

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

The Grammar and Common School Committee of the Ontario Legislature met on Monday morning the object being the investigation of the allegations made some time ago, by Mr. Christie, of North Wentworth, against the Upper Canada College, in relation to its diversion of the Grammar School reserves from their legitimate purposes, and other misdoings.

Mr. Christie stated that he was somewhat embarrassed in consequence of the Returns of the Upper Canada College not having been printed, as he had expected they would have been. He, however, was ready to lay the documentary evidence before the Committee to establish his first allegation, that, in the endowment of the Upper Canada College the Grammar School reserves had been diverted from their original purposes. After some discussion an adjournment of the Committee was moved and carried, pending the arrival of some witnesses. On this the Toronto correspondent of the Hamilton Times remarks that it is quite evident that nothing will be done in the way of a thorough and satisfactory investigation of the Upper Canada College during the present session. This is what the friends of the College desire, and hence Mr. Christie has a tremendous task before him in working against so much obstruction and such great odds.

Legislature of Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 12. Dr. McGill introduced a Bill to regulate the sale of poisons, and respecting chemists, druggists and apothecaries. Mr. Wood moved the concurrence of the House in the report of the Committee of supply. A number of resolutions were carried in without objection. When the item of \$750 aid to Victoria College came up, Mr. Perry moved that the following be added to the resolution:—"But this House is of opinion that it is inexpedient to pay money out of the Public Treasury in aid of any of the Faculties of the Denominational Colleges, and makes this appropriation to meet the embarrassments that must arise were they suddenly deprived of their? Carried—73 yeas; 85 nays.

A long debate on Mr. Wood's financial statement took place in the evening, during which Mr. Blair made an admirable speech on the finances.

Mr. Carling then introduced a Bill to amend the Agricultural Act, which was read a first time.

Daring Bank Robbery at St. Catharines.

\$50,000 ABSTRACTED FROM THE MONTREAL AGENCY. A despatch to the Hamilton Times from St. Catharines says: The quiet in which our town elapsed after the elections, was suddenly broken late on Monday evening by the report that one of the most daring Bank Robberies that ever occurred in this vicinity, took place in the St. Catharines agency of the Bank of Montreal, and fabulous amounts were mentioned in connection with it. The following appears to be the circumstances of the case as far as can be judged from the traces left of the robbery:

Between 9 and 10 on Monday evening some parties, by means of a false key, entered the Bank. Their attention was immediately given to the safe, to the outside door of which they appear to have had a key. Nitro glycerine, it is supposed, was then applied to the lock of the inner door. Before the explosion, the outer door of the safe was closed to deaden the report. In a great measure, the explosion seems to have scattered the gold, of which there was quite a quantity, over the floor. The robbery, however, paid but little attention to the coin. Seeing some \$50,000 of bills which the safe contained, they quickly made good their escape.

A boy named Kerrigan, who sleeps in the bank, came in about ten o'clock last evening and on perceiving the gold and the debris of the explosion lying around, quickly gave the alarm, and the building was soon filled with a surging crowd. The whole affair appeared to be the work of a professional, and was managed throughout with the most consummate carelessness. Nothing was left which could implicate the robbers.

This morning the excitement around the Bank reached a high point, but those who were curious were unable to obtain anything additional to what was already known. Mary Nugent, who is employed to clean out the office of the Bank of Montreal, was arrested yesterday evening, shortly after the robbery, some suspicious circumstances being charged to her.

School Trustee Elections.

In the several Wards the election of School Trustees came off very quietly, and very little interest was taken in them by the great body of electors. In none of the Wards was there any opposition to the return of the candidates nominated.

SOUTH WARD.—Mr. David Kennedy was elected by acclamation. Proposed by Mr. R. Mahoney, seconded by Mr. Geo. Fleming, Mr. W. S. G. Knowles, on retiring, volunteered a few remarks concerning the manner in which the school in this Ward was conducted, and spoke highly of the satisfactory progress of the pupils and the abilities of their teacher, Mr. James Ferguson.

NORTH WARD.—Mr. W. Stevenson was elected by acclamation—being proposed by Mr. Goldie, and seconded by Mr. J. W. B. Kelly.

EAST WARD.—No nominations were made in this ward during the hour set apart by law for that purpose; and at the close of that time, the Returning Officer, Mr. John Watson was proposed by Mr. Geo. Pirie, seconded by Mr. Evan Macdonald, and elected.

WEST WARD.—On motion of Mr. C. J. Buckland, seconded by Mr. Geo. Elliott, Mr. John McNeil was, for the third time, elected to the office of School Trustee for this ward.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—This morning Rev. Father Sherlock was elected School Trustee for the Separate School of this town, in room of Mr. Dennis O'Neil, who retires, and Mr. M. J. Doran, in room of Mr. Martin Ryan, resigned.

THE CONCERT AT ELSORA.—The Concert last night in Elsora was a grand success, the house being crowded to its utmost capacity. The singing was excellent, while the instrumental music was all that could be desired. The net proceeds will amount to considerable. The concert was attended by parties belonging to all denominations, both from Elsora and Fergus, as well as some from Guelph.

JACKSON & HALL.—Have now on hand a splendid assortment of buckwheat flour, new prunes, capital teas, cigars of the best brands, sherries, &c. at the lowest possible prices.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, Jan. 12th, 1869. J. Wilson, Toronto; W. Brown, Paris; H. Michie, Fergus; A. Anderson, Fergus; W. McBride, London; C. McMenus, Toronto; J. O'Hara, Toronto; Rev. H. Currie, Mount Forest; W. Beattie, Whitby; J. Weir and wife, Clifford; R. A. Hutchison, Hamilton; G. D. Mackie, Chicago; Rev. Mr. Halpen, Walkerton; W. Kelly, Princeton; D. Buckler, London; C. Joslyn, R. Shiel, Winfield; J. Nester, Toronto; W. Bubner, Walkerton; J. Hunt, Clifford; Rev. Mr. Coffield, —; Rev. Kennedy, —.

Eramosa Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at the Centre Inn on Saturday last. There was a good attendance. The retiring Secretary, Mr. Swinford, read the following:

ANNUAL REPORT.

Before giving you the ordinary statement of the year's proceedings, your Directors deem it but right to render an account for the benefit of those subscribers who were not present at the last annual meeting of the Society, of a proposition made on that day by a delegate from Rockwood, to the effect that the people of that village were willing to offer a donation of \$105 50 to the Society's funds, provided the annual show was held there this year. However, the meeting would not decide the one way or the other, but left it to the Directors to do as they thought best. Accordingly a meeting of the same was called on the 22nd Feb. last to discuss the merits of the proposition. The delegate, or rather the Director as he was then, did not appear, but sent a substitute, who was unable to guarantee any certain amount, and stated verbally, and in a letter he brought with him, that the total amount first offered could not be depended upon. Taking this into consideration, and finding that many names on the list sent in by the village were those of individuals from other parts of the Township, already belonging as members to the Society, your Directors could not see that any pecuniary advantage could be derived by making the show migratory. Experience had also shown that on a previous occasion, having done so, it had proved detrimental to the best interests of the Society, and your Directors therefore declined the offer.

The Directors have much pleasure in handing you herewith a statement of the past year's doings. After a winter of unusual severity the Spring opened most favourably for getting in the grain in the best order. The hay crop turned out the most abundant one that has been experienced for many years, and was cut and housed in the most unprecedented hot and dry weather, which continued during the whole of the cereal harvest, baking or burning up the grain before it matured, thereby much diminishing the result, especially in the yield of oats and peas. Fall Wheat proved a most excellent crop, and as far as your Directors can ascertain, the following is about the average produce of bushels per acre: F. Wheat, 25; Spring Wheat, 15; Oats, 20; Peas, 10; Barley, 30. Potatoes are very far below previous years' returns, and turnips like every other crop, suffered severely from the great drought, and can hardly be called up to the average.

The annual exhibition took place on the 2nd October, at the Centre Inn, and the following table will exhibit an increase of the number of entries over the last year in the total, although some classes were comparatively but poorly represented. The deficiencies existed principally in out-door produce, affected by the peculiar season:

Table with 2 columns: Item and 1867 and 1868. Rows include Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Grain, Societies, Roots and Vegetables, Fruit, Butter, Cheese, Domestic Manufactures, Implements.

The Township Ploughing Match was held in a field of Mr. Robert Dyden's on Tuesday, 27th Oct., and as in the case of the annual show, the weather was most favourable. Nineteen ploughs started, and the result of the match here follows. No special subscription was made to raise funds for prizes, but they were paid out of the balance in hand from the general fund and to which an addition was made of various articles, the gift of several friends of the Society. But what more immediately deserves special notice of the Society is the liberal gift of a new plough by Mr. George McInnes, of Fergus, for the best ploughing in one class.

The financial statement herewith annexed shows a balance in your favour of \$3 08. There were no entries for several articles for which premiums were offered, so that the amount not being all required, enabled us to offer a fair prize list for the next ploughing match. All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID DAY, President. The following office bearers were then elected for the current year:—President, John Grieve; vice-President, Geo. Dickie; Secretary and Treasurer, Wm. Tolton; Directors, Geo. Armstrong, William Torrance, William Dickleson, John Rea, David Stewart, Thomas A'Vaters, David Rea, and L. Parkinson. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President and Secretary.

WELLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL.—As will be seen by the following list, there are considerable changes in the County Council this year. The members are for Guelph, R. Mitchell, J. Jas. Goldie, P. McCurry; Guelph Township, W. Whitelaw, Geo. Darby; Puslinch, Wm. Leslie, M. Spreuhan; Eramosa, John Duffield, John Rea; Erin, D. McMillan, E. Johnston; Orangeville, T. Jull; Amarant, C. Gillespie; Lathier, D. Saunders; Arthur, Robt. Stevenson, R. Gordon; Garafraxa West, John Dobbin; Garafraxa East, W. H. Hunter; Fergus, Geo. McInnes; Elora, J. M. Fraser; Nichol, J. W. Mair; J. Broadfoot; Pilkington, W. Clarke; Roberts; Peel, J. Cross, W. S. Sutherland, and T. McManus; Maryborough, S. Robertson; J. Landerkin; Minto, Jas. Connell; J. Prain; Mount Forest, Thos. Swan.

POLITICAL ON DUT.—The Halifax Reporter of Monday has the following on it: that the Hon. Mr. Howe and Mr. A. W. McLellan, M. P. for Colchester, will shortly leave Halifax to meet the Hon. Mr. Rose, at Portland, on his way to London. It is further asserted that if matters can be satisfactorily arranged by Mr. Rose with the British Government and the Dominion authorities, Mr. Howe will take the appointment of President of the Privy Council, vice Blair deceased, and run his election for Hants—the election to come off before the House meets. Mr. McLellan, it is said, takes a seat at the Railway board.

18,000,000 DOLLARS.

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company has accumulated a capital of over EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, and has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Who would not insure in such a company? GEORGE ROBBINS, Agent for Guelph. do 2t

BIRTHS.

RICHARDSON.—At Fergus, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Thomas Richardson, Wagon maker, of a son. YOUNG.—At Fergus, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Young, of a son. KAY.—At Fergus, on the 11th ult., the wife of Mr. Charles Kay, of a son. McMAHON.—At Fergus, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr. McMahon, of a daughter. MURDO.—At Fergus, on the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr. L. C. Murdo, of twin daughters.

MARRIAGES.

GILL.—NODWELL.—At Fergus, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. Geo. Smellie, Donald W. Gill, of Erin, to Letitia Nodwell, of Garafraxa. SMITH.—WILSON.—On the 24th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Geo. Smellie, Hugh Smith, of Nichol, to Ellen Wilkie, of Fergus. STUBBS.—BROWN.—On the 24th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Millican, at the house of Mrs. Gowdie, Mr. Matthew Stewart, to Mrs. Olive Brown, all of Garafraxa. BURK.—WARRICK.—On the 6th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Millican, at the Presbyterian Manse, Douglass Ave. Burke, Jr., to Miss E. M. Warrick, all of Garafraxa. BOWLEY.—MACDONNELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Brewster, Mr. Wm. Bowley, to Miss Mary Jane Macdonnell, all of Fergus. No cards. McLEARN.—McLEARN.—In Mount Forest, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. John McMillan, Mr. George McDiarmid, of Minto, to Miss Mary McLearn, of Arthur. SPENCE.—MCKENZIE.—On the 25th ult., by the same, Mr. Peter Spence, of Egremont, to Miss Margaret McKenzie, of Arthur. FALCONER.—KILGOUR.—On the 1st inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mount Forest, by the same, Mr. William Falconer, to Mary, youngest daughter of Robert Kilgour, Esq., both of Mount Forest. BLACK.—PETERS.—At Mount Forest, on the 1st inst., by the same, Mr. Andrew Black, of Mount Forest, to Miss Thectey Putnam, of Egremont. ANDERSON.—MOLAN.—At Mount Forest, on the 1st inst., by the same, Mr. David Anderson, of Mount Forest, to Miss Mary Molan, of Minto. KEITH.—MCGAGGART.—On the 4th inst., at Coyne's Hotel, Mount Forest, by the same, Mr. Donald Keith, to Miss Janet McGaggart, both of Egremont. BOY.—MCCUTCHION.—In Stratford, on the 29th ult., at the residence of the bride's sister (Mrs. Maxwell), by the Rev. Mr. McLaurin, Mr. James Boyd, to Miss Bella McCutcheon, both of Crossville, Welland. MURRAY.—LUSH.—At St. George's Church, on the 12th ult., by the Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, assisted by the Rev. F. Alexander, Mr. James Murray, of Amabel, to Deborah, daughter of Mr. William Lush, of Eramosa. WOODMAN.—McKEON.—On the 29th ult., by the Rev. A. J. Holmes, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Andrew Woodman, of Maryborough, Miss Ellen, eldest daughter of Stephen McKee, of Arthur Township.

DIED.

ANDERSON.—In Pilkington, on the 3rd inst., Mr. John Anderson, aged 68 years. MCCARTHY.—In Peel, on the 3rd inst., very suddenly, Mr. John McCarthy. AVEY.—In Owen Sound, on the 4th inst., Anne Avey, wife of Mr. James H. Little, of the Advocate, aged 25 years.

New Advertisements.

ACCOUNT BOOK LOST. A large account book of Tuesday evening between the Market House and Simpson's Brewery, Waterloo Road. The finder will be rewarded on applying to DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, General Agents, Guelph. Guelph, 4th January.

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. R. CAMPBELL, OFFICE next door to the Advertiser's Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

HOUSE WANTED. Having six or seven rooms. Address, E. MURPHY, Office Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 5 1869. do 1t

PUBLIC NOTICE. The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his house and settle as early as possible. W. H. JACOMB. Guelph, 6th Jan. do 2

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on by Mr. J. M. Macdonnell, who will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Guelph, 6th Jan. do 1t JAS. BARCLAY.

ANNIVERSARY SERMONS & TEA MEETING. SERMONS to commemorate the opening of the new Congregational Church, in this Town, will (D. V.) be preached on LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 17, 1869. In the morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 6.30. REV. E. T. BROMFIELD, Late Minister of Holloway Congregational Church, London, England. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, by REV. W. CAVAN, Professor of Theology in Knox's College, Toronto. Collections on behalf of the Church Building Fund, will be made at each service.

TEA MEETING. The Annual Tea Meeting will be held on Monday Evening, Jan. 18, commencing at 6 o'clock. After tea addresses by several speakers, and appropriate music by the Church Choir may be expected. Tickets, 25 Cents. May be had at the stores of Messrs. A. Thompson & Co., McNeil, and at the door. Guelph, Jan. 12. do 1t

THREE SHEEP STRAYED. Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, Elora Road, about two weeks ago, three Ewes, two White and one Black. If thought they went into the neighbourhood of Paisley Block—Any one returning them to the owner, or giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be rewarded. GEORGE SMITH, Elora Road, Jan 9. do 1t

CAUTION. All parties are hereby cautioned against purchasing or negotiating, on account of value not having been received, two Promissory Notes: the first for \$25, payable on the 1st of March, 1869; the other for \$100, payable about the 1st of December, 1869, both made jointly by John Johnson and Angus Johnson, in favor of Malcolm McNeill. JOHN JOHNSON. Guelph, Jan 9. do 1t

THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY has accumulated a capital of over EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, and has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Who would not insure in such a company? GEORGE ROBBINS, Agent for Guelph. do 2t

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THE GREAT BLANKET SALE AT A. O. BUCHAM'S WILL BE CONTINUED THIS WEEK. Guelph, Jan. 12, 1869. do 1t

100,000 COPIES SOLD OF THE JU-BILATE, and 125,000 of the RAISE OF JUDAH, two admirable books of Sacred Music for Choirs, Singing Schools, Musical Conventions, &c., by L. O. EMBESON. Every Choir and Singing School should have them, for they will be sure of giving satisfaction. Price of each, \$1.35. Sent post-paid. A Liberal discount made on quantities. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 27 Washington Street, Boston, C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York. Guelph, 4th January.

BALTIMORE OYSTER DEPOT! WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH. PLATT & CO'S BALTIMORE OYSTERS! IMPORTED DIRECT BY GEORGE WILKINSON, Sole Agent. Guelph, 4th January.

VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE. That eligible and commodious Stone Dwelling House and out, containing nearly half an acre of ground, with large Stables and out-houses complete, the residence of the late Dr. Parker, situated on the corner of Market and Dublin Streets. This property is but a short distance from the Market and business part of the Town, and is an admirable location as a dwelling for a professional or business man. The above property will be sold on easy terms, which may be known by applying to GEORGE ELLIOTT, or N. HIGGINBOTHAM, Executors. Guelph, Jan. 2. do 1t

NOTICE TO DEBTORS. ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER. The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Real Estate of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. R. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. G. C. F. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be returned suit in the Division Court. GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Jan. do 1t

BOARDING. Parties requiring board can be accommodated with good bedrooms in a first-class Boarding House, situated near the Post Office. Address A. B., Guelph Post Office, or apply at this Office. an. 2

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. For sale, a house and lot. Terms, easy. Apply personally, or by letter. W. S. BALL. do 1t

APPRENTICE WANTED. Wanted at the Mercury Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Application to Guelph, 3rd December.

MONEY TO LEND. The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent on moderate interest. LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. do 1t

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 4th of January, 1869. Guelph, 24th December. do

New Advertisement. 1869 FEARFUL PANIC. 1869 \$15,000 WORTH OF CANADIAN GOODS To be rushed off before the 1st March, at the BRITANNIA HOUSE.

IN ORDER to make room for Spring Goods HEFFERNAN BROS. are determined to clear out their Immense Stock of Canadian Goods AT PANIC PRICES! Consisting in part of TWEEDS, FULL CLOTHS, SATINETTS, FLANNELS, BLANKET, caps, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, &c. Call at once, and call early. THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW CHANCES THAT RETAIL PURCHASERS have of Buying Goods at LESS than Wholesale Prices. HEFFERNAN BROTHERS. Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph. Jan 9. do

Retiring from the Retail Trade. ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OUT. WM. STEWART, In returning thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on him for the last thirteen years, respectfully intimates his intention of retiring from the Retail Business.

In order to facilitate the entire clearance of Stock, he will on WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, commence the GREAT SALE, when Goods will be offered at Cost, and in many cases under. The public should take advantage of this rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at the Lowest Prices ever offered in Guelph. The reputation of the Stock being so well known for extra quality, and being composed of New and Fashionable Goods, all may rely on extraordinary Bargains. On and after the 2nd of January the Books will be closed, and during the sale Goods will be sold only FOR CASH. N. B.—This is no clap-trap sale, as the subscriber is positively retiring. WILLIAM STEWART. Wyndham Street, Guelph. Dec. 30th, 1868. do

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LANGDON. MY STOCK OF GROCERIES, TEAS, WINES AND LIQUORS. Is now complete, and I am prepared to sell Goods as low as any House West of Montreal, no matter what their pretensions may be. Give me a call and prove it. In stock.

Very fine Black, Young Hyson and Japan Teas Coffees, Tobaccos, Sugars Pickles, Sauces, Lobsters, Sardines Bottled Ales and Porter. Wines and Liquors—Best Brands Martell Brandy, Jules Robla Brandy, Pinet Castillon & Co's Brandy, Seignette Brandy, Holland and Old Tom Gin, Rum, very fine Old Port Wine, Pale and Brown Sherry, Hay's Scotch Whisky, Canadian Scotch Whisky, Stewart's Scotch Whisky, Dunville's Irish Whisky, Windsor Pure Rye and Mal' Whisky, Bourlon Whisky.

Labrador HERRING, Lake Huron Herring, White Fish, Salt, &c., very low. J.J. LANGDON. Guelph, 5th January. do

Christmas and New Year's Gifts For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to JOHN R. PORTE'S JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE. Nextdoor to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street The following choice articles will be found in Stock Ladies' Companions Ladies' Work Boxes Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c. WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS. Guelph, 17th December do JOHN R. PORTE.