GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 25, 1868.

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**Board of School Trustees.** 

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The Board met on Monday night. The Board met on Monday night. Present, Mr. Peterson, chairman: Hev. Mr. Ball, Dr. McGuire, Messre, Fraser, Pirie, Knowles, Mitchell, Bruce, McNeil, Watson and Harvey. The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Graffley, teacher, requesting to be relieved of his angagement at the end-of the present guarter, or sconer if possible, as he had obtained a preferable situation at Kings-ton. Mr. McNeil said that the chairman of the School Property Committee had of the Sc e School Property Committee ested him to state, that a room rented for the use of the music c Mrs. Goodfellow, at a rent of a Mrs. Goodfellow, at a rent of \$1 a that present, and \$1,50 when a fire quired. Possession is to be given on s required. Possession the 1st of September.

is required. Proceedings of the full parent and support of private the fat of September. Mr. Knowles presented the following report of the School Management Com-nittee: The School Management Committee beg to report that they have attentively to report that they have attentively indirectly taxed in the shape of fees and to the Chairman of the Boardby the Head that any tax-payer I believe would thatser of the school under his charge, by last, stating his wish to advance the in-terests of the school under his charge, by extending its sphere of operations, and meeting the expressed wishes and varied the community; at the isame that corresponding benefits were likely increased, if I saw my taxes that from the comparatively to accrea. report of the School Management Con-mittee: The School Management Committee beg to report that they have attentively examined the communication addressed to the Chairman of the Board by the Head Master of the Grammar School in June last, stating his wish to advance the in-terests of the school under his charge, by extending its sphere of operations, and meeting the expressed wishes and varied wants of the community; at the isame time stating that from the comparatively small number of pupils that have been attending the Grammar School for the past few months, he is led to believe, that they are not exactly what they ought to be, but the complaint is qualified by as-serting the aumeer is much larger than in many other places; but small to what it ought to be under fair circumstances. Referring to the Common Schools he says, that he has not received a single pupil from them that he knows of; and thinks the Common Schools should be feeders to the Grammar School. He concludes there must be an antagonism between them, inasmuch as the principle of pro-motion has been ostensibly adopted, but not practically carried out by the Board. Your committee attention of the Com-mon School teachers who, in his opinion, are painstaking, conscientions men, de-voard to the the statentor of the Com-mon School teachers who, in his opinion, are painstaking, conscientions men, de-voard to the the process and some day days

to the efficiency and attention of the Common School teachers who, in his opinion, are painstaking, conscientions men, devoted to their profession homesty discharging the duties devolving upon them, and that consequently the pancity of numbers attending the Grammar School cannot be traced to that source, but arkes from either a detective organization, or a want of a true appreciation of the value of a Grammar School education by the public at large; or it may be possible that the Head Master himself may not be sufficiently well known to be estimated at his true value as a tacher. From whatever source the evils may have arisen your cominitee cannot, but regret that the Grammar School teachers have not sufficient pupils at any so the public at a statue of a promittee accelear. From whatever source the evils may have arisen your cominitee cannot, but regret that the Grammar School teachers whose credentials and teatimonials are of a high order, and if their general urbanity of manar, good temper and highness to teach are correspondingly high your committee can see no just reason why the school should not prosper. The pupils are well aware that ne extra clargeeis made for admission to either of the schools. In some instances pupils have been promoted from the Common Schools to the Grammar School, but the parents have refused to send them, prefering an English to a classical education.

lish to a classical education. Your committee are of opinion that they cannot too rigidly enforce promotion from the senior schools to the Grammar School without consent of the parents, in-asmuch as an extra expense for books would be necessary, over which the Board has no power. At the same time their desire is that the youth of the Town may have all the advantages that may be de-rived from a good moral, commercial and classical education placed within their reach, that may fit them for stations in life they may hereafter aspire to. Your committee are aware that there are many advocates in Town of a central school, believing that centralization is both chesper and more efficient in its ef-fect; but they cannot forget that the Town ametioned the sale by the Board of the most eligible sight to be found with-in the municipality for that purpose, and which was originally purchased for a Central School. They therefore refrain from making any recommendations on that point. Your committee further recommend t that classes be opened in connection with the Grammar School, under the super-vision of Mr. Porter, the second master, in wherein the higher branches of, an Eog-lish education may be tagent from the opened are super superior and the obset. Your committee are of opinion that

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**OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** 

going on in the newspapers, with refer

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ought to be done for their improvement

It seems clear in my mind that the sys

tem now in operation is both an expen-sive and an efficient one, and one that

does not give satisfaction, and that it is

that corresponding benefits were likely to accrue. It is admitted I think, that the time has arrived that efforts should be made to effect a centralization of our Schools. Until this is done, wë cannot expect to see that good dones and that interest inani-fested, that all the friends of education would like. That this object could be casily accomplished, we have the evi-dence of other Towns far less flourishing than ours, where it has been accomplish-

dence of other Towns far tess flourishing than ours, where it has been accomplish-ed and very easily too, when these in power have once made up their minds to go to work. Thave been informed that a majority of the present Board of Trus-tees are in favor of abolishing the pre-sent scattered system, and introducing

To the Editor of the Mercury. SIE : As a citizen and a tax payer of Guelph, and as a parent, I have read with

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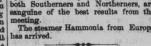
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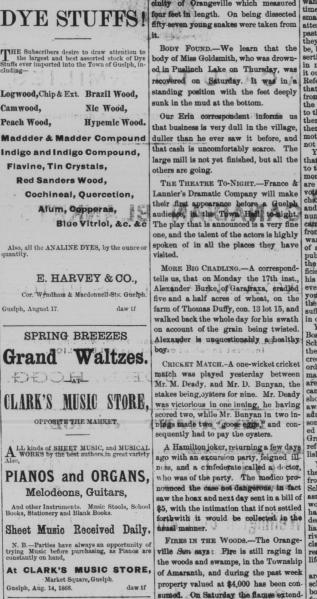
(BY CABLE AND STEAMER.)

(BY CABLE AND STEAMER.) London, August 24—Despatches from gentlemen sent to Oalcutta to observe the relapse of the sun are satisfactory in the highest degree. The sty was cloud-less and the phenomena plainly visible through all India except at Bombay, where drizzling rain prevailed. Official despatches from Lucerne, Switzerland, state that there is no truth in the report-ed attempt to assassinate Queen Victorial An insame Englishman by the name of Wood was seen trying to enter the Queen's apartments, and was promptly taken care of.
Berlin, August 24—Count Bismarck was thrown from his hore yesterday, but not seriously injured.
Jondon, Aug. 24—Great interest is taken here in the race which is to come of to-morrow between the American yacht Suppho and the English yachts.— The event is considered almost equal im importance to the famous international regata of 1851. Four of the best and fastest yachts in the English squatron have been selected to compete with the Sappho. The *726graph* this morning commenting on the condition of the trial, regrets the restrictions which have been importance to the international matrix that in all international matches which have been sails, &c., and ational matches sides should be imposed in regard to thinks that in all intern of this character, both sides shou left entirely free to sail their bot their own way, so that the respectiv thods of the British and American y thodsof the British and American yachte-men may be thoroughly tested. A prize fight for the championship has been ar-ranged between Harry Allen and Joe Goss. A portion of the stakes have al-ready been deposited, and the last instalment will be put up this week.— Despatches from Marid say that the prime Minister, Gonzales Braor, contem-plates a series of administrative reforms, to relieve the discontent of the control. tees are in favor of abolishing the pre-sent scattered system, and introducing the centralization one, but that they hesistate to take any active 'measures on account of the expense likely to be en-tailed in making the change. This, I do not consider, should be a "Bugbear" in the way, in fact, the interests of education should be paramount, to all such subor-dinate considerations. In no way can a community better expend their money, than in educating the young, and pre-paring them for the duties and responsi-bilities of active life. But cannot the thing be done without that great expense some people imagine? I think it can. It seems to me that the Trustees have property enough, if judjto relieve the discontrative retorms, to relieve the discontration of the country. It is rumoured that the reduction of the standing army, the substitution of enlist-ment for conscription, and the abolition of the Octroj, are among the measures

American Despatches.

New York, Aug. 24.-The fight be-ween Collier and Edwards took place this morning on Fraveral Island, Va. Collier was whipped in the 47th round. The fight lasted one hour and fourteen minutes.





umed. On Saturday the flames extended to Kennedy's hotel and stabling, in Rich Hill, destroying the whole in less than half an hour. Loss \$1,500.

BASE BALL .- We understand that it is the intention of the "Young Canadian' Base Ball Club of Woodstock, who, by virtue of holding the silver ball against all comers, are champions of Canada,

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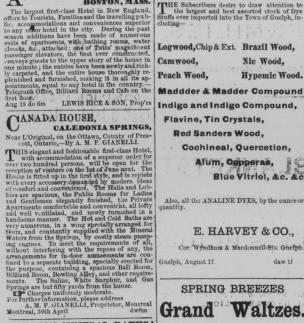
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JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friendsam the public that he has leased the above Hi tel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNEL-ST af ow doors above Highbotham's Drug Klore, an immediately opposite Messar. Sharp's Seedstore There is a good stable attached to he house, wil good and commodious stabiling. We to seen the will be public our seminor. The best of full up ran of are always kept at the bar. Good accommod tion for Boarders by the week at reasonable rate Guelph, July 13th.

MERICAN HOUSE,

Grup the application for a writ of error in the case of Notman.

Smith Bartlett, Esq., Police Magistrate of Belleville, dropped dead in the street on Saturd y evening -- cause heart diserted

up in aid of the Whelan defence fund, nd that four hundred tickets were sold E. HARVEY & CO. on Saturday and Sunday.

A snake was recently killed in the viinity of Orangeville which measured

