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Guelph May 26, 1869. d2tawtd

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Guelph, May 20th, 1869. d1m

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Guelph, May 19. daw tf

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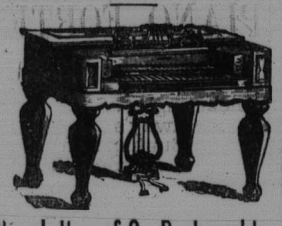
Guelph, 4th May. d o1m

Guelph Melodeon Co'y.



Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

WM. BELL
R. B. WOOD
ROBERT BELL
ROBERT McLEOD.

JOHN RUDD, } Witness.

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Guelph 15th April, 1869. w3

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Guelph November 19, 1868 daw tf

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EV'NG, JUNE 8, 1869.

Town Council.

The Town Council met on Monday night, the Reeve in the chair. Present, all the councillors. The Clerk read the minutes. An account was presented from Mr. James O'Neil for livery, and for the use of a team to draw the fire-engine. An account of $8.50 was presented from Caleb Chase, for putting locks on the lock up. Mr. Holliday presented a petition for relief from Lawrence Burns, who met with an accident last summer in Emslie's quarry, and who has never been able to work since. Mr. Bruce presented a petition from David King, who is incapacitated for work on account of paralysis. Mr. Howard presented a petition from the Guelph Mechanics' Institute praying for the refunding of $16, which it had paid for the use of the town hall, for the delivery of a course of lectures. Five of the lectures were not delivered, and by the Institute waiving its right to the occupation of the hall one night the town funds were increased $10. The foregoing were referred to appropriate committees.

Mr. Sayers read the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, which was as follows:

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT.

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the principal streets and sidewalks of the Town and find many of them in a bad state of repair. They consider that it will be necessary to make the following expenditures during the present year, and recommend that the items hereinafter mentioned for various localities be granted for the purposes of general repair. Allan's Hill $10, Boundary Roads (township to give the same) $50, Cardigan-st. $20, Elora Road (including portion of sidewalk petitioned for) $150, Edinburgh Road $80, Eramosa Road $100, Essex-st. including sidewalk $125, Grange-st. $30, Gordon-st. $50, London Road (including sidewalk petitioned for) $70, Huskinson-st. $50, Macdonnell-st. $50, Market Square $150, Norfolk-st (including sidewalk petitioned for) $100, Neeve-st. $50, Perth-st. $25, Paisley Road $175, Quebec-st. $75, Queen st. $75, Suffolk-st. $50. Waterloo Road, $90, Water-st. $20, Woolwich-st. $75, Wellington-st $50, Wyndham-st. $400, York Road $90, Wards (200 each) $800, Ontario-st $40, Derry-st. (part of sidewalk petitioned for) $30, already granted and nearly expended $750, contingencies $400—total $4250.

Your Committee have considered the kind of bridge which it is most advisable to erect at the Wellington Foundry, and recommend the plan that was first submitted, with the following alterations viz:—That the present stone work be built up so as to make the roadway 2½ feet higher than the present one, and that a new stone abutment be built at southerly end of the proposed extension. Estimated costing including filling $450. In reference to the petition of J. A. Wood, for permission to lay a new crossing on Wyndham st., your Committee recommend that it be granted on condition that he lay it at his own expense and in such a manner as to meet approval of the Road and Bridge Committe. Your Committee cannot at present recommend that any action be taken in reference to the petition of the Rev. A. Palmer and others asking for grant for foot bridge across the Speed near the Court House Hotel. They recommend that the petition of John Hewer to be allowed to construct a cistern on Macdonnell-st. and John Harris to make an area on Norfolk-st. be granted on condition that the works are such as to meet the approval of the Road and Bridge Committee.

Mr. Heffernan presented the following report of the Market House Committee:

MARKET HOUSE REPORT.

Your Committee report that acting on your instructions they advertised for tenders for Dome on Market House according to two plans known as plans No. 3 and 4, which were laid before you at the last regular meeting. They received four tenders for each plan and opened them in the following order:—Plan No. 3 G. & A. Bruce, $1,956; plan No. 4 G. & A. Bruce, $1,475; plan No. 3 Jas Barclay, $1,540; plan No. 4 Jas. Barlay, $710; plan No. 3 J. & J. Hall, $2,500; plan No. 4 J & J. Hall, $1,200; plan No. 3 Stephen Boult, $2,125; plan No. 4 Stephen Boult, $1,412.

Your Committee finding that the Dome according to plan No. 3 can be built for a much smaller amount than they formerly anticipated are of opinion that the Council should adopt it, as there is no doubt it will be a much stronger as well as handsomer structure than plan No. 4. and be a great ornament to the Town. They have taken into consideration the large amount of money that will have to be spent in making new bridges this year, and would like to have been able to recommend a much cheaper way to remedy the evil, but are afraid it would be false economy to commence patching the old Dome, for past experience shows that there has been a large amount of money already laid out in repairing it, and every year the leakage is getting larger and doing more damage to the building. Your Committee recommend that the tender of Jas. Barclay for building and making other repairs according to specifications and Plan No. 3 be accepted, his being the lowest tender, by his signing such agreement as the architect and committee may think necessary for his faithful carrying out the said contract, and that he commence operations forthwith. Regarding the petition of John Tyson referred to us last meeting asking for more ventilation to his stall in the Meat Market we would recommend that the partition on both sides of said stall be cut down a few feet and that iron bars be placed in the opening as we find it has not the necessary ventilation. The Committee recommend the payment of Caleb Chase's account of $8.50.

While the report was being read the Mayor came in and took the chair.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the Road and Bridge Report, Mr. Heffernan in the chair. About the ordinary amount of cross-firing occurred over the second clause, relating to the bridge at the Wellington Foundry. It was finally carried by a vote of 9 to 6, the Mayor voting with the majority on a promise given by the committee that they would procure a new plan showing the alterations intended, and fresh specifications. The remaining clauses were adopted, the Committees rose and the Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Holliday, That the last four clauses of the report be adopted, and that the town engineer be the person appointed by this Council to examine the archwork mentioned.—Carried. The first clause of the report was referred to Finance Committee.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the Market House report, which after a short discussion was received. Mr. Heffernan explained that Mr. Barclay's tender did not include painting nor the covering of a window on the rear of the roof.

Moved by Mr. McCurry, seconded by Mr. Heffernan, That the Clerk be instructed to notify the Judge of the County Court of the County of Wellington, and the Clerk of the County Council, of the intention of this Municipality to appeal against the equalization of assessment by the County Council, and said notice to be sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

The mover said that as the assessment now stood, the town would have to pay $180 more than its just share of the County rate.

The motion was carried, and the Council adjourned till Thursday evening.

The Perils of the Sea.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM A GUELPH LADY.

Mr. Robert Thompson has handed us the following letter, received a few days ago from his daughter who is *en route* for Australia, with request to publish it:—It is dated on board the *Explorer*, 22nd April, 1869:—

MY DEAR FATHER:—I have put off writing from day to day until we got out of the very warm weather. We were not sure of meeting a vessel that would take our letters home, but every one wrote in the hope of being able to send them. But we met with an accident which might have proved as fatal to us as it did to others. I will give you the particulars as near as possible. Yesterday morning, just a minute or two past 3 o'clock, we came into collision with another vessel. It was very warm in the cabin, so warm that I could not sleep. I had just dosed off a little when I was awakened with the shock of the ships striking. I could feel the shock from fore to aft, and being at sea I thought it was an earthquake. Just then one of the passengers came down stairs calling out that the ship was run into and was going down. We were on deck in time to see the other ship come round the bows of our ship, so close that she scraped the paint off the side of our vessel. All this time I was under the conviction that we were sinking. I thought of a good many things in these few minutes; most of all of home and friends. It was not more than 15 minutes from the time they first struck till the other ship was out of sight under water. After it was made sure that we were all right, the Captain sent out a boat to pick up any of the crew or anybody else who might have got on any part of the wreck. The boat came back without anything. In a minute or so cries were heard, and the boat was sent out again, and came back towing a life-boat with eight of the crew and a lady, the Captain's wife, a young creature only twenty-one. She and all the men are French, only one can speak a little English. Our ship cut the other clear in the middle. She was loaded with tallow and wool. In the morning they found a quantity of tallow on the bows of our ship. Every one feels very deeply for the poor French lady. She has lost everything as well as her husband. They had only been married eighteen months. Our captain is going to leave her at Bahia, off the east coast of South America, and it is by her we send our letter. It puts us out of our way a good deal, and will make the voyage a week or two longer. There is much more I would like to write, but the ship rolls a great deal to-day, and it is exceedingly hot. Our vessel is an iron clipper; the other was all wood; besides it was gross carelessness on the part of the lookout on both ships, both having gone to sleep. If no one has written yet, make no delay when you get this, as letters addressed to Melbourne will be all right. I have been a good deal sea-sick, but I am better now. I want you to be sure and write to me yourself, so that I can have all personal particulars. Hoping all is well with you I must close. Will joins me in love to you and all the friends. Ever yours affectionately,

MARY MASTERS.

Destructive Fire in Quebec.

PART OF THE CONVENT OF THE GREY NUNS BURNED.

The religious community in Quebec known as Sisters of Charity or Grey Nuns, met with a serious loss on Sunday, in the burning of their chapel and almost complete destruction of the east wing of their convent buildings, which are of stone and cover a large space of ground between Richelieu and Oliver streets, in St. John's Ward. The church which was of Gothic style, was a very handsome and attractive edifice, and although in an unfrequented part of the city, was looked upon as a point of interest by all strangers visiting Quebec. There is probably no other religious community in connection with the Roman Catholic Church here who do a greater amount of real good than the Sisters of Charity. When the fire occurred, they had over 40 old persons and about 90 orphans living in the convent, who were quickly removed as soon as it became known that the building was on fire. The orphans are now under the protection of the Nuns of the Good Shepherd, aged females at the Hotel Dieu. The origin and cause of the fire is unknown, but the general impression from all the surrounding circumstances, is that it originated in or near the spire. A strong smell of burning material was observed by persons leaving the church about six o'clock in the morning. Soon after the fire broke out and spread with great rapidity. The military and civilians did all they could to check the progress of the flames. The altar of the chapel, a very valuable piece of work, was removed to a place of safety by the Artillery while the timbers of the roof were in flames and falling in detatched pieces around them. The only accidents reported are to a fireman who met with a serious injury from the falling from the steeple of a heavy piece of timber, which struck him on the back; and to a gunner of the Royal Artillery, who received a serious flesh wound in the back from some rails projecting from a piece of falling timber. The building was insured for $20,000.

☞ There is no longer any reason to doubt that Mr. Thomas Galt will succeed to the late Judge Wilson's seat on the Bench.

Ontario Rifle Association.

The following is the list of prizes to be competed for at the Annual Match, to take place at Toronto, beginning on Tuesday, 22nd of June:

ALL COMERS' MATCH.—Open to all members of the Ontario Rifle Association, whether by direct contribution or thro' Affiliated Associations. First prize, $25; second prize, $20; third prize, $15; five prizes of $10; ten prizes of $5; ten prizes of $4; ten prizes of $2. Snider Enfields, Government issue: 200, 500, and 600 yds. Number of rounds at each range—five. Position—any. Entrance fee—25 cents.

MAJOR GENERAL STISTED'S PRIZE, AND $50 ADDED BY THE ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Open to all non-commissioned officers and men of Her Majesty's regular army, and to enrolled non-commissioned officers and men of the volunteer force in Ontario. First prize, cup, or value, $50; second prize, $20; two prizes of $10; eight prizes of $5; ten prizes of $2. Snider Enfields, Government issue. Ranges, 200 and 400 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five.—Position, Hythe. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS' MATCH.—First prize, $50; 2nd, Snider Enfield and $5 added; 3rd, Snider Enfield: two of $10; four of $5; six of $4. Any rifle coming within Wimbledon regulations. Ranges, 300 and 500 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, any. Entrance fee, 50 cents each competitor.

BATTALION MATCH.—To be competed for by five officers, non-commissioned officers, or men from any battalion or corps of volunteer militia in Ontario. 1st, $75; 2nd, $50; 3rd, $25; 4th, $20: 5th, $10. Snider Enfields, or Spencer carbines, Government issue. Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, 200 yards standing, 500 and 600 yards any position. Entrance fee, $2 per battalion or corps.

COMPANY MATCH.—To be competed for by five officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any company, troop, or battery of volunteer militia in Ontario. 1st, $50: 2nd, $40; 3rd, $30; 4th, $20; 5th, $10. Snider Enfield, or Spencer carbine, Government issue. Ranges, 200, 300, and 400 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, 200 yards standing 300 and 400 yards kneeling.—Entrance fee, $1 per company or corps

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCH,—Open to all members of the Rifle Association. 1st, a silver cup, presented by the Governor General; 2nd, a Snider Enfield and $15; 3rd, a Snider Enfield and $10; 4th, a Snider Enfield and $5; 5th, a Snider Enfield; six of $10; ten of $5; four of $4. Enfield, or Snider Enfield. Ranges 500 and 600 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, any. Entrance fee, 50 cents.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZES.—1st, a Snider Enfield and 500 rounds ammunition; 2nd, a Snider Enfield and 400 rounds ammunition; 3rd, a Snider Enfield and 300 rounds ammunition; 4th, a Snider Enfield and 200 rounds of ammunition; 5th, a Snider Enfield and 100 rounds ammunition; five of $10; ten of $5. Snider Enfield. Ranges, 300 and 500 yards.—Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, any. Entrance fee, 25 cents.—Open to all members of Ontario Rifle Association.

SMALL BORE MATCH.—Open to all members of the Ontario Rifle Association. 1st, $50; 2nd, $40; 3rd, 30; 4th, $25; 5th, $20; 6th, $15; three of $10. Any rifle coming within Wimbledon regulations. Ranges, 500, 700, and $900 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, any. Entrance fee, 50 cents.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S PRIZE OF $50, AND $120 ADDED BY ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Open to regularly enrolled volunteers in the Province of Ontario only. 1st, a Snider Enfield and $10; 2nd, a Snider Enfield and $5; 3rd, a Snider Enfield; 4th a Snider Enfield; 5th a Snider Enfield; five of $8; eight of $5.—Snider Enfields, Government issue.—Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards. Number of rounds at each range, five. Position, 200 yards standing, 500 and 600 yards any position. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

CONSOLATION MATCH.—Open to any competitor not winning a prize in preceding matches. 1st, cup, value $20, presented by J. E. Ellis & Co., Toronto; 2d, cup, value $20, by Wharin & Co., Toronto; 3rd. photograph of winner, value $20, by Notman & Fraser: 4th, books, value $15, by W. C. Chewett & Co; 5th, telescope, value $12, by C. Potter, Optician; five of $10; 11th, officer's sword, value $9, by N. McEachren, Toronto; 12th, courier's bag, value $8, by R. Malcom, Toronto; ten of $5. Enfields, Snider Enfields, or Spencer carbines. Ranges, 200 and 400 yards. Number of rounds at each range, three. Position, 200 yards standing, 400 yards any position.—Entrance fee, 25 cents.

The Council have determined to adopt the Wimbledon Regulations of 1867, as far as applicable. Pool targets will be provided. Sighting shots and wind screens allowed. All competitots must be members of the Ontario Rifle Association, either by direct contribution or through an affiliated Association. Subscription $1 per annum; Association or Battalion subscription $10 per annum, entitling to twenty memberships. Affiliation or membership fees to be sent to Major Alger, Treasurer O. R. A., Toronto. Camp accommodation will be provided for all desiring it. Competitors to bring their own blankets. Refreshments 25 cents per meal. Competitors paying their Railway fare to the match, will receive a certificate from the Secretary enabling them to return free. Entries will be received by the Secretary at any time after June 1st.

☞ The Annexation Resolutions were thrown out of the House of Assembly on the evening of Monday, only five voting for their adoption.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, June 3, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning:

A H Hill, Toronto; F P Brown, do.; J Young, Goldstone; John Currie, New York City; Peter Reupard & wife, Maple; James Wilson, Montreal; J. B. Lash, Toronto; W A Young, do.; L Cohen, Montreal; J J Kingsmill, Walkerton; W. Mowat, Hamilton; James P Wood, Stratford; Charles E Parson, Toronto; W Muirhead & wife, do.; W McCall, do.; John Philips, Quincy, Mis.; Hector Philps, do.; W S Beith, Owen Sound; Mrs. Kilsey, Mt. Forest; George Branton, Walkerton; R. McFarlane, Montreal; J C Clayton, Montreal; Thos Spiers, Owen Sound.

BY TELEGRAPH

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, 7th. — Letters from Paris state that the strong pressure brought to bear in undecided elections to prevent the return of opposition candidates. The contests between Thiers and Spee, and between Favre and Henry Rochfort are regarded with much interest. The Emperor, it is supposed, views the probable election of Rochfort as a personal if not deadly insult. The result of the elections and their effect on the government are regarded with great curiosity. The government is fully alive to the heaviness of the blow, and the difficulties it will have to meet with in future. Its friends tender advice freely, but the only concessions possible is a Parliamentary Government, which the Emperor regards with particular aversion. The government is inclined to do something as soon as possible, and with the least inconvenience. If the balloting results in favor of Rochfort steps will probably be taken at once.

In reply to a Conservative deputation to-day, Lord Derby said he spoke as a unit in the House of Lords, not wishing to influence the minds of his friends. While many friends of the Irish Church wished to amend and not reject the bill for its disestablishment, he was persuaded that rejection was the only course. He believed the bill would be rejected by a large majority.

A meeting of Conservatives was held in London to-night, at which resolutions were passed condemning the Irish Church bill. It is understood that Gladstone proposes, in case the House of Lords reject the bill to prorogue the present session of Parliament, and inaugurate a new session in order to procure the passage of the bill.

LONDON, May 8th. — The announcement of the premeditated majority of the House of Lords to reject the Irish Church Bill creates intense excitement, and it is calculated to precipitate an inevitable crisis between the Lords and Commons. It is rumored in some quarters that the announcement is only made to feel the public pulse, and ascertain how far the Lords dare go. The general impression is that the bill will be thrown out on its second reading.

Destructive Fire in Acton.

From our Correspondent.

A destructive fire occurred in Acton on Sunday evening, by which five houses, some outbuildings, and a span of horses were consumed. The fire broke out in the stable of Mr. James Bell, on Main street, about half past seven o'clock, and in a few minutes spread so rapidly that all efforts to stop it were unavailing. The fire spread from the stable to Mr. Bell's house on one side and Mr. Ebbage's house on the other, and before long these buildings with Mr. C. Weiger's tin shop and Mrs. Fearnley's dwelling-house were also in flames. The people of the village soon collected and did everything they could to save the goods and furniture. They succeeded in saving most of the goods in Mr. Ebbage's and Mr. Weiger's stores, and the greater portion of the furniture belonging to Mr. Bell and Mrs. Fearnley. So quick did the fire in the stable spread that a span of horses belonging to Mr. Bell could not be got out, and the animals were entirely consumed, together with a set of harness. The property of Mrs Matthews, adjoining, was saved with great difficulty. Mr. Ebbage's loss will be about $600 on the building, Mr. Bell's on horses, &c., $250, Mr. Weiger's about $40, Mrs. Fearnley's trifling. No insurance on any of the property. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from a stove pipe which was close to the stable.

Much sympathy is felt in the village for the sufferers, and last (Monday) night a meeting was held, which was well attended, to take steps to make up the loss sustained by the parties. Subscription lists were made out, and in a short time $70 were collected. It is confidently expected that $300 will be raised.

Municipal Council of Nassagaweya.

The Municipal Council of Nassagaweya met pursuant to adjournment, on Monday the 31st of May. Members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, that the sum of $2.67 be paid to W. J. Morton, A. Bell $3.34, R. Black $24, D. McTavish $8, J. Maselas $8, and R. Sutton $1.34, being two-thirds value for sheep killed by dogs, said claims being duly certified. Carried. Mr B Kean moved, seconded by Mr Easterbrook, that the sum of twenty-one dollars be paid to Isaac Smith for building a bridge on lots 3 and 4, 4th Concession.—Carried. On motion the Council adjourned, and organized as a Court of Revision and Appeal. Several parties were present who had been notified to appear, when the following sums were added to each respectively, viz., J. A. Peacock $80, J. Donaven $316, W. Reed $185, J. Fletcher $400, W. Husband $100, W. Anderson $137, G. Agnew $400, R. Meade $100, T. B. Winn $100, W. Elliott $1000, J. Mitchell $100, R. Thompson $400, T. Easterbrook $350, S. Coye $670, J. Pearse $100 and $200 deducted from T. Claffy. On motion the Court closed, and Council resumed. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, that the sum of $30 be granted to D. Munn from the license fund, to be expended on the Guelph Road, and purchasing a scraper. Carried. Moved by Mr. B. Kean, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that the following sums be granted to the following parties, to be expended on roads and bridges, viz., J. Kitching $20, W. Atkinson $45, L. Barbaree $30, J. Hunt $40, W. Kitching $15, J. Ramsey $15, J. Smith $25, J. Pearse $20, P. McGovern $[illegible], J. McGregor $6, M. McMillan $25, M. Lyons $30, on the Guelph Road, and $15 on side line, 7th con., W. Reed $15, J. White $20, J. Hagen and J. Hunter $30, G. Irving $30, D. Wheeligan and J. Anderson $50, G. Hopkinson and J. Borman $30, D. Wingrove and W. Anderson $35, A. McPhail and R. Hadden $20, and A. McGlashen $40. Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. B. Kean, that the sum of $75 be paid to George Norrish for assessing the Township for the current year. Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, that the sum of $10 be granted to A. Campbell, Esq., in aid of John Stewart, and the sum of $5 to M. McPherson, in aid of Allen Martin, poor and indigent persons.—Carried. Mr. Easterbrook moved, seconded by Mr. B. Kean, that in consequence of certain protest presented to this Council in regard to some scholars competing in the fifth division, at the late competitive examination held on the 29th inst. said to be over age to compete in that division; that this Council resolve to withold the prizes awarded to said parties, until they give sufficient proof that they are within the age allowed for junior scholars for competition; that there are also doubts expressed as to the authors of the cards of penmanship, to whom was awarded the first prizes for boys and girls in the fifth