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GUELPH, ON., CANADA, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 2, 1867.

GUELPH POST OFFICE.

Cattle Fairs.

Mr Dobbin, Reeve of Garafraxa

has so far recovered from his protracted ill-

ness as to have been present at the last meeting of the Township Council.

St. Andrew's Day in Galt.—The anniversary of the birthday of Scotland's

Patron Saint, was celebrated in Galt by s

Steele hung himself on the 26th ult., in the neighbourhood of Seaforth. The

causes that induced him to quit this life

SPEED CURLING CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Guelph Speed Curling Club will be held in the Town Hall on

Wednesday evening, the 4th instant at

7.30, when all members are requested to

ACCIDENT IN ELORA.—The Elora Ob-

server says: A sad accident happened to a young man named Louis Rose, on Friday last. While in the act of letting down a

bucket of stones into a well, he fell head foremost a distance of 14 feet, and receiv

ed severe injuries. He complains of inter-

nal pains, and lies at Cascadden's hotel

In our report of the St. Andrew's celebration here on Friday night, we omitted to

now piper, was present, and during the evening played several marches, strathspeys, and reels, in a spirited manner. His music to the Scotch reels was capital,

and put mettle in the heels of the dullest

beadle was engaged in lighting the lamps in the chandeliers next the pulpit,

detached and the chandeliers being con-

nected, fell. Happily but one of them had been lighted, but the lamps breaking the coal oil took fire, and flashed up instantly. The extraordinary glare was observed by several of the neighbours, by

whose timely assistance and the applica-tion of a few pails of water, the fire was

put out before much damage had been

done. Three or four seats were badly scorched and one of the chandeliers entirely destroyed. The loss is probably

Delivery of Mails

6.30 10.30

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# Eating House.

C. H. DAVIS

RESPECTFULLY informs the people of Guelph and neighborhood, that he has opened a public

Eating House and Refreshment Rooms,

A few doors above the Wellington Hotel, Wynd-ham Street, where will be provided Meals at all seasonable hours, at moderate prices.

### Oysters, Sardines, &c

CHAS. H. DAVIS.

# NEW FRUIT

For CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS. Crop of 1867.

New Layer Raisins,
New Bunch Muscatel Raisins,
New Seedless Raisins,
New Seedless Raisins,
New Patrus Currants,
New choice Turkey Figs,
New Soft Shelled Almonds
New Walnuts and Filberts
New Brasil Nuts,
New Canned Fruits
Canned Fruits
Canned Lemon, Orange and Citron
Peel.

GEORGE WILKINSON.

# Valuable Building Lots for Sale

## COLT STRAYED.

CRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, on Wednesday the 27th, a roan two year old, in good condition, both hind feet white, nigh fore foot, mane light colored. The mane adly matted with burrs, Ste was bought at John West's sale, and he bought her from Mr. a Howitt, who bright her Any one returning to the owner, or giving such information at office as will lead to her recovery, will be ably rewarded.

JOHN W. ADMISTEORO.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG,
Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramos
Guelph, 29th Nov, 1867.

# The Wizard Soap

W. F. FOX & CO.

HAVE commenced to manufacture the cele-brated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is su-

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING

IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR. es net injure the hands, takes less labor, and

# Business Education! Evening Mercuny.

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, October 12, 1867. daw-tf





A SPLENDID ARTICLE.

# AT 75 CENTS.

E. CARROLL & CO.

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran.

Corumeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

# New Livery Stable.

HORSES FOR HIRE.

Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867.

# Mortgage Sale!

PURSUANT to a power of sale contained in a Mortgage (to be exhibited at time of sale) there will be sold

On WEDNESDAY, 11th Dec., 1867, says: On Sunday evening last St. Andrew's church in this place had a very

VILLAGE of ARTHUR, narrow escape from total destruction by fire. About half-past five, while the

A RRIVING daily at WALKER'S,

Yarmouth Bloaters, Kippered Salmon Trout, Smoked Salmon Pickled Salmon, Fresh Salmon, in cans.

### HUGH WALKER.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 29th Nov, 1867.

## Cordwood Wanted.

TANTED about 30 cords of good

GREEN BEECH or MAPLE

Cordwood. Quantities of from 5 cords upwards will be taken. Apply at once to the MERCURY Office, Guelph.

Guelph, 5th Nov, 1867. dwtf

### STRAYED PIGS.

CAME into the premises of the subscriber, near the Race Course Inn, about three weeks ago, two good sized Pigs. The owner is requested so prove property, pay expenses, and take them away.

JOSEPH RYDALL, Ergmoss Real.

Navarabay 20th, 4897.

Monday, 2nd.—George Bruce, a tailor whether in or out of employ we know ob; was brought up on a charge of drunknness; and as he has been very succession as several previous occasions in taking hiskey enough to get him before the ourt, he was fined \$5 and costs.

Police Court.

CARLYON'S YEAR—This is one of Harper's series of novels, a copy of which has just been sent us by Messrs Tunis & Co. It is by the author of 'Lost Sir Massingberd," a tale which was so popular some time ago. The style is masterly, and the marrative as such very interesting. For sale at Day's bookstore.

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FRENCH'S ELEMENTARY ARITHMETIC.—This is a small work published by the Harpers, and designed for beginners.—Like most American works on any branch of Mathematics, it has simplicity for its chief recommendation. Plans of illustration are resorted to in it, which may prove very useful to dull comprehensions. For sale at Day's bookstore.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE,—The November number of this able periodical has been received. Age has in no way impaired its powers. The Brownlows, Cornelius O'Dowd and Linda Tressel are continued. There are also articles on the following subjects: The Impending Crisis in America; Women in the Middle Ages; Reynolds and the Portrait-Painting of the past century; Conversation; At the Alps again. New York, Leonard Scott Publishing Company. For sale at the Bookstores.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.—The December number of this favorite magazine is to hand. The reading matter is choice and interesting, and the illustrations abundant, and executed with appropriateness to the subject. Mesers Ticknor & Fields, Boston, are the publishers, and the magazine is for sale at the bookstores.

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The Postal Bill.

Is seldom that the press of Canada is mous on any subject, but on the red new Postal Bill, we find not a journal Reform or Conservative, iterate or Anti-confederate but interest or Anti-confederate but into segment to the proposition of the Covernment of Canada, such sinks it the unmeasured terms, so it takes to do with the postage on apers. And no wonder. Canadian tors seem to be imbued with a toc complicate everything they put hands to, and to insert a wheel a wheel on every possible occasion, we shall probably discover now power the press really possesses, for made a bold and combined effort to the passage of an obnoxious law, will be interesting to know how it succeed. In the editorial corresponded of the Colleving the proposed by that Government of Canada, with the proposed by the Consolidated revenue of Canada, with the principal and interest of the loan immediately after the charges specifically and three, on hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British North and three, one hundred and five, of the British No proposed new Postal Bill, we find not a Confederate or Anti-confederate but inveighs against it in unmeasured terms, so far as it takes to do with the postage on newspapers. And no wonder. Canadian egislators seem to be imbued with a desire to complicate everything they put within a wheel on every possible occasion. Well, we shall probably discover now Patron Saint, was celebrated in Galt by a what power the press really possesses, for concert, which was attended by upwards it has made a bold and combined effort to prevent the passage of an obnoxious law, and it will be interesting to know how it shall succeed. In the editorial correspondence of the Hamilton Spectator we The find the following unapologetic condem nation of the Bill as it stands at present:

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But the seriously objectionable feature in this Bill is that it throws the payment of the postage upon the publisher instead of upon the subscriber, and does it without even the semblance of an argument to practical difficulties in the way of this opystem, apart altogether from its gross injustice to the publishers of Canada, that I cannot think it has ever been seriously considered by the Postmaster-General or officers of his Department. One objection to it alone, is fatal to its practical working, and that relates to the difficulty of a collecting the actual amount due at the office of mailing. Those familiar with meyspaper business know that the circulation is a constantly varying one, and this will involve in the case of a weekly publication, the necessity of counting the papers every week. I have understood that the suggestion has been made that the bundles might be weighted, and the postage of papers shows how little the subject has been considered at all. The weight to paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at the bundles might be weighted, and the papers are printed varies in weight at the bundles might be weighted, and the papers are printed varies in weight at different times. So that it would be utterly impossible to collect the postage on the weight of paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at different times. So that it would be utterly impossible to collect the postage on the weight of paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at the bundles might be weighted to paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at the bundles might be weighted to paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at the bundles might be weighted to paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at the bundles might be weighted to paper on which different newspapers are printed varies in weight at the bundles mig

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In an editorial on the same subject the Belleville histogeneer says:—It is difficult to charge and collect sufficient to cover the bare cost of the raw material, and to attempt to add to this in the shape proposed is monstronally absurd. If the feash system were established, the case might be different. But the country is

DEATH OF MR. HENRY IZARD.—Mr. Henry Izard for many years an operator in the service of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and manager of the Provincial Company died on Thursday at Woodstock. His mother and his younger brothers and sisters were dependent upon him, and Mr. Dwight, superintendent of the company, acts upon the impulse of a kind heart in informing the operators on the line of this circumstance, and in offering to transmit whatever might be sent him in the way of assistance to the bereaved. The deceased was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and was a general favorite. The Best White Coal Oil

Can now be had at MR. HORSMAN'S for 15 cents per gallon. Cans of any what one half of them are unable to consider the contract of the proposed system is simply asking what one half of them are unable to consider the contract of the proposed system is simply asking what one half of them are unable to consider the contract of the contract of

masses, whose nearly all of them do in giving a free circulation to their publications, but to compel them at the same time to pay a direct tax to the Government of \$2,000 to \$5,000 more for the privilege of educating the people, is rather too much of a good thing, and we are very much surprised that the Government would attempt to inaugurate such an unwise, unjust and impracticable system. It is to be hoped the Postmaster-General will yield to the wishes of those most directly interested, and strike out this objectionable clause. Far better do this than push it to a vote, for we feel assured, if the House is divided on this question, a majority will be found to oppose it.

The Intercolonial Railway.

into a committee of the whole to consider:—

1. That for the purpose of constructing
a railway connecting the port of Riverie
du Loup, in the Province of Quebee, with
the line of railway leading from the city
of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia,
at or near the town of Truro, it is expedient to raise and appropriate by loan
a sum not exceeding three million pounds
sterling, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, upon
the gurantee of the payment of the interest of such loan by the commissioners
of her Majesty's treasury, under the provisions of the Canada railway loan act,
1868.

2. That it is expedient

ately after the principal and interest of the loan.

5. That it is expedient to charge the consolidated revenue fund of Canada with any sum issued out of the consolidated revenue fund of the United Kingdom under the Canada railway loan act, 1867, with interest thereon at the rate of five per centum per annum, immediately after the sinking fund.

6. That it is expedient to continue the sinking fund until all principal and interest of the loan, and all sums issued out, of the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom under the Canada railway loan act 1867, and all interest thereon are fully discharged, or until the sinking fund and its accumulations are adequate to discharge so much thereof as remains undischarged.

7 That it is expedient that the gov-

The Gazette calls the Ontario Legislature together on the 27th of Dec. for the despatch of business. Notice of intended application to the Ontario Legislature has it been given for about sixty private bills, showing that considerable legislature has shed for.

Mr. W. H. Wilson and Mr. Brooks, of Brockville, have both obtained contracts European and North American Railway, and way communication between Bangor, Maine, and St. John, N. B.

Notman, the photographer, is having a historical painting prepared for the first spening of the Confederated Parliament. It will be twenty-two feet long, and of proportionate width.

Mr. J. V. Spohn, of Hamilton, is applying for the Clerkship of the Peace of Waterloo County.

Strong objection is taken to giving the Government power, by mutual agreement with the Hudson Bay Company, to settle as to the value of their rights in the North-West.

The Gazette of Saturday contains the official announcement of Mr. Rose's appointment as Minister of Finance, and of Thomas Miller, of Berlin, as Judge of the Schooner Lost.—The schooner En

# BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

### Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Nov 30—Flour quiet and un-changed; wheat quiet at \$1.81 @ \$1.83; corn unsettled, old declined 6c to 7c; peas 86; cats declined 8c; rye steady at \$1.98 @ \$1.34; barley quiet and advanced 8c @ 4c; provisions active and firm means 4c; provisions active and advanced &c dc; provisions active and firm; mess pork \$20 for new, and \$18.75 for old; lard 114 (2) 12c; dressed hogs in fair demand at an advance of 25c (2) 45c; beef cattle quiet at \$6.25 (2) \$6.45.

### Jeff Davis' Trial.

Richmond, Nov. 30th—The followin, named witnesses were examined on Je Davis' indictment: Gen. Lee, Secretar Seddon, Gen. Wyndham, Hon. J. Letch John B. Baldwin, ex-speaker of the Cofederate Congress, and Gen. Raymond.

The suit of S'eenbock & Co., against Claffin & Co., of New York, for \$250,000 damages for closing them up on an at-tachment, commences here on Monday.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 1st—Seven of the crew of the Owego attempted to land yesterday afternoon, but the boat capsized—Orin Philips, engineer, and four others were drowned. The two mates and the remainder of the crew were saved.

### From St. Domingo.

St. Thomas, Nov. 18—Another earth-quake, accompanied with volcanic erup-tions, has occurred. The sea rose fifty feet, doing much damage to houses and shipping. Similar disturbances occurred at the Dutch Island of Saba and at St. Domingo a slight earthquake is reported.

### Card from Horace Greeley.

New York, Dec. 2nd.—Horace Greeley publishes a card, in which he says, referring to his appointment to the Austrian mission, he will not leave the country until after the next Presidential election. The World's special says, ex-Senator Foster, of Conn., will be tendered the Austrian mission if declined by Greeley.

# Cable News!

London, Nov. 30 evening.—Warren, Hilpin and Castello, the Fenian prisoners who were sentenced to imprisonment for a term of years, were to-day brought from Dublin to Pontonville to suffer their sentences. They were handcuffed and strongly guarded. The proposed income tax to pay the expenses of the Abyssinian war was passed to the second reading in the House of Commons this evening.

FLORENCE, Nov. 30—A despatch from Naples to-day states that Vesuvius is again in a grand state of eruption.

VIENNA, Nov. 30.—In the Reichsrath yesterday a draft for a new constitution was adopted after a strenuous resistance by the Liberals.

FLORENCE, Nov. 30.—Italy has not

FLORENCE, Nov. 30.—Italy has not yet acceeded to the proposed Conference. Yesterday, an official note was sent to France asking certain explanations; the final answer of Italy will depend on the nature of Napoleon's reply.

London, Nov. 30, even'g.—The Fenian Burke, was up for examination at Bow Street to-day. Massy testified at consider able length. No decision was reached,

Street to-day. Massy testified at considerable length. No decision was reached, London, Dec. 1, 2 a. m.—There is considerable excitement on account of the Fenians. An outbreak is feared at Manchester, where arms have been seized by the police authorities. Only one arrest had been made. Despatches from Cork received late to night make mention of serious apprehensions there also.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The Marquis De Moustier, minister of foreign affairs, in addressing the French Senate yesterday, said that the stay of the French troops now remaining in the Roman territory would be brief, and was only intended to ensure the safety of the Pope. The question between the Holy Father and Italy was one of distrust, and the object of the general European Conference proposed by the Emperor was to remove this distrust.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The Prussian Government, through its postal department, has signed a new contract with the Hamburg and American steam packet company and the North German Lloyd's steamships, for the regular mail service from Hamburg and Bremen to New York. By the terms of the contract many additional facilities are given to the public, and especial provision is made for transmission of samples of merchandise by mail.

Lisbon, Dec. 1.—The mail steamer from Brazil has arrived. Last news received at Rio Janiero from the seat of war on the Parana, was exciting. The allied cavalry had made an attack on the Paraguayan forces, which the Brazillians claim to have resulted in a complete victory for