

New Advertisements.

HOUSE TO LET. - A comfortable Brick Cottage to let, containing six rooms. Apply to R. Melvin.

WANTED - By the 1st of October, a Cook in a small family. Apply to Mrs. Blasco, Woolwich street, Guelph, Sept. 4, 1874.

LOST - Between Day's Bookstore and the Market, on Saturday (to-day) a Lady's Portmanteau, containing a small sum of money. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the Mercury office.

PURSE LOST - The woman who was leading a little child, and who was seen to pick up a purse, containing about \$14 in money, etc., opposite the Western Hotel, this (Saturday) morning, will oblige by leaving it at the Mercury office, when she will be rewarded.

MARE LOST - Strayed from the subscriber in Guelph, on Thursday night last, a sorrel mare with white forehead, wearing a head stall, with broken shank. Any person returning the same will be suitably rewarded for their trouble.

THE POINT FARM, A Summer Resort on Lake Huron, Near Goderich, Ont.

The few remaining weeks of the season can be very pleasantly spent at the above place. Terms, \$10 per week. Children and servants half-price. Telegraph office in the house.

FOR SALE - A splendid chance for a Market Garden. Brick house and five acres land, 5 miles from town. Apply to R. W. Robertson, Flour and Feed Store, Guelph, Aug. 29th, 1874.

WANTED - A nurse, with good references. Apply to MRS. WATT, Near G. W. Station, Guelph, Aug. 29th, 1874.

WANTED, A first-class Fancy Dry Goods Salesman. One of experience will find a permanent situation by applying to GEORGE JEFFREY, Guelph, Aug. 21st, 1874.

RED MILL Flour and Feed Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Family and Pastry Flour, and all kinds of Feed delivered in any part of the Town. R. W. ROBERTSON, Guelph, Sept. 1, 1874.

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL, Mrs. Budd begs to announce that she will re-open her English and Suffolk schools on Monday, Sept. 7th, ladies and little boys on Monday, Sept. 7th, Woolwich Street, Guelph, Sept. 2, 1874.

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Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVE'G, SEPT. 5, 1874

Town and County News

GRIP has an excellent cartoon this week. For sale at Anderson's and Day's Bookstores.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - Dr. Crombie, of Streetville, who accidentally swallowed a quantity of nitric acid, died from its effects on Tuesday night.

WELLESLEY AGRICULTURAL SHOW. - The day for holding the above exhibition has been changed from Friday, the 10th, to Saturday the 13th of October next.

ANOTHER OF THE HIGHWAY ROBBERS CAUGHT. - David Tobin, one of the parties implicated in the robbery of Jas. Brennan, a few days ago, was arrested near Usherwood's Hotel in Erasmus, yesterday afternoon by C. C. Kelly. He and McGuire were brought up in the Police Court for trial this morning, but Brennan not being present, no notice having been sent him, they were remanded until Monday.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. - An accident of a painful nature happened to a young man of this town named Joseph Murray, between nine and ten o'clock this morning. It appears that the unfortunate man, who is one of the Shedden Company teamsters, had taken his horse down to the creek near the stables in the Waterloo Road, to water them, and while standing speaking to a party who was passing at the time, one of the horses wheeled round and kicked him on the right side, breaking several of his ribs, besides otherwise injuring him internally. Dr. Brock was sent for. He does not consider that immediate danger may be apprehended, but it will be a considerable time before he will be round again.

ACCIDENT IN WATERLOO TOWNSHIP. - On Friday evening last, a son Mr. R. G. Gorton, of Waterloo township, aged 11 years, was seriously injured by being thrown from a horse which he was riding, and came near being crushed to death beneath the wheels of a passing vehicle. The lad had ridden the horse to water, and while returning along the public road, a dog ran at the horse, causing it to become unmanageable and throw the rider to the ground, breaking his collar bone. On striking the ground, the lad sprang to the centre of the road to avoid being crushed by the horse, which had stumbled and fallen, and at the very moment he did so he perceived that a team was almost upon him, when by an almost superhuman effort he made another spring to the road side and thus miraculously escaped what might have proved a fatal catastrophe.

JEANNIE WATSON COMING. - We notice that this talented Scottish vocalist, Mr. Hardy - old favourites both - have arrived in Canada, and have commenced giving their popular concerts. They intend coming west in the course of a few weeks, and will miss Guelph in their route. The Montreal Witness of the 29th ult., speaking of their passage over, has the following: - On the evening last concert was held on board the S. S. "Scandinavian," of the Allan Line, who on her voyage to Montreal, under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. Robertson, in aid of the Seaman's Orphan Institution. The concert in all respects was a complete success. The boat proof being that, during the evening, a very handsome sum was voluntarily subscribed, in addition to the many pleasing vocal and instrumental selections rendered by amateurs. The success of the concert was in a great measure enhanced by the splendid voice of an old favorite, Miss Jeannie Watson, who is once more coming amongst us, while the skill of Mr. J. F. Hardy as an accompanist is too well known to need comment.

Ontario Rifle Association. The Battalion Match, which commenced on Wednesday, was finished, the following day. This match was computed for by ten previously named officers, non-commissioned officers, or men from any Battalion, Brigade of Garrison Artillery, Squadron, or Field Battery of Volunteer Militia in Ontario. First prize, the Merchants' Challenge Trophy, and \$75. The 13th Batt. took the first, the Grand Trunk Artillery the second, the 35th Batt. the third, the 3rd Batt (G. T. R.) the fourth, and the 10th Royals the fifth. The highest number was 399 points. The second Brigade of T. Artillery won the Tait Cup, making 245 points.

For the Conada Company's prizes Assistant-Surgeon Macdonald, Wellington Field Battery, took the 4th prize, making 46 points; Gunner J. Crow took the 7th, making also 46 points. In the District Match, first prize, Silver Cup (valued at \$100 and \$100, presented by Lt.-Col. Gzowski, ex-President O. R. A. Gunner J. Crow of the Wellington Field Battery made 39 points, Assistant-Surg. Macdonald of the same Battery made 30 points, Lieut. Hooper of the Guelph Rifle Co. made 24 points.

The Nursery stakes was the next match open to all comers who have not been winners of first or second prizes in certain specified matches. First prize, Elkington Cup (\$125) and \$15; second prize, \$10; eight prizes of \$5; ten prizes of \$4. Total, \$105. Range - 500 yards, seven rounds. Gunner Crowe, W. F. B., took the 3rd, making 26 points; Asst.-Surg. Macdonald, W. F. B., took the 6th, making 25 points.

We will on Monday give the aggregate list of the prizes won by the members of Battery, and of the Guelph Rifle Association.

On the whole the Guelph men came out well in the competition, and Gunner Crowe, Surgeon Macdonald and Lieut. Hooper are specially to be congratulated on their success.

WHITBY is happy over a diminutive baby born near there last week. It weighed exactly one pound and a quarter clothes and all.

The number of ocean-sailing vessels which have arrived at Montreal from the opening of navigation to the 1st inst., was 605; tonnage, 304,952; increase of former, over the same period of last year 42; of latter, 23,961.

The "Hard Laddie," was in Mitchell on Monday last, giving exhibitions of his skill at draughts. The Advocate says he played with several of its townspeople, but the only ones who made anything like a decent show with the "Hard," were Messrs. James Thom and James Hughton, they making draw games.

The Model Farm.

(From the Markham Economist.)

The Ontario School of Agriculture and Model Farm, located at Guelph, has provided a veritable *bet noir* to a few journals of the charter-selling stripe in this Province.

The *Guelph Herald*, with its usual blazing frontory, has belied the institution time and again, and for no earthly reason but to find fault with the present local administration, and, if possible, make political capital out of an institution provided by the Government for the special benefit of our farmers; and would fain be the poor believe that from the first inception of the project to establish a school by the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald's Government, to its final consummation in the purchase of Mr. F. W. Stone's farm, that it has been a burden and an eye-sore to the country.

Some people undoubtedly would very much like to see the lions around expanded on those of our colleges which grant M.D.'s, M.A.'s, B.A.'s, &c., and have little or nothing appropriated for the education of the sons of our farmers. That day, however, is past, and Mr. Stone's farm, the Government has recognized the claim of the "stone and siew" of the country by establishing a college for their special benefit, where agriculture will be taught as a science. True, trivial mistakes have been made, as is common in the organization of any new institution. One of which was that the person of Prof. Macdonald, who in the person of Prof. Macdonald, who by his continuous meddling, his display of egotism and his pedantic bearing, lost all respect and control of the pupils, and proved himself a tyrant of the most despicable kind over those who were his subordinates, while his ideas were very far more unfit for the office than any man of his age on the continent, but who, when put to the test, proved to know very little about agriculture, or, in fact, anything else. In brief, he occupied a position that required a person of culture, executive ability and presence, in all of which he was lacking, and was far more unfit for the office than any man of his age on the continent, but who, when put to the test, proved to know very little about agriculture, or, in fact, anything else.

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Province, and we trust that ere long it will be fully appreciated and pointed out with pride by our honest yeomanry as their own particular institution, where their sons can receive an education in the profession of farming equal to that of any other acquired at any of the universities.

Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. The following is that part of the report in reference to the W. G. and B. R., prepared by the late Directors of the G. W. R., in answer to the report of the Committee of investigation into the affairs of the Company: -

WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE. - The Investigating Committee state: "That while considering their duty to condemn the manner and terms under which the arrangements between the Great Western and this Company (referring to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company) have been conducted, regard the line itself as likely to prove of increasing value as a feeder to our system."

Four Directors entirely concur with the Committee in the opinion expressed by them upon the value of this line, which is receiving practical confirmation day by day, and they therefore confine their remarks to the terms of the arrangement.

The desire of your Directors throughout the negotiation was to secure the completion and working of the road, so as to obtain the traffic from a new district of Ontario over this Company's line.

The road, 102 1/2 miles in length, forms a connection between Southampton on Lake Huron which is a shipping point to Lake Superior and Guelph, the terminus of this Company's Galt and Guelph branch.

The arrangement is as follows: This Company work the line at 70 per cent. of the gross earnings, and out of the receipts of the Great Western Company from the traffic interchanged with the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company, 20 per cent. is set aside as a fund with which to acquire the bonds of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company.

If there be no traffic brought on to this Company's road, there is no money to be laid aside, but the larger the traffic, the faster will the Company acquire the bonds, until it will eventually possess the whole of the bonds issued by the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company.

Your Company does not guarantee a shilling of the interest or principal of the bonds.

Ten years ago the question of a line of railway to penetrate into the country north of Guelph was agitated, and an Act passed the Legislature to authorize its construction, your Company being urgently solicited to encourage it. No less a sum than £181,500 as bonuses of free gifts were subscribed by the local townships and counties, and a subsidy from the Ontario Provincial Government.

Some share capital was also subscribed. The Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company issued bonds to the extent of \$12,000, or £2,465 16s. per mile of railway. At first it was considered that \$10,000 per mile of bond issue would be sufficient, but this was afterwards found to be inadequate, the price of iron, timber and wages having considerably advanced. All that your Company was called upon to do was to agree, in order to give the bonds a value, to acquire them at par to the extent of 20 per cent. of the additional traffic brought from this new line over the Great Western Company's system. The bonds which this Company acquire, continue to carry interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, which the Great Western Company collect and add to their net revenue, and the bonds thus acquired, if deemed desirable, can at any time be sold at a small discount, to meet which, 10 per cent. of their par value has always been written off before they are carried into the Company's assets. The amount of bonds acquired by this Company, under this arrangement, to the present time, amounts to £11,800.

The outstanding balance in connection with this road, which is stated by the Committee, amounted to £6,048 12s. 3d., has since been reduced by the payment of £2,155 7s. 5d.

The Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company have been unable to discharge the whole of their liability for the construction of the South Bruce extension from Palmerston to Kincardine, 60 miles in length, and so far as at present appears, this liability can only be discharged by an issue of bonds on sidings, as they are authorized to do by their charter of incorporation. It may be desirable for this Company to acquiesce in such a further issue of bonds on proper terms, and it is of importance that the subject should receive attention as early as possible.

The Committee state that the bonds of the South Bruce Extension were to be acquired at market price, and not at par; this is incorrect; there was only one agreement on this subject, and that was in terms identical with the original agreement as to the main line.

The Directors refer to a report of Mr. Thos. C. Keefe, C.E., dated 15th July, 1874, on the condition of the works and permanent way of this line in the Appendix.

With these explanations the shareholders are invited to consider the annual reports of the Committee on this subject are borne out by the facts.

Appointments. The following are the local appointments made by Sir John A. Macdonald's Government between Jan. 1st, 1873, and the 7th day of Nov., 1873: - A. C. Chadwick, Guelph, Junior Judge, County of Wellington, salary \$2,000, with \$200 additional for travelling expenses; James T. Nichols, Guelph, Excise Agent, salary \$700; John B. Howell, Guelph, Excise Agent, salary \$700; Wm. Hespeler, of Waterloo, Emigration Agent to Manitoba, salary \$1,400. The following received increase of salary during same period: - James Gow, Guelph, Collector Inland Revenue, raised \$100; salary \$1,400; D. McLeann, Guelph, Deputy Collector Inland Revenue, raised \$100; salary \$1,000; T. M. McCord, J. Mc D. Campbell, C. T. Dickson, and George Kirk, all Excisemen, each raised from \$700 to \$800; Charles Weyms, Guelph, Excise Agent, salary raised from \$500 to \$600. The total number of new officers appointed in the Dominion within the time mentioned is 621; with an aggregate of salaries given of \$234,345.25 per annum, with the salaries of 176 of those appointed not given. - *Elora Express.*

The late proprietor of the Georgetown Herald announces in his last week's issue, that he has sold out the Herald to Mr. Starret.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Irish American Rifle Match.

Austrian Polar Expedition.

Japan Preparing for War.

Affairs in Spain.

London, Sept. 5. - The Standard's Dublin correspondent says that the Irish American rifle match excites great interest. The Irish team will embark on the Cunard steamer, at Queenstown, on Sunday morning. The Lord Mayor of Dublin and Lady will escort them to Queenstown, and they will be accompanied to America by Viscount Misserone and Mr. Bagnall as extra members of the team, also by several ladies and representatives of the Irish press.

At a meeting of the cotton spinners of Manchester, yesterday, it was decided that circulars should be sent to Lancashire mills advising that work be limited to four days a week.

London, Sept. 5. - A special to the Times says that General Zaballa remains at Madrid. Don Carlos has gone to Alsasna to meet the ex-Duke of Parma.

The Carlists have picked up a sailor who probably deserted from the German man-of-war Albatross. They sent him across the frontier to the French authorities, by whom he was delivered to the German Consul at Bayonne.

Later accounts of the Austrian Polar Expedition states that the explorers have penetrated to 83° latitude.

Madrid, Sept. 4. - Two thousand men will be sent to Cuba, in a few days, to reinforce the Spanish troops on the island.

The Carlists have abandoned the siege of Payerda. The failure of the insurgents to capture the place causes great rejoicings.

San Francisco, Sept. 4. - The steamship Great Republic arrived to-day, bringing Yokohama dates to August 14.

The Japanese still adhere to their determination not to be driven into war with China, except in the last extremity. The whole tendency of their present negotiations is pacific, but so many influences are operating against them that they feel the necessity of fully preparing themselves. To this end large bodies of troops have been assembled in certain southern ports ready for instant departure in case of need, and several large steamers have been added to their transport fleets.

The members of the Austrian Polar Expedition, for whose fate grave fears were felt, have been heard from. They were shipwrecked, and took to sleds in which they succeeded after a long journey in reaching the Norwegian Island of Wardo.

Later - Further details of the Austrian Polar Expedition have been received. After abandoning their ship, the party travelled seven months in sledges, and two winters were passed on the ice. The highest point reached was in latitude 80. A large tract of land was discovered to the northward of Nova Zembla. The expedition arrived at Wardo on the Russian boat. Only one death occurred during the entire voyage.

Fearful and Distressing Accident from Fire. A YOUNG LADY THE VICTIM.

One of the most heartrending and painful accidents which has ever been recorded, happened on Tuesday evening last to a young lady named Eliza Tweddle, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Tweddle, with this road, which is stated by the Committee, amounted to £6,048 12s. 3d., has since been reduced by the payment of £2,155 7s. 5d.

On Tuesday evening about half-past five, Miss Tweddle in company with Miss Nellie Barber, was proceeding down the railway track towards Mr. John R. Barber's, when a spark of fire from a passing engine lodged on her dress behind.

The commotion in the air caused by the whirl of the passing train soon fanned it into a blaze, when the unfortunate lady feeling the heat on her back, put her hand backward, when at once she fully realized her awful danger. She cried in piercing agony to Miss Barber, "Oh Nellie, I'm on fire!" Miss Barber turned only to see her companion in flames, but with great presence of mind caused her to throw herself down upon the grass, when it also immediately took fire. They then sprang up and rushed for Mr. Barber's, hoping to reach the house in time for help, but alas it was too late - the fire had done its work, burnt the clothing completely off, and the hapless victim sank to the ground exhausted. Help was now at hand, and wrapping her in clothes they carried her into the house, where everything that could ease the suffering lady was instantly done.

On the arrival of Dr. Starr, who dressed the wounds, he expressed the case as hopeless, but did all in his power to ease her intense suffering. The burning was so deep as to destroy the feeling of the cutaneous nerves, the flesh being rendered hard and firm. The opinion of both Doctors Starr and Stendish was that it would prove fatal, and at four o'clock yesterday afternoon she expired.

The melancholy occurrence has cast a deep gloom over the community, as Miss Tweddle was highly accomplished and widely known in the highest circles of society. We sympathize deeply with the afflicted parents, and remaining sister, who are well-nigh crushed with the sad calamity.

The funeral service took place at her father's residence, Stewarttown, where she was taken shortly after she died. The great concourse of persons present showed how highly Miss Tweddle was respected, as when the procession formed it numbered 112 carriages.

Small pox has again become prevalent in the poorer parts of Ottawa. Vigorous sanitary measures have been adopted to prevent spread of the disease.

We understand that the Rev. W. Cochran, M. A., Brantford, has received a grant from the Bay street Presbyterian church, Toronto.

In Liquor.

A mouse, one day, on frolic bent, About a brewery roamed, And called, with sighs and groanings, Unto a vat which passed that way, Though to his gait most hateful: "Sweet mouse, if thou'rt a mouse, I pray, And I'll prove ever grateful."