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Business Cards.

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

JAMES BARCLAY, Carpenter and Joiner, has removed his shop from the old stand to the large and commodious premises on Wellington, Surrey, and Gordon Streets, adjoining the Curling Rink, Guelph. w

DUNBAR & MERRITT, Barristers, &c.—Office over Messrs. E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store. Entrance on Macdonnell street, Guelph.
A. DUNBAR. W W. M. MERRITT.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. dw

DR. BROCK,
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmer's Church,
QUEBEC STREET. d

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

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing 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 Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's ashery. dw

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

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
j15dw JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

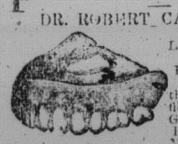
LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph.
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON. | County Crown Attorney

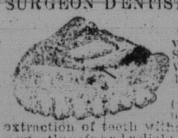
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. R. CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

JOHN KIRKHAM,
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher
All orders promptly attended to.
Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec street, Guelph dwy

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.
GEO MURTON,
Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 dw

J. MARRIOTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M. R. C. V. S., L., H. F. V. M. A.,
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the MERCURY Office, or at 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.
Guelph, Oct. 19, 1872. dwtf

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL

Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Dwight's Factory Street. Teeth extracted without pain.
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto Drs. Elliot, & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell Sts. Guelph.
Gas administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

NELLES, ROMAIN & CO.,
CANADA HOUSE,
General Commission Merchant
AND SHIPPERS,
34 South Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.
REFERENCES: Sir John Rose, Banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., Banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, Bankers; Hon John Ferling, London, Ontario; Messrs. Gault Bros., Montreal; [illegible] Esq., Montreal; [illegible] Esq., Montreal; Walter Watson, Esq., Banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; Joseph Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; Chas. Macdonald, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ontario; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., Toronto; Samuel P. Jones, Esq., Quebec.

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER.
Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, of Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind—for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid, at [illegible] and Waste Paper Depot, corner of Bleury and Craig Sts. Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," 46 and 48 King Street West. Will receive from 1 lb. to 10,000 lbs.
D. MURPHY.
Montreal Dec. 14, 1872

New Advertisements.

PRIVATE BOARDING.—Six boarders can be accommodated in a private family. Apply at this office. M-d6

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED — As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. 10dtf

MEN AND BOYS WANTED. — Wanted immediately, at Burr & Skinner's Cabinet Factory, about six men to work on Sewing Machine Wood Work, and as many boys. M-3d

TO LET — The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall. Suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Enquire at the Mercury Office. n4d

WANTED — A situation as Engineer to take charge of a Steam Engine in Guelph, or vicinity. Satisfactory references given. Enquire at Ellis's American Hotel, Guelph. j7-d6w1

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 Coffee.
Guelph, December 27th, 1872 dtf

NOTICE.—All parties indebted to Douglas & Bannerman, whose accounts are not in the hands of Mr. A. A. Baker, can pay the same to Mr. Robert Stewart, who is authorised to grant receipts therefor.
DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN
Guelph, Jan. 15. d6t

TAKE NOTICE. — The accounts of the late firm of WALKER & Co., of the Guelph "Advertiser," are placed in my hands for collection. All parties indebted to the same are requested to call and settle forthwith, and save costs.
RICHARD AINLAY, Nelson Cresent.
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1872 dw2w

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.
The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town.
CHAS. FENNELL.
Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—The subscriber being about to remove from Guelph, offers for sale his spacious and handsome family residence, near the Great Western Station. The house and premises can be viewed at any time.
THOMAS GOWDY.
Guelph, Jan. 8th, 1872. dtf

TO CONTRACTORS.
Tenders wil be received up to 2 p. m. on the 25th of January, 1873, for the Erection of a BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE, in School Section No. 8, Eramosa.
Plans and Specifications can be seen by applying to the undersigned.
The Trustees will not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender except it is satisfactory.
DAVID SHULTIS, Sec.
j13dwtd Rockwood P.O

WILL SHOW AT THE LION
THIS DAY
The Largest and Cheapest Stock of
BLANKETS
Ever Shown in Guelph.
Now is a rare opportunity of getting the best Value at the Great Sale of
BANKRUPT STOCK
The most successful (because the most truthful) ever known in Guelph, all Goods being sold at a reduction
At and Under Cost.
Golden Lion, Guelph.

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the store and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Eramosa, at present occupied by Mr Mackelcan, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the gravel road between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be carried on, and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MASSIE
Guelph. Nov. 5th, 1872. daw

BLANK BOOKS,
LEDGERS,
DAY BOOKS,
JOURNALS,
CASH BOOKS
NOTE PAPER,
AT LESS THAN
HALF-PRICE
For a Few Days Only
AT
P. C. ALLAN'S.

WAGGON SHOP AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—Situated in Paisley Block, about five miles from Guelph. The house contains six rooms, large cellar, and is well finished. The shop is commodious, and is in full operation. A good opportunity for a person wishing to carry on that branch of business. A blacksmith shop in close proximity. The lot contains one quarter of an acre, and is well stocked with fruit trees. Apply on the premises, to W. S. Cowan, or, if by letter, Guelph P.O. n12-9a2w-wt

REMOVAL
Saddlery Establishment,
ROCKWOOD.
The subscriber begs to announce that he has now on hand a large stock of Heavy and Light Harness, and is prepared to sell them as cheap as any other shop in the Province, on terms which will suit buyers. He would call special attention to his collars, which are all guaranteed made on the premises, and warranted for ease and durability.
Horses for a three miles of horse blankets, [illegible] robes and blankets, whips, curry combs, brushes, and everything else connected with the trade, [illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible] JAS. W. KNOWLES.

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.;* 8:33 p m‡.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. ‡To Berlin.

EAST

3:05 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 Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

GUELPH ACADEMY.
Re-opens Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1873.
REFERENCES KINDLY PERMITTED
To Mrs. Jas. Webster, Mrs. Dr. Clarke, Col. Hall, Capt. Gordon, N. Higinbotham, M.P., John Horsman, Esq., John Mickle, Esq., H. J. Vincent, Esq., Thomas W. Saunders, Esq., S.M., Hugh Walker, Esq. j2-d1m

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WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 15, 1873

To Gas Consumers.

Pay your Gas Accounts on or before Wednesday, the 15th inst., and save the 20 per cent. discount. Payable at the Company's Works.
D. GUTHRIE, President.
Guelph, 13th Jan., 1873. d3t

Town and County News.

CHRISTIE, Henderson & Co., Acton, are selling off their large stock of goods at prices cheaper than ever. Call and secure the bargains.

MR. ANDERSON has laid upon our table "Good Words" for January; "Sunday Magazine" for the same month; and "Little Hodge," by the author of "Ginx's Baby."

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement of the London Quarterly Reviews, reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 140 Fulton Street, New York.

Sunday Magazine, Good Words, World of Fashion, Quiver, Wedding Bells, Boys of England, Young Men of Great Britain for January, 1873, are to be had at Day's Bookstore.

SOCIAL.—On Friday, the 24th inst., a social will be held in School Section 4½, Guelph Township. Addresses, recitations, readings, music, &c., will be the order of the evening.

GEORGE MCGEOCH, who was reported to have been frozen to death, near Tilsonburg, a short time ago, is, we are happy to say, still alive and doing well. It gives us pleasure to contradict the report of his death.

REV. JOHN RUSSELL, of Detroit, Right Grand Worthy Chief Templar, will deliver a lecture on Temperance, in the town hall, Rockwood, on Friday evening next, the 17th inst., commencing at 7½ o'clock.

SOCIAL.—There will be a social held in the basement of the Congregational Church, on Thursday evening next, in aid of the upholstering fund. Tea served from half past six. Admission 15 cents. All are cordially invited.

J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co., Guelph, have determined to sell off their stock of single and double cutters, at cost, to make room for spring work. Now is your chance to get bargains. Call at once and secure one before they are all sold. Also second hand sleighs for sale cheap.

DEATH OF JOHN MILLER.—We observe by an American paper that Mr. John Miller, formerly of the Queen's Hotel here, and who went to Troy about two years ago, and thence to Hillsboro', Illinois, died there on Thursday, January 2nd, aged 51 years.

THE verandah in front of the store on Wyndham street, recently occupied by Mr. Berry, is being taken down, in order that more light may be had. Verandahs are very useful appendages, but when they stand in the way their removal is sensible.

ACCIDENT TO A LITTLE GIRL.—A little girl, daughter of Mr. D. Todd, of Salem, met with a serious accident on Tuesday. While jumping on to a sleigh she fell, and one of the runners went over her left arm, lacerating it so fearfully that it is doubtful whether the limb can be saved.

THE G. T. R. BLOCKED AT ACTON.—The mixed train, due at Acton at half-past nine on Monday evening, did not arrive till about eight o'clock next morning, in consequence of two cars having got off the track from the breaking of a coupling, about a quarter of a mile from the station. The damage done was slight, but the accident caused great delay to the trains.

MELANCHOLY DEATH.—William Mutrie, from whose neck a tumor was removed on Friday last, died in St. Joseph's Hospital here this (Wednesday) morning. Hopes were entertained that he would have gathered strength again, but he gradually sank until death put an end to his sufferings. Deceased was about twenty-three years of age, and unmarried.

OPENING SERVICES.—The services in connection with the opening of the basement of the new Baptist Church here, will be held on Sabbath next, the 19th inst., when service will be preached in the morning by the Rev. John Bates, of Woodstock; in the afternoon, at three o'clock, by the Rev. J. Cooper, D.D., of Toronto; and in the evening by the Rev. George Richardson, of Hamilton. On the following evening, at half-past seven o'clock, a public meeting will be held in the church, when addresses will be delivered by Rev. John Bates, Dr. Cooper and others. Collection for the building fund at all the services.

THE SOUP KITCHEN.—We learn that the Soup Kitchen in town is being well patronized, a number of deserving applicants being supplied every day. The butchers in town are very liberal in their donations of meat to the kitchen, and almost all the meat required is supplied by them gratis. The Committee are often in want of vegetables, which at this season of the year cannot be had, and they would feel thankful to any one of the farmers who are well supplied with roots or vegetables, for a little help in this way. A few bushels or two of vegetables is nothing to a farmer, and would be of great service in keeping the kitchen supplied. We trust the farmers will remember the poor. Made up by the ladies.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

The Emperor Napoleon.

Seven Persons Burned to Death

Explosion of a Gasometer.

One Person Killed and Several Wounded.

London' Jan. 15, 3:30 a. m.—The remains of Napoleon will lie in state until the hour for the commencement of funeral ceremonies. At noon yesterday the public were admitted to the chapel, and at midnight ten thousand persons had viewed the solemn scene, among them were the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh.

President Thiers has granted leave of absence to Admiral Rigault De Genouilly, Marshall Bazaine, Duke of Palikao, and Gen. Froissard to attend the funeral at Chislehurst. The applications of two Majors in active service for similar leave was refused.

The Italian Government has sent four officers to represent it to-morrow.

Seven persons were burned to death in a fire at Litchfield yesterday.

New York, Jan. 14.—The Steamship *Europa* has arrived from Glasgow.

Hartford, Con., Jan. 14.—By an explosion of the gasometer at South Glastinbury, to-day, the gas maker Quirk was instantly killed, and several others more or less injured.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—A Cable despatch received here to-day from Wartzeburg brings the sad intelligence of the death, in that city, of Mrs. Horace White, wife of the Editor of the Chicago *Tribune*.

A special despatch from St. Paul, Minn., to-night says:—"The reports received to-day increase the number of deaths by the late storm in the vicinity of Lake Hinsley. Thirteen dead bodies were found between Fort Ridgeway and the Beaver Falls. Six children on their way to school were frozen to death."

A despatch from Fergus Falls states that seven more bodies were found there, and estimates the number of victims within a radius of 25 miles at 50. Among the most terrible incidents is that of a man who went for a doctor to attend his wife, and was frozen to death on his way home. The next day when the doctor reached the house he found that the woman had given birth to a child, and that both were frozen to death. The storm is still raging furiously here.

Guelph Mechanics' Institute.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Farmers' and Mechanics' Institute was held in the Market House on Tuesday night, the President Mr. Charles Raymond in the chair. There was but a small attendance. The President submitted the following:

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Committee in presenting their annual report would state that the number of subscribers for this year has been about the same as last. Your Committee have not attempted to form evening classes or hold lectures, but have confined their efforts to making the Library and Reading Room as efficient as possible. A variety of Reviews, Periodicals and Newspapers has been supplied for the Reading Room, and quite a number of new books has been added to the Library. A new catalogue has been made out and is now ready for printing, which we had expected to have been done before the end of the year. We have had no income during the year, only from the members' fees. The Government grant, to which we were entitled, was delayed on account of imperfect returns as to our money expenditure. The matter has however been arranged, and though the money has not been received, it doubtless will come to hand before long. Had the money been received as expected, your committee would have added a number of Mechanical, Architectural and Scientific works to the Library, and had them included in the new catalogue. Your Committee would tender acknowledgements to all who have sent papers of different descriptions for the use of the Institute, and otherwise advanced its interests. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES RAYMOND, President.

The Government grant, of $134.30, was received after the report was written.

The President then submitted the annual financial statement. The receipts are: Members subscriptions $290; amount in savings bank $624.72; to balance from common fund $13.21; interest $10.53—total $968.46. Expenditure for books $80.; magazines and periodicals $126.21; Librarian's salary $250.; sundries $41.55—total $497.76, leaving a balance in favour of the Institute of $470.67. Add to this the Government grant just received, $134.30, making a grand total of $604.97

The report and statement were adopted.

The following office bearers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr Keating; 1st Vice. President George Bruce; 2nd Vice-President, John Hunter; Secretary Treasurer, Wm Hart; Committee, Messrs. Wm. Inglis, Wm. J. Patterson, C Chase, John Allan, A. M. Jackson, C Raymond, John Crowe, C. Walker, John Anderson, J. S. Speirs, Alex. Bruce, T. Smith.

The President elect was then voted to the chair, and returned thanks for the honour done him.

On motion of Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Allan, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Raymond for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties as Vice-President part of the time and President for the balance of the year.

Mr. Raymond made a suitable acknowledgment, after which the meeting adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.

Wednesday, Jan. 15.

George Lees and George Patterson were charged with using abusive language on the night of the 7th inst. Both cases were dismissed with costs.

TOWN COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of the Council took place on Tuesday evening. The Mayor in the chair. Present—Messrs. Snider, Crowe, Elliott, Massie, Bell, Mitchell, McMillan, Coffee, Robertson.

Mr. Coffee read a petition from George Patterson, complaining that taxes had been collected from him on property on which no taxes were due, and requested the amount so collected to be refunded.

Mr. Crowe read a petition from the Young Men's Christian Association, requesting the Council to exempt their rooms from taxes for the year 1872, as their funds were very low.

Mr. McMillan read a petition from Hirsch & Doty requesting to be exempt from the payment of taxes for their factory for the next five years; also from Mr. McQuin, requesting a transfer of license, as he had rented the "Harp of Erin" Hotel.

The above petitions were referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the petition of Thomas McQuin be granted on his complying with the conditions imposed by law. Carried.

Council went into committee of the whole on by-law for the appointment of constables. Mr. Massie in the chair. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the name of John Griffith be inserted as one of the constables for the West Ward. Mr. McMillan moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the name of Coffee be added to the list of constables for the East Ward. Carried.

"That no magistrate or other person in said town of Guelph (excepting the Treasurer thereof) be empowered to make payments on behalf of said town or any fees to any constable or constables, and that said Treasurer only pay the same on the report of the Council, or a Committee thereof, specially recommending such payment to be made."

Mr. Elliott thought that in passing that clause the Council were exceeding their powers, and moved that that clause be struck out. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. McMillan said that if it was the design of the Council to strike out the clause he had no objection.

Mr. Mitchell said that if the Committee recommended what was illegal, it would be better to strike the clause out.

"That no constable appointed by said town of Guelph, and in receipt of a salary (excepting the chief constable) be entitled to receive any pay from said town for arresting any person, or for laying any information; nor shall any such constable be entitled to or receive any fee whatever for attending the Police Court, nor shall any such constable receive any fine under any by-law of said town, or any portion whatever of such fine."

Mr. McMillan thought it would be well to allow that clause to pass, as it simply applied to Messrs. Marriott and Edwards, who were working for a salary, and moved that the clause be adopted. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion.

Mr. Elliott could see no reason why constables who, after hours, did duty should not be paid, and moved that the clause be struck out, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Carried on a division.

Mr. McMillan thought that this was unfair to those who received no salary. Salaried constables might take advantage of discharging duties if paid, if not paid they would confine themselves to the duty for which they were paid.

Mr. R. Mitchell could see no use in passing the clause, and thought it should be struck out.

Mr. Robinson thought it would be well to strike the clause out.

The Committee rose and reported.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That the by-law for the appointment of constables be read a third time and passed.—Carried.

In reference to exempting certain parties from taxes, Mr. Massie said that it was the intention of the Council to exempt new buildings, erected by new manufacturers, but not to exempt buildings for which taxes had hitherto been collected.

Mr. Elliott coincided with the remarks of the last speaker.

Mr. Massie thought it would be well to allow the by-law to lie over till the next meeting.

Mr. Robertson was of the same opinion.

Mr. Bell said that it was distinctly understood the by-law was to be finished to-night.

Mr. Coffee was in favour of exempting the buildings occupied by manufacturers, and thought this promise of the Council ought to be carried out in a proper spirit.

The Mayor said that the Council had not committed itself to anything, by either violation or otherwise, compelling it to exempt any person from taxes. If they thought proper to exempt new manufacturers from the payment of taxes they could do so.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee in reference to the matter, by which it appeared the remarks of the Mayor were correct.

Mr. Massie read the report of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

The Finance Committee beg to submit the following report, in reference to the petition presented to this Council on behalf of the Board of Separate School Trustees. Mr. Harris the petitioner, was by invitation present, and submitted his opinion and arguments in favour of his petition, which after a careful consideration your committee answer as follows:

1st. The petition sets forth that the united Board of Grammar and Public School Trustees, asked for a grant of $7,581, and that this Council had granted their request, and in order to provide the same had levied an assessment of 4 mills on the dollar, which fell short by his calculation after deductions for commissions, &c., $1,689.

The amount asked for Common Schools was $6,336 and for High Schools $1,247. Up to the 31st Dec. the amount paid to the former was $5,887; being $449 less than the sum asked for. This amount will more than cover any losses for none collection, and commission. The amount asked for the Grammar School was not paid during 1872 and has to be provided for by assessment in 1873. And while the petition sets forth that $1,689 had been granted from the general funds of the Town to the School Board, the fact is, that after allowing $302 as estimated by the petitioner for Collector's commission, none collection and remissions, there is still $147 left in the Treasurer's hands.

2nd. The petitioners quote the 20th Sec. of the Separate School Act, and under its provisions claim that they are entitled to a grant of $485, but the said clause does not apply to this case, inasmuch as Sec. 21 of same Act distinctly affirms, that no Separate School shall be entitled to any moneys arising from local assessment for Common School purposes. The 21st Sec. reads thus:—"Nothing herein contained shall entitle any such Separate School within any City, Town, Incorporated Village or Township to any part or portion of School moneys arising or accruing from local assessment for Common School purposes within the City, Town, Village or Township, or the County or union of Counties within which the City, Town, Village or Township is situate."

Your Committee cannot recognize the principle set forth in the petition as a basis of calculation for apportioning moneys raised for School purposes by local assessment, because, while the Legislative grant as based on numbers, which entitles them to receive $189 as their share of $846, that being the Legislative grant to the Town, the supporters of Separate Schools only represent $199,836 of the general assessment of $1,806,794 for the Town, being only about one ninth part of the total amount, so that while they claim and ask to have $485 paid to them as an equivalent for, or their share of $1,689, even were the principle and the figures of the petition correct, they would only be entitled to receive $187.66, but as the first part of this report shows, that instead of having advanced more that was collected, the Treasurer's books show that a balance was carried forward to the credit of the School Board, and your Committee cannot recommend that any sum be paid to the petitioners beyond their share of the interest paid for the money advanced before the taxes were collected, being $22.37.

Your Committee have carefully gone over the whole matter including the former petition which the attention of this Council was directed to, and see no reason for changing the opinion expressed in a former report.

They would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Board of Separate School Trustees that they must in future levy and collect their own School rates, in accordance with a former report presented to this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
JAS. MASSIE, Chairman.

The letter from Mr. John Harris, upon which the above report is based, will be published to-morrow.

Mr. Mitchell read he report of the

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have expended, since the beginning of the current year, upon the different streets and sidewalks under their charge—including Gow's bridge—the items of which your Committee will provide by the next meeting of the Council the sum of $2740. Your Committee require an additional appropriation of $622.53 to pay the following accounts, viz:—Horsman $194.40; balance due Douglas & Bannerman, $279.35; Dr. Clarke for gravel, $87.20; sudries $46.57; total $622.52. ROBT. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Mr. Elliott read the report of the

MARKET COMMITTEE.

Your Committee present with this report a by-law to amend certain sections of By-law No. 217. They also recommend the payment of the account of Mills & Goodfellow, $20.25, for work done in connection with the town bell, which account was not in possession of your committee when their annual statement was made. Your Committee also ask authority to contract for sixty cords of wood for the use of the market buildings for 1873. GEO. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Mr. Bell read the report of the

TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE.

The Tree planting Committee beg leave to report that they have expended $30.15 and ask for an appropriation of $5.15 to balance accounts for 1872. Your Committee recommend that the account of Gowdy & Stewart be paid, and charged to contingencies—they find a portion of it belongs to Fire and Water, and a portion to Tree Planting, and part of it to Road and Bridge.
DAVID KENNEDY, Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Howard, That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted, with the exception of the last clause. Carried.

Mr. McMillan said that there were portions of the report to which he could not consent. The recommendation that the Separate School Trustees assess for and collect their own school rates, did not meet with his approbation. He was in favor of things going on in the old way.

Mr. Massie explained that the recommendation of the Committee was in accordance with a desire of the Separate School Trustees, expressed some time since, to collect their own rates.

Mr. Coffee hoped that the matter of obliging the Separate School Trustees to collect their own taxes would not be passed.

Mr. Robertson would support the motion, as he believed it was right.

Mr. Elliott thought it would be well to leave the matter over for the consideration of the new Council. He said that the R. C. School Trustees were a corporate body, and had power to collect their own taxes.

Mr. Massie explained that the Committee did not wish to harass the Separate School Trustees by obliging them to collect their own taxes, but he did not believe that the Council could lawfully collect the Separate School rates.

Mr. Mitchell was in favour of allowing the matter to lie over for the consideration of the new Council.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Coffee, that the report of the road and bridge committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Howard, That the report of the Market Committee be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Crowe, That the report of the Tree Planting Committee be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Howard, That the by-law introduced to amend by-law No. 217 be read a first and second time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That George Murton, sr., be appointed High School Trustee on behalf of this Council, for the next term. Carried.

Council adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock.

ONE day last week a brewer, named [illegible], was [illegible] by a member of [illegible]