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FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

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THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest style Phelan Tables. do

IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order at CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph. j15dw JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter, GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

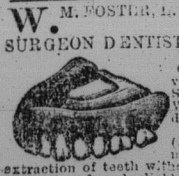
LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph. A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON. County Crown Attorney

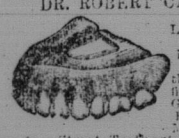
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

MRS. W. BOWERS—Begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that she is prepared to do Dress and Mantlemaking, Stamping, Braiding Straw and Felt Millinery. Bonnets and Hats made over in the latest styles. Also, Dresses cut and fitted. A large assortment of Ladies and Children's patterns for sale, with instructions. Charges moderate. Apprentices wanted. Residence—Opposite Knox Church, Guelph. f4-dtf

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO MURTON, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 dy

J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M.R.C.V.S., L.L., H.F.V.M.A. Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the MERCURY Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to. Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. Guelph, Oct. 19, 1872 dwtf

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts., Guelph. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL  Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

HOTEL CARD. The Right Man in the Right Place. THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office. THOMAS WARD, Late of Crown Hotel, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 14th, 1872. dawly

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

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED — As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. 10dtf

SALESMAN WANTED — Wanted, a first-class Salesman. One accustomed to the Fancy Trade preferred. Apply personally to Geo. Jeffrey, Bradford House. Guelph, Jan. 20, 1873. dtf

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham-Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffee. Guelph, December 27th, 1872 dtf

PRESSED BALED HAY. The undersigned has for sale a large quantity of Pressed Baled Hay at his Storehouse, Macdonell street. Will be delivered in any part of the town in quantities to suit purchasers. JAS. HEWER, Jr., Guelph, Jan. 31, 1873 d6t

NOTICE.—All parties indebted to the undersigned by Note or Book Account are respectfully requested to make settlement of the same before the 15th of February. Any remaining unsettled after that date will be handed into Court for collection. GEO. SLEEMAN. Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873 dwd

TEACHER WANTED.—A competent Teacher Wanted for School Section No. 1, Guelph Township. To commence duties immediately. Applications received by the undersigned up to Saturday, the 15th inst. WM. CRICHTON, DENIS KELEHER, M. SWEETNAM, Jr., Feb. 5th, 1873 w2-d3 Trustees.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. In the matter of John Robert Porte, of the Town of Guelph, jeweller, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his place of business on MONDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. W. J. PATERSON, Interim Assignee. Guelph, Feb. 1st, 1873. d2w

PLASTER, PLASTER. JUST RECEIVED, 500 tons Paris and Caledonia Plaster; Also, a large quantity of Land Salt, Water Lime, and Seed Grain, at the Montreal Warehouses, below the Railway Crossing, Guelph. GEO. BALKWILL. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1873 dwtw

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

TO CONTRACTORS. — Tenders will be received up to SATURDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, for the Mason and Carpenter Work, Plastering, &c., of a new Stone School House, in the Village of Rockwood. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Woollen Factory, Rockwood, on and after the 4th February. The Trustees reserve the right to let the work in one or separate contracts. The lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be left with Thos. Harris. Size of building 34x52 with wing 34 x12. THOS. HARRIS, THOS. WATERS, HUGH McDOUGALL, Rockwood, Jan. 27, 1873. w2d6t Trustees.

NOTICE.—A meeting of the Creditors of William Brownlow, will be held at the Law Office of the undersigned on TUESDAY, ELEVENTH FEBRUARY, at Two o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of instructing the Assignees as to the disposal of the property, and the winding up of the Estate. Creditors who have not already done so are requested to send a statement of their claims to Messrs. Horsman and Day on or before the date of the meeting. Those who fail to do so may be excluded from participation in the Assets. Dated 30th January, 1873. GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, 42w-w2 Solicitors for the Assignees.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as Carpenters and General Builders is this day dissolved by mutual consent. THOS. KIRKLAND, JOHN DAY. Witness: WILLIAM DAY. Guelph, Feb. 1st, 1873.

TAKE NOTICE—All accounts due the late firm must be settled on or before the first day of March, 1873, or they will be placed in Court for collection. Payments can be made to either of the late partners on or before that date. Guelph, Feb. 1st, 1873. 3d-3tw

TENDERS WANTED. Sealed Tenders will be received up to the 7th day of February, inst., —FOR— Masons, Carpenters and Joiners, Plasterers, Tinsmiths, and Plumbers' Work, In the erection of a stone addition to Dwelling House for John Horsman, Esq. Plans to be seen at the Architect's Office. STEPHEN BOULT, Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873 dd Architect.

PARKER'S HOTEL, —DIRECTLY— OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH First-class accommodation for travellers Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles. Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines. Guelph, Feb 1, 1873 dw

RAILWAY TIME TABLE — Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November:

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p m‡.

*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. ‡To Berlin.

EAST

3:05 a.m; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.

Going South—6.50 a.m., 12.35 p.m 1.05 p.m for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.

Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 6, 1873.

Town and County News.

REMEMBER the social in the Primitive Methodist Church, this evening, at seven o'clock.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular weekly meeting of the above Association will be held this (Thursday) evening, commencing at 7:30, instead of 8 o'clock. As important business is to be brought forward, it is desirable that there should be a full attendance of members and of those interested in the welfare of the Association.

RAWBONES.—A poor old horse, owned by a poor old man, was left tied to a post, on Wednesday afternoon, for such a length of time, that the mortgage held on him by the crows was foreclosed by Jack frost. The owner didn't lose much of an animal, and the horse lost less of a master.

BAULKY.—On Wednesday, a span of horses refused to draw a load of lumber. The driver lost his temper and laid on the lash so vigorously that first one horse would start, and then the other, without the desired effect. An hour's rest, a good feed of oats, and a better tempered driver, and all went "merry as a marriage bell."

TEACHERS APPOINTED.—By reference to our report of the statuatory meeting of the Board of School Trustees, held here on Wednesday evening, it will be seen that the services of Miss Mary Walker, formerly teacher here, have been engaged for the Senior Girls' School, and that Mr. Cooley, of Shakespeare, who holds a first-class certificate, will enter upon his duties, at once, as teacher of the High School.

AN EVEN TRADE.—A very large number of our country cousins were here on Wednesday, and amongst the rest a couple of the sons of Faderland figured conspicuously. King alcohol became an intimate acquaintance, and both were jolly. A well-filled purse was evenly traded for one less inflated, the former being filled with "fine cut," while the latter contained just sufficient to treat the two, and no more. They both thought they had the best of the bargain, but when the wallets were opened their boisterous laughter was turned to sober thought. An exchange of property took place immediately, the man receiving the purse containing the money introducing his friend to John Barleycorn, which appears to be the grand panacea in such cases made and provided. They left for home vowing that they would ask their Frous ere they traded again unsight unseen. The resolution was a good one, and we hope that they will not soon violate it. "It is never too late to do better."

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. — The anniversary meeting of the children attending St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, was held on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance of young people. The central portion of the church, which was set apart for them, being nearly filled. A great many of the parents and others interested in the Sabbath School were present, which shows that an increased interest is being taken in that most important part of a church's work. The evenings proceedings were commenced by Rev. Mr. Torrance, who gave a short and suitable address. Excellent addresses were also given by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hogg, Rev. Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Massie, the Superintendent, who reported that the school was in a very prosperous condition, both as regards the attendance and the efficient working of the school. They hoped by another year to have a new school house erected, and to have the library enlarged and improved. If they were spared to see these accomplished, they expected even greater things for the school in the future, and that a new impetus would be given to its growth and efficiency. During the evening a number of the scholars, both male and female, gave recitations, which were greatly enjoyed by the young folks, as was shown by their vigorous applause. Several beautiful hymns were also sung by the young people, in a very pleasing manner, Mr. Hugh Walker leading, and Miss J. Davidson playing the accompaniments. The church choir, under Mr. Walker's leadership, sang some very fine anthems at intervals during the evening, which were much enjoyed by all. One and all spent a very happy evening, and the scholars were made supremely happy, by each receiving, at the close, a paper bag filled with most tempting cakes and confectionery. The proceedings were brought to a close, by all joining in singing the national anthem, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Wardrope.

AN UNNATURAL MOTHER.—About eight o'clock on Tuesday evening a female, closely veiled, with a child in her arms, entered a hotel on King-street, Hamilton, and proceeded up stairs. Meeting the housekeeper on the landing, she enquired for and was directed to the parlor. About half an hour afterwards it was found that she had left the child on the sofa in the room. No person saw the unnatural mother leave the hotel, and nothing has since been heard of her, although strict enquiries have been made. The deserted infant is a male about two months old. Application has been made to the Mayor for support.

Local and Other Items.

THE Governor General is expected to visit Kingston in June.

E. H. HARDMAN, manager of the Grand Trunk Workshops at Brantford, has been dismissed.

CHOLERA.—This dreadful scourge has again broken out, in a virulent manner, at several places in Russia and Hungary.

NOT TO BE FOUND.—The St. Catharines *News* says that comfortable houses, at moderate rents and in good localities, are things not to be found in yon town.

GOING HOME.—Rev. Wm. Morley Punshon, who has lately lived in Canada, is to return to England next April, where it is said an important office of the Wesleyan church awaits his acceptance.

A BERLIN despatch says that the new Bill for the reorganization of the German army provides for a service of twelve years. The army on peace footing will number 401,689.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named Chas. Bird lost a portion of the first and second fingers of the left hand, in Stewart's planing mill, on Tuesday, by coming in contact with one of the machines.

ENCOURAGING.—The Fairbankses, scale manufactuters, borrowed five dollars to make their first scale, and are now worth three million dollars. Go and borrow five dollars, young man!

IMPORTED POULTRY.—Mr. Duncan Kay, of Galt, has just imported, from England one trio of Duck Wing Game Bantams; one trio of Golden Pencilled Hamburgs and one trio of Black Hamburgs.

THE Governor General is so enamoured of the game of curling that he has ordered a rink to be built near his residence at Ottawa. Our Canadian curlers ought to present his Excellency with a pair of stones.

ARRESTED.—The officers of the *Murillo* are arrested, and it would occur to the average observer that men who would sink three hundred souls in mid-ocean, and run away without an effort to help them, should gracefully ornament the end of a yard-arm, or dangle pleasantly from a gibbet.

SUIT FOR EXTRAS.—Messrs. Stratford, Nicholson, and Chisholm, of Brantford, contractors, have brought a suit in Chancery against the Great Western Railway Company for over $100,000, for extra work on the Air Line Railway. It is understood the Company deny their claim *in toto*.

MINISTERS AT OTTAWA.—Ministers are said to be busily engaged in preparing their measures for the coming session, but it is well understood that they have prepared no fixed policy, and intend to be solely guided by whatever exigencies may arise during the season.

ENCOURAGING.—Peter X, of the St. Catharines *Times*, says that if his efforts were in any way successful in abolishing the use of tobacco he would "die happy." We are afraid if our confrere lives till he sees his efforts successful, that he will rival Mathusela in years. He says smoking makes him sick. Then we advise him not to smoke.

DOMESTIC FELICITY.—A man employed in a St. Catherines manufacturing establishment did not put in an appearance the other morning, but just before dinner his wife came in and said in explanation: "You must excuse him; he and I had a little dispute at the table this morning, and he won't be able to work before the middle of the week." The employer stated that the explanation was satisfactory, he having been married twenty-five years himself.

MARRY THREE TIMES.—A one old fellow, Obadia Baldwin by name, and one hundred and one years of age, died at Crown Point on the 12th ult. He was very sparing in the use of alcoholic drinks. It is to be observed, however, that he had used tobacco all his life. He married three times, which proves that if you wish to live, gentle reader, to be one hundred years old, you must marry three times—at least, wise people frequently reason in that way. He was the father of seventeen children.

A RIVAL TO ELIJAH.—At Rathdowney, in Ireland, the other day, one Edward Dowling, proclaimed that, being too good for this world, he would be translated at a certain hour from the public square of that town. Two thousand people got together to see Mr. Dowling go up. He told them that the fiery chariot would soon arrive to carry him off, but unfortunately the vehicle didn't come. He waited and waited, and at last was compelled to announce that the ascension was indefinitely postponed. In all other respects the miracle was a perfect success.

PRESENTATION. — On the evening of Tuesday, the 4th inst., a party, consisting of the teachers and pupils of the Ellis Church, Union Sabbath School, assembled at the house of Mr. Robert Little, the Superintendent, and presented him with a copy of Kitto's History of the Bible, Life and Times of the Rev. Dr. Burns, and a book entitled the Dynasty of David. The presentation was accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Little, although taken altogether by surprise, responded very appropriately. The visitors, after a warm reception, and experiencing the usual hospitality on such occasions, dispersed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

A FOOLISH ACT.—John Beer, a Swiss young man, in New Orleans, hung himself there the other day, being despondent because he could not obtain employment. He had a rich uncle and also a wealthy brother in France, who had refused to assist him; wherefore he left a letter, directing that the rope with which he executed himself, should be cut into two parts, and one of them sent to each of his disobliging relatives. He also directed that the bill for his funeral expenses should be sent to his uncle; and we think we see his venerable relative paying it.

Board of School Trustees.

A statuatory meeting of the Board was held in the council chamber, on Wednesday evening. Mr. H. W. Peterson in the chair. Present, Messrs. Newton, McKenzie, Raymond, Bell, Stevenson, Murton, Inglis, Knowles, Kennedy, Harvey, Robert Mitchell and Dr. McGuire.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Wm. Bell had been duly elected School Trustee for the East Ward; that Mr. Murton had been elected by the County Council, and Mr. Harvey by the Town Council as School Trustees.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Knowles, That the chairman leave the chair, and that Mr. Raymond take the same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Knowles, That the thanks of the board are due and are hereby given to H. W. Peterson, Esq., for the courteous manner in which he performed his duties during the past year. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson, on resuming the chair, returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

The Secretary stated that the Board was now without a chairman, and that it devolved on its members to appoint one, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Knowles, That Mr. H. W. Peterson be appointed chairman for the current year. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson returned thanks, esteeming it as an honor to be again appointed chairman. He had always had the interests of education at heart, and he would devote his best energies to its advancement. The time had now arrived when it devolved upon us to erect a suitable building for the accommodation of our school children, and he hoped that the Board would be in a position to attend to this important matter at an early date.

Moved by Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, that the Rev. Robert Torrance be appointed Secretary and Inspector.—Carried.

Mr. Torrance returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

Moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Newton, that Mr. Geo. W. Sandilands be appointed Treasurer of the High School.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. McGuire, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, that the following gentlemen be a special Committee to draft standing Committees for the present year, viz.: Messrs. Newton, Inglis, Knowles, Kennedy, Stevenson, McKenzie and the mover.—Carried.

The special Committee for the appointment of Standing Committees reported as follows:—

Finance Committee.—E. Newton, J. Inglis, W. S. G. Knowles, J. Harvey, A. Mackenzie.

School Property.—W. S. G. Knowles, D. Kennedy, Geo. Murton, W. Bell, J. Harvey.

School Management—W. Stevenson, Drs. McGuire and Keating, C. Raymond, R. Mitchell.

Associate Examiners—High School—Drs. McGuire and Keating.

Printing—Inglis, Mitchell and Mackenzie.

Visitors to School.—North Ward—Stevenson, Inglis and Mitchell. West Ward—Raymond, McGuire and Newton. South Ward—Kennedy, Knowles and Keating. Central—Murton, Bell and Stevenson.

Moved by Dr. McGuire, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the report be received and adopted.—Carried.

Dr. Keating took his seat at the Board.

Moved by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, that the gentlemen who acted on the special Committee last year for Central School House Building be re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Messrs. Peterson, Newton, Knowles, Harvey, Stevenson, Kennedy and Raymond.—Carried.

The Secretary announced that he had received a letter from Miss Mary Walker announcing that she would be ready to commence her duties on the 10th inst. as teacher of the Senior Girls' School.

Mr. Stevenson announced that he had written to a number of teachers, and had secured the services of Mr. Cooley, of Shakespeare, who holds a first-class Provincial B. Certificate, to take charge of the High School.

The Secretary read his annual report and the Board adjourned.

An Unfortunate.

Out in this cold world,
Out in the street,
Asking a penny of each
One I meet

Was the language of an unfortunate young woman who came to Guelph on Wednesday. Without home, money or friends, and unable to help herself, she wandered about until kindly cared for by some good Samaritan. Had there been a poor house in our County—as there should have been long ere this—there need not be such a drain upon private charity. Were it not that this unfortunate met with a sympathising friend, when she most required one, another might have been added to the list of suicides. All's well that ends well.

IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.—We notice by a circular lately issued by this Company, that it has a reserve fund, immediately available, of six and a half million dollars, so that any business man will see that its policies must be more valuable than those of Companies with a limited reserve or none at all, which are liable to be wiped out at any time, as so many American offices were by the great fires in Chicago and Boston. We notice that this Company is very careful in regard to the kind of risk it takes, and that it has given peremptory orders to its agents to accept no risk in a building having a mansard roof, nor on the contents of any such building. The Imperial is a first-class Company, and is doing a large business. Mr. John M. Bond is Agent for Guelph.

ACQUITTED.—Robert Bowles, who was charged with misdemeanor, in having a guilty knowledge of the misappropriation of moneys and secureties by the firm of Bowles Brothers & Co. was acquitted in London, England, on Wednesday.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Awful Accident---A Whole Family Killed.

More Incendiary Fires.

Opening of the Imperial Parliament.

The Queen's Speech.

Another Wreck---Loss of the Crew.

Titusville, Pa., Feb. 5.—Andrew Dalve living near Redout, was engaged in filling a torpedo with nitro glycerine at his house this morning. It exploded, blowing him to atoms, and killing his wife, and fatally injuring his children.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 6.—By the time the fire this morning was got under control, the insurance building was almost entirely destroyed. Loss $75,000. At two, a.m., the fire was under control. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary.

London, Feb. 6.—The Parliament reassembled to-day. The following sketch of the Queen's speech has been obtained in advance of its delivery:—"England is at peace in everything. Great powers have promised to co-operate effectually for the suppression of slavery on the east coast of Africa. Friendly negotiations are in process with Russia. Count Schouvaloff has assured Her Majesty's Government of the friendship of the Czar with the English. The new treaty of commerce between Great Britain and France is calculated to promote the friendship of the two countries. The President of the French Republic has been appointed to arbitrate the differences between Portugal and England, relative to possessions on the south coast of Africa. Copies of Alabama and San Juan awards will be presented immediately. It is considered proper to hasten the payment of the Alabama award."

The speech expresses regret at the rise in prices, and consequent disputes between workmen and employers, and promises bills will be introduced improving the system of higher education in Ireland, for the reconstruction of Supreme Appellate Courts, and prevention of corrupt practices at elections.

London, Feb. 6.—Sir Alexander Cockburn has refused the peerage, and has received the grand cross of Order of the Bath.

Lord Assington is seriously ill.

The schooner *James Bayles*, has been wrecked on Inglesea coast, and eight of her crew perished.

The Late Horace Greeley.

INSANITY BEFORE DEATH.

Over the contestation of Horace Greeley's last will in the New York Courts, evidence was given of the most unquestionable character that the late Horace Greeley had become insane some time previous to his death. The most intimate friend Mr. Greeley had on earth was Mr. Alvin J. Johnson. Mr. Greeley had himself lived with Mr. Johnson for a long time, and his wife died at his house. When Mr. Johnson was called to the witness-stand he protested against the examination. "I stand here," said he, "as the most intimate and warmest friend of the dead Horace Greeley, and I think I ought not to be catechised on a witness-stand as to matters which would scandalize the memory of my dear friend. I am also the friend of his orphan daughters, and I protest against this cruel dissection of Horace Greeley's life." The examination, however, was permitted to go on. The first symptoms of Mr. Greeley's insanity manifested themselves strongly before his wife's death, though not developed fully till after that event. The Saturday after Mrs. Greeley's funeral, while attempting to pack his trunk in his room in Mr. Johnson's house, he was simply pitching his clothes from place to place—at one time putting them in order, and again undoing all that he had done. Fearing they would be late for the train, Mr. Johnson wanted to get a carriage, but Mr. Greeley protested, declaring it would cost a hundred dollars, and that he was ruined. Ruined, ruined! was the burden of his complaint. Ruin stared him in the face; all around was ruin. Mr. Johnson heard him declare a hundred times that he was ruined. The Sunday before his death he was in a bad condition. The *Tribune* was ever on his mind. The Saturday before the election he said the paper was ruined; that Sam Sinclair, the publisher, was bankrupt. On another occasion he said, "It aint Sam is to blame, it is I have ruined the *Tribune*. He took a fancy to reading the *Times*. He would say, "there's a paper that has brains;" adding at the same time, "There's no brains in the *Tribune*. It's bankrupt and played out." At a subsequent date, to satisfy Mr. Greeley, who fancied he wanted money for pressing wants, Mr. Johnson accepted a transfer of six shares of *Tribune* stock, at $5,000 a share. Mr. Greeley said he wanted $1,000 immediately, and when his friend gave it to him, "he laughed with childish glee." Many other circumstances were elicited in the examination, all of which went to prove that Horace Greeley's great mind had been shattered and had lost its equipoise some time before his death and while he was canvassing for the Presidency. He had evidently overworked his brain in a long and busy life, and hence the loss of his intellect some weeks before his death occurred.

PROGRESSIVE.—It is definitely known that bonuses to the amount of $8,000 per mile will be forthcoming for the Brantford, Norwich and Port Burwell Railroad. Under the new charter applied for, it is contemplated to construct an extension of the Harrisburg branch of the Great Western to Waterford, to connect there with the Canada Southern. These schemes accomplished, will make Brantford one of the most desirable locations for manufacturers in the country.