slaughter, worried by dogs. Between ten and eleven o'clock he heard a noise, but on going out could find no trace of the depredators, beyond what they had left in the shape of four sheep killed outright, and four so badly worried that they are likely to die. Two were missing, and the owner knows nothing of them, further than that he was told one of them had been seen floating down the river, at the Victoria Bridge, dead as a door nail. The next movement ought to be to attempt to suppress the curmishance in rural districts.

The following from Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Hamilton, may serve to convince the timid that Dr. Briggs is not a quack, but a skillful operator on the feet.
HAMILTON, Sept. 26, 1868.

It affords me the greatest satisfaction to testify that Dr. Briggs, a professional gentleman from New York, has operated on my feet, and has removed two corns of some standing, without my suffering the least pain. I heartily commend the Dr. and his services to any afflicted with the disease which Dr. Briggs has made a specialty for the last twenty-four years.
ROBERT BURNETT,
Minister St. Andrew's Church.

Dr. Briggs can be consulted for a very short time at Coulson's Hotel, where he will treat all diseases of the feet, Corns, Bunions, Bad Nails, Chilblains, &c. Hours 7 to 10 a. m., and 1 to 10 p. m.

The Silver Question.
To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir:—The experience of business men in the effort to drive the Silver currency out of the country must have taught them that they are but playing into the hands of the Banks and Importers, to the injury of themselves and the country generally. On all hands it is admitted that a cash business is the best. Without a sufficient circulating medium resort must be had to the primitive system of barter or credit and its consequent delays and losses. In 1855 the Banking capital of Canada was \$18,000,000 and the circulation of Bank notes was about \$8,000,000. For the year previous to the issue of the Government legal tenders the average circulation of all the Canadian Banks was only \$8,238,000, but of this nearly a million and a half was held by the banks themselves, so that the actual amount of notes in circulation in the hands of the people was something under \$7,000,000. The latest Bank returns for the whole Dominion show a paid up capital of \$30,289,048, bank notes in circulation only \$8,307,079, but of these notes \$2,201,901 are held by the banks themselves, reducing the actual circulation among the people of the Dominion to \$6,105,177. Of this amount something under \$5,000,000 is the circulation of the banks of Ontario and Quebec. In 1868 the increased business of Ontario and Quebec has to be carried on with a circulating currency in bank bills of about \$2,000,000 less than in 1858. Why is this? From want of confidence in our Banks? Not by any means. The bank statements show on hand \$15,560,560 in gold and Government securities against a circulation of bank notes to the amount of \$6,015,177 in the hands of the people, and besides the debts due by the people to the banks amount to \$54,719,838, while the deposits in the banks amount to \$32,808,108.

Importers have to find gold to pay for their goods, and some people assert that it is the use of silver in the country which has decreased the circulation of bank notes. Hence the combination to drive silver out of the country, by which move bankers hope that their bills would take the place of the silver as a circulating medium, a convenience to the importer at the same time, as the banks are obliged to furnish gold for their notes which they are not bound to do for the silver. Who wants to use gold but importers? Silver at par is a useful medium of exchange, for what merchant, great or small, is there who would not sooner sell his goods at 5 per cent discount for cash than at six months' credit? Silver at par for goods paid at the time of sale is to the merchant in effect the same as a sale of goods at five per cent discount for cash. The large amount of silver paid out for produce has assisted more than anything else to introduce the cash system into the country. It is a currency which is not absorbed by the banks, as it would be if it were gold, nor do the banks seek to get hold of it, as they do issues of the banks in their grasping for the gold from each other. Instead of silver being a nuisance to the country, it has been a benefit since the arrangement between the government and the Bank of Montreal for the issue of legal tenders. The bank with a capital of six millions, and besides the whole bank capital of the Dominion, having cash deposits to the amount of \$12,000,000, has only \$81,145 of their own notes in circulation, while all the other banks with a united capital of \$24,000,000, have cash deposits only to the amount of \$20,000,000, yet they furnish to the people a joint circulation of nearly \$6,000,000. The Bank of Montreal has a large number of agencies in Ontario for receiving deposits and collections, but it has ceased to take its share of the ordinary discounting business of the country. Having ceased to give its own notes, or to take its share in the ordinary duties of a bank to the public in return for the privileges granted by its act of incorporation, the Bank of Montreal operates as a standing menace to all the banks of the Dominion, it checks their business, contracts their circulation, and becomes an enemy to the progress and prosperity of the country. The result is a reduction of the circulation of bank notes to the lowest possible point, something less than \$2 a head for the population of Ontario and Quebec. Ontario cannot afford to lose the use of the silver now in the country (said to amount to \$6,000,000) as a currency or medium of exchange while the Bank of Montreal continues to operate against Ontario by compressing the circulation of our banks to the lowest limit. The combination against the silver currency has already broken down in most of the larger cities and towns in Ontario.

The true and honest way for business men to arrange and meet the difficulty is to let the banks of the Dominion, it checks their business, contracts their circulation, and becomes an enemy to the progress and prosperity of the country. The result is a reduction of the circulation of bank notes to the lowest possible point, something less than \$2 a head for the population of Ontario and Quebec. Ontario cannot afford to lose the use of the silver now in the country (said to amount to \$6,000,000) as a currency or medium of exchange while the Bank of Montreal continues to operate against Ontario by compressing the circulation of our banks to the lowest limit. The combination against the silver currency has already broken down in most of the larger cities and towns in Ontario.

Moved by Mr. Pirie, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that Mr. John Hunter be appointed teacher of the West Ward School. Carried.
Moved by Innes, seconded by Dr. McGuire, that Mr. John McPherson be appointed teacher of the East Ward School, the salary to be at the rate of \$400 to the 1st of January, to which date the appointment is made. Carried.
Moved by Mr. Pirie, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that this Board express their deep sorrow in the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Parker, for several years a member of this Board, and offer their sincere sympathy and condolence to the family of the deceased, and that the Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Parker. Carried.

The Local Superintendent read his report of the third quarterly examination of the Common Schools. It is a long, carefully drawn up and able document. The Superintendent made a careful and critical examination of each school, and sums up the results by stating that they are in a very satisfactory and healthy condition, that the teachers are painstaking and diligent, and that the pupils give great evidence of having made satisfactory improvements. The report also contains some valuable suggestions in regard to the promotion of pupils to the Grammar School, and on the subject of providing more accommodation for the school going children in the town, which will be up for consideration in the Board at a future meeting.
The report was received, after which the Board adjourned.

HALIFAX RED RIVER RELIEF FUND.
The Halifax City Council have refused to comply with the request of the public meeting to vote \$500 for the Red River distress fund. Members opposing the vote argued that the citizens should not be called upon to contribute individually and also through the council.

There came near being a general goal delivery at Ottawa on Thursday night, as an explosion of the boiler which supplies heat to the building was imminent. The steam was rushing out at a furious rate, when one of the turnkeys opened the safety valve. The prisoners are made engineers and they are not the most careful individuals that could be employed.

the funds to keep up the balance of trade between Montreal and Ontario. As it is now the Bank of Montreal is paid the commission on the transaction for doing nothing but collecting the bills of other banks on paper given in Montreal payable in Ontario. Ontario merchants thus place the rod in the hands of the enemy to whip their own banks by paying at the same time a commission for the operation. Another mode of getting rid of the silver—proposed no doubt by the banks and importers is that the government shall buy it up and pay for it either in gold or legal tenders. If that were done the gold and legal tenders would be absorbed by the banks immediately, and the circulating medium of the country would be reduced that much at once, for bank notes cannot be made to take the place of silver as long as the incubus of the Bank of Montreal hangs over the banking and commercial business of Ontario—and is managed like a foreign institution, and adversely to every material interest of the country.

Yours,
VOX POPULI
Guelph, Oct. 26, 1868.

BY TELEGRAPH
PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Of the Alabama claims matter it is thought not unlikely that Lord Stanley's proposition is similar to one made by Earl Russell some time since, which was to refer a certain class of these claims to a joint commission for a settlement. It may be, this is what Mr. Johnson has been accepting. One thing, however, is quite certain, and that is, the administration will not agree to refer the important question of belligerent rights arising under international law to the King of Prussia for arbitration.

London, Oct. 26.—Mr. Gladstone has concluded his personal canvass in South Lancashire. It is believed that the ministry will only retire before a large Liberal majority in the next House of Commons.

The Swedish Polar Expedition has returned home, after penetrating to 82nd latitude.

Florence, Oct. 25.—A line of steamers between some port of Italy and New York is projected, to accommodate the increasing trade in fruits.

Paris, Oct. 26.—Later Rio Janeiro advices state that the U. S. Steamer *Wasp*, had arrived at Montevideo.—Having Mr. Washburn, the American Minister to Paraguay on board. Mr. Washburn has protested against the relation of the American legation at Asencion, by Paraguay 48 persons having been unlawfully seized there under the American flag.

Washington, 27th.—The *Intelligencer*, of yesterday continued its assaults upon Mr. Seymour, charging him with being put forward by the Tammany Hall ring to elect Hoffman, and says that all that the Democrats can expect to hold now is New York State.

New York, 27th.—The steamers *City of Boston* and *Halsatia* from Europe have arrived.

Board of School Trustees.
The Board met last night. Present Mr. Mitchell, chairman pro tem, Messrs. Pirie, Fraser, Knowles, Watson, McNeil, Harvey and Innes, and Drs. McGuire and Herod.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Martin, who gave in his resignation as teacher of the East Ward School. It was accepted.

On motion Alex. McConachie was admitted a free pupil in South Ward School, and Ellen Turnbull a free pupil in North Ward School.

The Secretary read the applications of candidates for teachers to the West Ward School, in room of Mr. Hart. They were Messrs. Standish, Fincham, Buckland, G. F. Payne, McPherson and Hunter.

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The report was received, after which the Board adjourned.

HALIFAX RED RIVER RELIEF FUND.
The Halifax City Council have refused to comply with the request of the public meeting to vote \$500 for the Red River distress fund. Members opposing the vote argued that the citizens should not be called upon to contribute individually and also through the council.

There came near being a general goal delivery at Ottawa on Thursday night, as an explosion of the boiler which supplies heat to the building was imminent. The steam was rushing out at a furious rate, when one of the turnkeys opened the safety valve. The prisoners are made engineers and they are not the most careful individuals that could be employed.