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

PRICE ONE PENNY

ALBION HOTEL,
St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.
MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the ALBION HOTEL, he hopes by personal attention to secure a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.

GLOBE HOTEL,
ERIN VILLAGE.
WILLIAM R. CHISHOLM, Proprietor, a share of the public's patronage respectfully solicited. First-class Wines, Liquors, Cigars, &c. Meals at all hours. Good stabling, a sober and attentive Hostler always in attendance.

HALIFAX HOTEL,
HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.

DOMINION HOTEL,
GUELPH.
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL ST., a few doors above Higginbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of off-licenses and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates.

AMERICAN HOUSE,
BOSTON, MASS.
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c. attached; one of "Patio" magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entries have been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly replenished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country. Telegraph Office, Billiard Room and Cafe on the first floor.

CANADA HOUSE,
CALEDONIA SPRINGS,
Near L'Orignal, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario. By A. M. F. GIANELLI.
THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of Sept. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every accessory demanded by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly furnished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of all, without interfering with the business of the Hotel, arrangements for in-door amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other requirements. The Saline, White Sulphur, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS!
AND SULPHUR SPRINGS,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NORTH AMERICAN HOTEL,
PRESTON, ONTARIO.
THESE popular Baths are open for the accommodation of the public. The Springs which supply these Baths possess Medicinal Qualities not surpassed by any other in America.

FOR SALE.
SODA ASH—"Gamble's," "Widnes," "Alkali Comp'y," "Garrett's."
SAL. SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.
PALM OIL.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON
MARKET SQUARE,
GUELPH, ONT.
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR
will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the tables set with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.
OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

MISS L. RHEMMIE,
Teacher of Singing and Pianoforte,
PUPIL of the best Masters in England, having taught successfully for some years in New York, has removed to Guelph, and hopes to receive a share of the patronage of the families and ladies of Guelph and vicinity.
Terms, &c., may be had at Mr. Cuthbert's bookstore, or Mrs. Williams's Boarding House.

Educational Classes
THE MISSES RHEMMIE
OF London, England and New York, propose opening their Educational Classes early in September. Young ladies desiring improvement, or finish in the elegant or useful branches, will be received as boarders or daily pupils.
Temporary residence: Mrs. Williams, Waterloo Road. Circulars at Mr. Cuthbert's Bookstore.
Guelph, August 15.

NOTICE.
MR. FRANCIS SMALL is no longer connected with the firm of Messrs. Gowdy & Stewart. Their Agent in the lumbering business. All accounts due the said firm must be paid to themselves personally, as no other person is authorized after this date to receive money or grant receipts.
GOWDY & STEWART.
Guelph, 11th August, 1868.

MEDICAL HALL!
Wyndham Street,
Ontario, Guelph.



E. HARVEY & CO.
DYE STUFFS!

THE Subscribers desire to draw attention to the largest and best assorted stock of Dye Stuffs ever imported into the Town of Guelph, including—
Logwood, Chip & Ext. Brazil Wood,
Camwood, Nic Wood,
Peach Wood, Hypemic Wood,
Madder & Madder Compound
Indigo and Indigo Compound,
Flavine, Tin Crystals,
Red Sanders Wood,
Cochineal, Quercetion,
Alum, Copperas, &c. &c.

Also, all the ANALINE DYES, by the ounce or quantity.
E. HARVEY & CO.,
Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell-Sts. Guelph.
Guelph, August 17.

SPRING BREEZES
Grand Waltzes.

CLARK'S MUSIC STORE,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET.
A. L. kinds of SHEET MUSIC and MUSICAL WORKS by the best authors, in great variety also.

PIANOS and ORGANS,
Melodeons, Guitars,
And other Instruments. Music Stools, School Books, Stationery and Blank Books.

Sheet Music Received Daily.
N. B.—Parties have always an opportunity of trying Music before purchasing, as Pianos are constantly on hand.

AT CLARK'S MUSIC STORE,
Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, Aug. 14, 1868.

Special Notice
TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

E. CARROLL & CO.
No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK.
REMOVED OPPOSITE.

C. & T. MEREDITH
HAVE REMOVED
TO THE PREMISES LATELY OCCUPIED BY THE
Canada Clothing Store!

Where they are now prepared to attend to the wants of their numerous customers and friends.
Remember No. 10.
C. & T. MEREDITH.
Guelph, August 10.

Evening Mercury.
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
TUESDAY EV'NG, AUG. 25, 1868.

Local News.
DECIDED BARGAINS at Mr. Buchanan's. Read the advertisement on our third page.
It is stated that a public die is being got up in aid of the Whelan defence fund, and that four hundred tickets were sold on Saturday and Sunday.

A snake was recently killed in the vicinity of Orangeville which measured four feet in length. On being dissected fifty-seven young snakes were taken from it.
BODY FOUND.—We learn that the body of Miss Goldsmith, who was drowned in Pualich Lake on Thursday, was recovered on Saturday. It was in a standing position with the feet deeply sunk in the mud at the bottom.

Our Erin correspondent informs us that business is very dull in the village, duller than he ever saw it before, and that cash is uncomfortably scarce. The large mill is not yet finished, but all the others are going.

THE THEATRE TO-NIGHT.—Francis & Lannier's Dramatic Company will make their first appearance before a Guelph audience, in the Town Hall to-night. The play that is announced is a very fine one, and the talent of the actors is highly spoken of in all the places they have visited.

MORE BIG CRADLING.—A correspondent tells us, that on Monday the 17th inst., Alexander Burke, of Garafraxa, cradled five and a half acres of wheat, on the farm of Thomas Duffy, con. 13 lot 15, and walked back the whole day for his swath on account of the grain being twisted. Alexander is unquestionably a healthy boy.

CRICKET MATCH.—A one-wicket cricket match was played yesterday between Mr. M. Deady, and Mr. D. Bunyan, the stakes being, oysters for nine. Mr. Deady was victorious in one inning, he having scored two, while Mr. Bunyan in two innings made two "goose eggs," and consequently had to pay the oysters.

A Hamilton joker, returning a few days ago with an excursion party, feigned illness, and a confederate called a doctor, who was of the party. The medico pronounced the case not dangerous, in fact saw the hoax and next day sent in a bill of \$5, with the intimation that if not settled forthwith it would be collected in the usual manner.

FIRES IN THE WOODS.—The Orangeville *Star* says: Fire is still raging in the woods and swamps, in the Township of Amaranth, and during the past week property valued at \$4,000 has been consumed. 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, making a tour through the Province, and that it is more than probable Guelph will be one of the first points at which they shall call, and that the time will be in the inside of two weeks.

REV. MR. BALL, officiated at Rockwood on Sabbath last, and we are informed that the attendance of the church could accommodate. The Rev. gentleman will again preach at Rockwood next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. A. L. under 3 p.m. in the afternoon of the same day, in the church of the Ascension, Erasmus.

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The Board adjourned.
Counterfeit English shillings of the present reign are in circulation, which are so skillfully executed that the inexperienced would readily receive the coin without suspicion. A mighty slippery surface and a defect in the milling is the most conspicuous evidence by which it can be detected.

Board of School Trustees.
The Board met on Monday night. Present, Mr. Peterson, chairman; Rev. Mr. Ball, Dr. McGuire, Messrs. Fraser, Pirie, Knowles, Mitchell, Bruce, McNeill, Watson and Harvey. The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Graybeary, teacher, requesting to be relieved of his engagement at the end of the present quarter, or sooner if possible, as he had obtained a preferable situation at Kingston. Mr. McNeill said that the chairman of the School Property Committee had requested him to state, that a room had been rented for the use of the music class from Mrs. Goodfellow, at a rent of \$1 a month at present, and \$1.50 when a fire is required. Possession is to be given on the 1st of September.

Mr. Knowles presented the following report of the School Management Committee:
The School Management Committee beg to report that they have attentively examined the communication addressed to the Chairman of the Board by the Hon. Master of the Grammar School in June last, stating his wish to advance the interests 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 same 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 ascertaining the number 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 promotion has been ostensibly adopted, but not practically carried out by the Board.

Your committee are pleased to observe that the Head Master pays a high tribute to the efficiency and attention of the Common School teachers who, in his opinion, are painstaking, conscientious men, devoted to their professions, honestly discharging the duties devolving upon them, and that consequently the paucity of numbers attending the Grammar School cannot be traced to that cause, but arises from either a defective 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 teacher. From what ever source the evils may have arisen your committee cannot but regret that the Grammar School teachers have not sufficient pupils to occupy their time, or in other words, have not more work to do.

Your committee are aware that the Board is anxious to place the Grammar School upon a good footing. To this end the Board have engaged teachers whose credentials and testimonials are of a high order, and if their general urbanity of manner, good temper and aptness to teach are correspondingly high your committee can see no just reason why the school should not prosper. The pupils are well behaved, no extra charges 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, preferring an English 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, inasmuch 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 derived 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 cheaper and more efficient in its effect; but they cannot forget that the Town sanctioned the sale by the Board of the most eligible site to be found within 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 that classes be opened in connection with the Grammar School, under the supervision of Mr. Porter, the second master, wherein the higher branches of an English education may be taught, as in the classics; and that in future all pupils when promoted be required to conform to the regulations of the Board, and in no case be permitted to return to the Common School until they were promoted.

The Board went into Committee of the Whole on the report, Mr. Mitchell in the chair. Rev. Mr. Ball and Mr. Peterson spoke strongly in support of the Grammar School. Mr. Pirie thought it was not doing enough for the money it received. Mr. Fraser thought if our Grammar School were as popular as it ought to be there would be many pupils attending as there were at Galt's. He did not know where the fault was, but it was certain there was a fault some place.

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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir: As a citizen and a tax payer of Guelph, and as a parent, I have read with much interest, the discussion at present going on in the newspapers, with reference to our Schools.

In common with many others I think that the time has come when something ought to be done for their improvement. It seems clear in my mind that the system now in operation is both an expensive and an efficient one, and one that does not give satisfaction, and that it is the fruitful parent and support of private Schools. People generally, I apprehend, are quite satisfied with paying direct taxes for School purposes, without being indirectly taxed in the shape of fees and quarterly bills to private Schools, not that any tax-payer I believe would grumble at the taxes they have to pay even if they were greater, if we were sure that the best results were obtained. Personally I would be quite willing to have my taxes considerably increased, if I saw 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, we cannot expect to see that good done and that interest manifested, that all the friends of education would like. That this object could be easily accomplished, we have the evidence of other Towns far less flourishing than ours, where it has been accomplished and very easily too, when those in power have once made up their minds to go to work. I have been informed that a majority of the present Board of Trustees are in favor of abolishing the present scattered system, and introducing the centralization one, but that they hesitate to take any active measures on account of the expense likely to be entailed 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 subordinate considerations. In no way can a community better expend their money, than in educating the young, and preparing them for the duties and responsibilities 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 judiciously disposed of, to go a great way if not altogether sufficient to enable them to erect a building, which would be large enough to enable our children to get all the advantages that the best teachers, unity of action and systematic division of labor under the fostering care of those in authority are calculated to impart, to say nothing of being an ornament and honor to the Town, and an index of the intelligence and progress of its inhabitants; and from my knowledge of Schools in the United States where this is done, I know that these advantages are very great. Our Schools at present are a disgrace to the Town, and nobody seems to take any interest in them or in anything about them. The effect of this upon the energies and ambition of both teachers and scholars must be chilling indeed. But if we had a central building with all its proper appliances, we would very soon see a different state of things. The interest then would be as great as it is the other way now, the aggregate attendance of pupils would be greatly increased, and acting now solely on the defensive. The ministry had been reorganized, and a reconciliation between Salnave and the British minister had taken place.

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Advices from White Sulphur Springs, Va., says a meeting of Gen. Rosecrans with ex-Confederate generals and statesmen there assume more importance from the frequent meetings that have been held there yesterday and to-day. Gen. Rosecrans and A. H. Stephens were in consultation during the early portion of yesterday evening, and by this evening it is expected the programme agreed upon will be developed. All parties here, both Southern and Northern, are sanguine of the best results from the meeting.

The steamer Hammonia from Europe has arrived.
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A MEMBER OF THE W. M. I. CO.
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BY TELEGRAPH
Despatches to the Evening Mercury

(BY CABLE AND STEAMER.)
London, August 24.—Despatches from gentlemen sent to Calcutta to observe the relapse of the sun are satisfactory in the highest degree. The sky was cloudless 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 reported attempt to assassinate Queen Victoria. An insane 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 horse yesterday, but not seriously injured.
London, Aug. 24.—Great interest is taken here in the race which is to come off to-morrow between the American yacht Sappho and the English yacht. The event is considered almost equal in importance to the famous international regatta of 1851. Four of the best and fastest yachts in the English squadron have been selected to compete with the Sappho. The *Telegraph* this morning commenting on the condition of the trial, regrets the restrictions which have been imposed in regard to sails, &c., and thinks that in all international matches of this character, both sides should be left entirely free to sail their boats in their own way, so that the respective methods of the British and American yachtsmen may be thoroughly tested. A prize fight for the championship has been arranged between Harry Allen and Joe Goss. A portion of the stakes have already been deposited, and the last instalment will be put up this week.

Despatches from Madrid say that the prime minister, Gonzalez Braor, contemplates a series of administrative reforms, to relieve the discontent of the country. It is rumored that the reduction of the standing army, the substitution of enlistment for conscription, and the abolition of the Octroi, are among the measures proposed.

American Despatches.
New York, Aug. 24.—The fight between Collier and Edwards took place this morning on Fraveland Island, Va. Collier was whipped in the 47th round. The fight lasted one hour and fourteen minutes.
Boston, Aug. 24.—The annual Cricket match between the second eleven of New York and Boston clubs took place to-day on the grounds of the latter, and the Boston eleven were victors.

New York, Aug. 24.—Herold's London special says, Constantinople advices state that on Friday evening the Sultan of Turkey, in honor to the United States, and as a personal compliment to Admiral Farragut, permitted the American warship Franklin to pass through the Dardanelles to the Golden Horn, a special mark of his consideration. The British minister and members of the British Legation in Constantinople entertained Admiral Farragut at dinner on Wednesday at Therapia.

Telegraphic advices from Bombay dated this morning, bring information from North-Western Hindostan to the effect that Ther All has been proclaimed Ameer of Afghanistan.
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