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Business Cards.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notary Public, &c. Office—Corner Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

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

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

CARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinks and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's ashery. (dw)

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

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington. Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. (dw)

JOHN KIRKHAM, Silver Plater and Brass Finisher. All orders promptly attended to. Shop—opposite Chalmers' Church, Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. Office—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Office. (dw)

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON, J. County Clerks & Attorneys

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. (dw)

CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Refitted in the latest fashion. Finest style Phelan Tables. (dw)

W. H. TAYLOR, BRIDGEMAN SILVER PLATER, GUELPH. Only one this side of Toronto. All work warranted the best. Please send price list. (dw)

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. Guelph, Nov. 13, 1872. **GEO. MURTON,** (dw)

DOMINION SALOON.

FRESH OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE. To be had at this saloon. The best Liquors and Cigars always a stock. Guelph, Sept. 30, 1872. **DENIS BUNYAN,** (dw)

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

IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order at **CROWE'S IRON WORKS,** Norfolk Street, Guelph. 154 W. **JOHN CROWE,** Proprietor

IRON AND BRASS Castings of all kinds made on short notice at **THE GUELPH UNION FOUNDRY** We also keep on hand four qualities of **RABBIT METAL.** **HARLEY & HEATHER,** Huskisson Street, Guelph. m14-dw3m

J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M.B.C.V.S., D. V.M., D.P.V.M.A., &c. Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, he is desirous of continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or 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. (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. Bonit's Factory, 107 Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McCree, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott & Movers, Dentists Toronto. (dw)

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH. Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, corner of Wyndham and McDonnell-sts., Guelph. (dw)

New Advertisements.

10,000 BUSHELS OF CORN for sale. **A. R. DAVIES,** On the Market Guelph, Mar. 13, dwit

TO LET—With immediate possession, a stone house, with good cellar, several rooms. Situated on the R. C. Glebe. For particulars, apply to Mr. Mitchell, No. 1, Day's Block. (dw)

BUILDING SITE FOR SALE—In town, well cultivated, well fenced, 44 acres, spring creek running across, 60 assorted fruit trees, frame stable, &c. Terms easy. For particulars, apply to Mr. Mitchell, No. 1, Day's Block. (dw)

BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a Journeyman Blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the Blacksmith business. Apply at once to Jas. Lamb Morrison. (dw)

TO LET—With immediate possession, the stone cellars, rooms, offices, and upper story in Brownlow's Buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Morrison, or William Day. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

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 Coffey Guelph, December 27th, 1872. (dw)

WANTED—A man and wife for a farm in Howard's town. The man must have a knowledge of farm work, and his wife will live in, and have charge of the house. Application to be made to Wm. Wilkie, Guelph. (dw)

COW LOST—On the Eramosa Road, near Guelph, on the April Fair Day, a small light red beef cow, with curved horns, well set on, and a clip out of the right ear. Any person returning her, or giving information that will lead to her recovery to Wm. M. Armstrong, Lot 23, 3rd con. Eramosa, will be suitably rewarded. (dw)

MONEY TO LEND, On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to **FRED. BISCOE,** Barrister, &c. Guelph. (dw)

April 4, 73-dwit.

D. BROCK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE Directly opposite Chalmers' Church, Quebec street, Guelph. Dr. Brock having returned from the South, will attend to all professional calls as usual. (dw)

BIBLES, BIBLES, BIBLES. The agent is now in town, taking orders for a large and beautifully illustrated Family Bible, with several new and important additions, containing a vast amount of information, compiled from the latest and best authorities. This invaluable work is offered at a very low price. (dw)

DESIRABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE—Consisting of 14 acres of excellent land, with good roughcast cottage, stable, &c. within one mile of Guelph Market House. This is a good chance for market gardeners, or others desiring a few acres in a retired locality close to market. Will be sold cheap. Title perfect. Apply to Hart & Spier, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. 24-2dw

REMOVAL OF OFFICES. **Lemon & Peterson** Have removed their offices to Brownlow's new buildings, near the Registry Office, Douglas street, Guelph, March 22nd, 1873. (dw)

HAY FOR SALE. From 40 to 50 tons of hay for sale, by the ton or load. Will be sold on the farm and it can be weighed on the scales at Wilson's Corner. Apply to **JOHN LAIDLAW, JAMES LAIDLAW,** Paisley Block, March 24, 1873. (dw)

Good Words, Sunday Magazine, Family Herald, Young Ladies Journal, Pleasant Hours, Wedding Bells, (Bound volumes) Pashley's Bookstore, Day's Block, FOOT OF WYNDHAM STREET. Guelph, April 3, 1873. (dw)

PLOUGH. Just received, a quantity of the celebrated **Gray Ploughs,** From Scotland, manufactured by Gray & Odlington, near Glasgow. **THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTOR** Steel board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast Iron Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50 to \$30. A good assortment of Stoves and Tinware for sale cheap. **W. HEATHER,** Corner Woolwich-st. and Eramosa Road Guelph, 2nd April, 1873. (dw)

SMOKERS, FOR A GOOD-SMOKE Use the "Myrtle Navy." See T. & B. on each plug. Price so low that all can use it. **CAUTION**—The Brand "MYRTLE NAVY" is registered, and any infringement on it will be prosecuted. The name TUCKETT & BILLINGS is on each endy, and T. & B. on each plug. Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873. (dw)

THE SHORT HORN BULL "REMEX" Will serve cows on the farm of the Subscriber. Terms—Grade \$125 each cow, for the season; Pure bred \$4, to be paid on the 1st of January, 1874. **THOS. McCULLOUGH,** Fruit Hill Farm, Eramosa, Pedigree—No. 724, red and white, got by Duke of Atholl, 577 dam Rosy Nell by Red Prince, 692, dam Helena by Baron Solway, 45, g dam Blanche by Prince of the West, 558, 2681. See C. B. book. (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.; 8:35 p.m.

To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin.

EAST
8:05 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 Cliffton; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Cliffton; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 3:05 p.m. for Fergus.

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, ILLINOIS WHITE CORNMEAL, ILLINOIS RYE FLOUR, ST. LOUIS HOMOINY, NEW PRUNES, OLD PRUNES, DRIED APPLES, WHITE BEANS, PEARL BARLEY, POT BARLEY, PATNA & ARRACAN RICE

Canned Peaches, Tomatoes, Corn, Peas and Cherries,

At John A. Wood's, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-street. Guelph, March 26, 1873. (dw)

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FRIDAY EV'NG, APRIL 4, 1873.

Town and County News.

MARKET HOUSE FOR ELORA.—A meeting of the Council of Elora was held on the 31st ult., when the tender of Mr. Parsons, for the mason's and bricklayer's work of a Market House, to be built of brick, was accepted. The amount mentioned in Mr. Parsons' tender was \$852.

ANOTHER GOOD SALE.—Mr. Henry Hatch, land agent, made another good sale yesterday. He disposed of the south half of lot 13, in the 11th concession of Arthur township, to Mr. John Campbell, for \$2,000. The purchaser is an enterprising man, with plenty of means, and will be quite an acquisition to the township.

FOUR ROBINS.—We observed four decorated looking robins, sitting upon a tree early this morning, chattering away to each other, evidently deploring the snow storm of the previous night. No doubt the poor little birds were debating what the chances were for breakfast. They did not wait for something to turn up, but flew away in opposite directions, in quest of what they stood most in need of. Sensible birds.

WE were shown last fair day, amongst the numerous crowd of people in town, one of the few of the Waterloo veterans now living, who fought under the Iron Duke. The old man seems quite jovial and hearty, and hopes to see many summers yet to come; but the marks of time are beginning to be very plainly seen, and the long locks already turned grey, tell us in bold letters that he is soon to be gathered to his illustrious comrades now lying beneath the sod.

NEW MUSIC.—We have received through Mr. John Anderson, from the celebrated Boston publishers, Messrs. White & Gould, a ballad entitled, "Darling Little Gertie," and a beautiful song and chorus, "Somebody's waiting." By the title at the foot of the garden wall. There's an oak, 'neath the wide-spreading shade. As the fast setting sun said good-night to all, Stood a sweet little bright-eyed maid—Stood smiling across the green turf—Singing so joyous and free: Can you guess what's her mission? 'tis easy enough. Why, 'twas somebody waiting for me. Somebody waiting for me, Somebody waiting for me. At the hour when the horn calls us home from toil, There was somebody waiting for me.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last Mr. Robert Owens, of Guelph, was coming from Fergus in a single cutter, when about a mile from the village, nearly opposite the Wallington Mills, he was run into by a double team, which was driving at the time at a furious speed. Mr. Jacobs, of Elora, was in the cutter when the accident happened, and with the driver, was thrown violently to the ground, fortunately with little or no injury. The occupants of the double team were also thrown out, and escaped unhurt. Mr. Owens' horse, it is feared, has sustained considerable injury—his cutter is badly damaged, and the harness broken.—Elora News.

REMAINS OF A VETERAN.—The remains of the late John Taylor were transferred from the old burying-ground, rear of Knox's Church, Guelph, yesterday (Thursday) to the Union Cemetery, and deposited alongside of his son, whose funeral took place the same day. The deceased gentleman departed this life, about twenty-five years ago, in Paisley Block, and his remains were left undisturbed till yesterday. He was present at the battle of the Nile, and did good service in the cause of his country, and was in receipt of a pension up to the time of his death for the performance of a deed of heroism. The man-of-war upon which he was doing duty as a sailor gave chase to a French gunboat bearing important government despatches, and being hard pressed the captain threw the despatches overboard. Taylor, quick as thought, at the risk of his life, jumped

into the raging main and secured the documents. For this service he received the congratulations of his friends, and the recognition of his sovereign.

ELORA EASTER SHOW AND FAIR.—We are indebted to the *News* for the following particulars.—Tuesday last was a busy day. From daylight drove after drove of cattle came pouring upon the ground, until as fine a display of bovines was exhibited as this far famed cattle market could ever boast of. Cattle buyers in great numbers were in attendance from all parts of the Province, and a large number of beaves changed hands, at low figures, taking into account the expense and trouble of feeding, but high compared with other markets. Early in the day a number of buyers went to meet the droves, and several were sold ere they reached the village. The prices ruled from 3s. for poor to 6j. for prime, and we heard of one offer of 7j for one of the prize cattle.

TEA-MEETING.—The tea-meeting in aid of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, which took place in the Town Hall last night, was quite a successful affair, about 250 persons being present. After doing justice to the good things provided in the Council Chamber, an adjournment was made to the Town Hall, to hear the various addresses. John Hogg, Esq., occupied the chair. The first speaker, Rev. Mr. Benson, spoke at some length on the anatomy of man, and alluded to the doctrine of the Trinity, as exhibited and proved in nature, under various circumstances. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Ball, Rev. Mr. Woods (who sang a German hymn, much to the delight of his audience), Rev. Seth Smith, of Halifax, Mr. D. Monton, and others. The addresses were interspersed with music and singing by the choir, and the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the national anthem, followed by three cheers for the Queen and the good people of Guelph. We congratulate our colored brethren on the successful manner in which they carried out the entertainment.

Local and Other Items.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident occurred near the village of Lucknow on Wednesday to an old woman named Mrs. McKinnon. Her husband, it appears, was felling a tree in the woods, where she had repaired for something. Just as she approached him the tree fell, killing her instantly.

ARBON.—A daring attempt was made Thursday morning to fire the residence of Mr. F. W. Glen, on the north side of the Welland canal. About four o'clock flames were discovered issuing from the summer-kitchen. The alarm was at once given, and the fire extinguished before any serious injury was done.

THREATENED TAILORS' STRIKE.—Great fears are entertained by the merchants of St. Catharines that the journeymen tailors are bent on a strike. A meeting is to be held to-night (Friday) when both employers and employees will be present and discuss the matter.

SUSPECTED MURDER.—Information has been received by the authorities of Parry Sound, of a murder having been committed on South River, Lake Nipissing, by two trappers named Tryon, hailing from the vicinity of Barrie. Their victim was an Indian trader, named Fisher, who had employed the Tryons to assist him, and who murdered him, it is believed, for his money. The Government must see that steps are taken to arrest the Tryons, as the country is so inaccessible that the expense attending the arrest will be large.

REFORM MEETING IN PELL.—The Elora News says that a meeting of the Reformers of this Township was held at Goldstone on Friday last at which a large turn out of the leading members of the party were in attendance. T. Garbutt, Esq., in the chair. The matter of the petition against James Ross, Esq., was fully discussed and a hearty response was made by all present to sustain the action of the Reformers. Things begin to look rather gloomy for the success of the Drs. aspirations. Committees were formed for each School Section and the U. and Prog. party may take it for granted that the evidence they are most particular to keep back will be forthcoming in overwhelming abundance.

BREACH OF PROMISE.—A most interesting case of breach of promise was held as the Assize Court, in Toronto, on Wednesday last. The name of the plaintiff was Florence Mand' Marshalsay Major, a young lady of considerable personal attraction and lady-like appearance, of Yorkville, and the defendant, Marshall Bidwell McKenzie, a young farmer, of the village of Cashell, in the Township of Markham. Damages were laid at \$3,000. A most loving correspondence had been kept up between the parties for the past three years, but the young man wrote a letter a short time since bidding the lady a most affectionate good-bye. The lady, after a patient investigation, awarded \$50 damages.

LECTURE ON ROBERT BURNS.—Dr. George Macdonald, of Scotland, who has been and still is lecturing on Scotland's national poet says—'What would you say to \$35 a year for wages? And, yet, no pity for him, but the highest envy. With humour to the depth of laughter, with pathos to the depth of tears, this man became conscious of a force moving within to utterance. Every creature of the fold, every blast in the trees, every uplifting of the sun, every glimmering hour, the streams running past the door, the lasso washing her linen there, the mice in the shebble, the daisies which the plough-share overturned, everything touched him, and played upon him as on a harp. He felt all these sights and changes, and gave the utterance. Some poets feel the impulse to speak, before they have anything to say; not so with Burns. Some seek poetry from afar; he found it around him.

Description of the ill-fated 'Atlantic.'

The *Atlantic* was launched at Belfast, Ireland, in 1871, was 420 feet long, 40 feet beam, 23 feet depth of hold, and was registered 3,725 tons. She was constructed of iron, and had four masts and six water-tight bulk-heads. She was fitted with eleven boilers and four cylinders, on the compound principle. A certain magnificence marked the adornments and upholstery of the *Atlantic*; the saloon and its appointments were very beautiful within. The dimension of the saloon was eighty feet long, and extended entirely across for a depth of forty feet. The lounges and fixed seats were upholstered in crimson velvet; the panels of the saloon were damasked with white and pink; the pilasters were bracketed, and the cornices were of oak, nicked out with gold; the bed-bagging of the staterooms and sleeping berths, which were large and commodious, were of green rep, and the appointments were in all respects elegant and complete. The *Atlantic* arrived in this port on her first voyage from Liverpool in June, 1871; she left on her return voyage on July 1st following. This was her 19th trip, and she was valued at \$500,000.

The *Atlantic* was insured in the London Companies for \$15,000. There were 700 steerage passengers on the ill-fated vessel. The passengers and crew as she sailed from Liverpool were classified as follows:—English, 188 men, 74 women, 28 male children, and 21 female children; Scotch, 7 men and four women; Irish, 43 men, 18 women and 3 children; other nationalities, 150 adult males, 32 women, 19 male children and 18 female children. A large number of emigrants embarked at Queenstown, making the total number of souls upon the steamer, when she sailed from that port, 952.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE LOSS OF THE "ATLANTIC."

Captain R. Williams, and the Cunards have had the whole of the known survivors counted, and they amount to 430. The Captain says the *Atlantic* had 33 cabin passengers, 800 steerage passengers, and a crew, including officers, of 143—in all 976 souls. A large number of coffins have been ordered, and a lot went down to Prospect this morning. The ship and cargo were valued in England at \$850,000. She is beginning to break up, from the action of the waves stripping off her iron-plates, and the cargo is beginning to float out in considerable quantities. Divers, under the direction of Capt. Sheridan, an experienced hand, are on the spot, well supplied with apparatus and assistance, so that the largest portions will be saved, though in a much damaged state. The weather is very mild and quiet, favoring these operations. A few more of the disabled have gone to hospital.

New York papers, with their usual enterprise, ordered fullest reports, regardless of expense, and employed a number of special reporters to go down from time to time to the wreck, with artists to sketch the locality and surroundings of the wreck yesterday.

The steamer *Chase* takes 150 to 200 of the saved to Portland this morning, and the steamer *Falmouth*, of the same line, will take another contingent this afternoon.

Statements are made that the crew of the ship indulged in plunder of the dead bodies. One instance is related where a wretch mutilated the hand of a lady to obtain possession of a diamond ring on her finger. The body of her and Mrs. Fisher, Vermont, and Miss Meritt, Chicago, were washed ashore yesterday, and lay side by side among eighty others. Their bodies will be forwarded home. One woman passenger was confined only six hours before the disaster. Several passengers with life-buoys, overturned, and were drowned before assistance could be rendered. Some who had life-buoys on, and endeavored to reach the rock by means of the line from the vessel, not reaching it properly on the lower part of their bodies were floated up, with their heads down. In this manner many of them were drowned before reaching the rock. At one time during the weary watch before dawn, the fore-boom broke loose from its fastenings, and swinging around, instantly crushed to death about twenty persons who were gathered on the house on deck. Among the passengers was one who had been in the States for some time, and had proceeded a few trips before to England for the purpose of bringing his wife and five children on to the new home he had provided for them in the new world. Father and all perished. Several of the passengers landed from the *Delta* yesterday, considerably bruised about the body and lower limbs; and one man had his two legs broken, and others were so sore from being knocked against the rocks they were scarcely able to stand.

Waterloo Spring Assizes. These assizes closed on Thursday. Among the civil cases tried was one of Spier vs. Stewart and Donald McKenzie, of Puslinch. It was brought on a promissory note for \$500. Mr. McKenzie denied that he had ever signed the note. Verdict for defendant. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Durand for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

The following criminal cases were disposed of:—

QUEEN VS. JOHN KENNEDY.—Fraudulently disposing of a promissory note entrusted to his care. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to 4 months in jail at hard labor.

QUEEN VS. WHORST.—Perjury. The defendant was charged with having committed perjury on a trial in Galt, before the Mayor, in a case charging Dickson, a tavern-keeper, with selling liquor on Sunday. Verdict, "not guilty."

QUEEN VS. MCGOWAN.—Adjudged to the Quarter Sessions.

Mr. Guthrie was counsel for the Crown.

RAPE.—A wretch named George Maloney, on Sunday, 30th day of March, ravished a young woman named Phoebe Carpenter, a short distance from Brantford. He has been arrested and fully committed for trial. Penitentiary for life, in every case, should be the punishment for this worst of all crimes.

When is a dog like a fixed doctrine?—When it is a dog-ma.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Affairs in Spain.

Active Operations Against the Carlists.

Rioting in Spain.

Establishment of New Post Offices.

Bayonne, April 4.—Gen. Novallas has arrived at Estella, 25 miles south-west of Pampeluna, and made it his headquarters for operations against the Carlists.

The Commune has been declared in the Province of Salamanca, and some rioting followed, but it was suppressed by General D'Armes.

Washington, April 4.—The territory awarded to the United States by the San Juan Boundary Arbitration was brought under the purview of our postal laws yesterday by the establishment of three post-offices on Lopez, Arcos and Guemes Islands. A post-office will also shortly be established on San Juan Island.

News From Ottawa.

(Special to The Mercury.)
Ottawa, April 4, 2 p. m.

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The Public Accounts Committee met this morning but no business of importance was transacted.

The Ballot Bill has been made an open question. It will undoubtedly pass, being supported by many members on both sides. The principal opposition to it comes from Lower Canada Conservatives and members from the Maritime Provinces.

It is expected that the Government will advise the Governor General to refuse to interfere with the action of the Ontario Legislature in the matter of the Orange Bill, and to send them back to the Lieut.-Governor of the Province.

Government orders are in future to have precedence on Thursday's. This indicates a desire of the Government to get through the session as quickly as possible.

Everybody is discussing Sir John's proposal to grant a committee to enquire into the Huntington charges re Pacific Railway. After Wednesday's vote this was entirely unexpected.

All the powers which it is possible to give a committee are to be conveyed to this one, by royal commission, if necessary.

The weather is still magnificent, and the snow is gradually disappearing.

NORTH DUMFRIES FARMERS' CLUB.—On Saturday, the 29th ult., the above club held its first meeting, in the Town Hall. There was but a small attendance owing to the state of the weather and roads. The President, Mr. R. Renneison, occupied the chair, and after routine business, it was arranged that all meetings of the club hereafter should be held in the "council chamber of Galt Town Hall. The subject for discussion at next meeting, proposed by Mr. Common, Junr., will be, "The cultivation of root crops," and also, "The cultivation of corn as a crop, and for soiling purposes," by Mr. Thos. Cowan. The question of "Sowing grass seeds" was then opened by Mr. Alex. Barrie, who entered into the subject at considerable length. A discussion ensued, and, time being up, the meeting was declared closed.

REWARD OF MERIT.—The *Leader* tells the following as a supplement to the old ratchet's story: It may not be generally known that there is a pensioner of the Bank of England at present residing in Toronto. Some years ago this man was engaged in the rat-catching business in London, and in pursuit of his occupation he daily went into the sewers. Upon one occasion he discovered a vault, and after removing some bricks from the foundation wall he looked in and convinced himself that he had accidentally stumbled over the vault of the Bank of England, with cart loads of bullion lying before his eyes. Here was a temptation, but the humble rat-catcher was proof against it. He retired from the place and wrote a note to the directors of the Bank, telling them that the next day at noon he would meet them in the vault. As might be expected, they looked upon the invitation as the production of the brain of a lunatic, and paid no attention to it. The man wrote again with a like result; and still he wrote a third time, telling them that they had failed to go to the vaults at the hour named upon the two former occasions, and he invited them a third time to meet him in the vault. Thinking that there might be something in the circumstances, the directors went into the vault at the hour appointed, and sure enough the rat-catcher pushed some stones aside, and stepped out of the adjoining sewer into the vault, to the great surprise of the directors, who had previously considered the vault unapproachable from the ground. They thanked the strange man for the valuable information he had given of the insecurity of the vault, and settled a pension of £200 a year upon him.—That man is now living in Toronto, enjoying his liberal pension, and the pleasure of knowing that it is a reward of honesty.

The following is from the memoirs of the lieut. Mr. May:—"I have seen something wonderfully interesting this morning. As I passed the Old Granary burial-ground, I saw that the tomb was open in which I knew were the remains of James Otis; and, with the help of the sexton, I opened the lid of Otis's coffin, and behold! the coffin was full of the fibrous roots of the elm, especially thick and matted about the skull; and going out, I looked up at the noble, verdant elm, and there, in transfigured glory, was all that was material of James Otis."