

Guelph Evening Mercury

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WEDNESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 24, 1859.

CIRCULATION of the MERCURY.

The circulation of the Daily and Weekly MERCURY is MORE THAN DOUBLE than any paper published in Guelph or west of Toronto. Both editions circulate largely among the merchants and business men in Wellington, Waterloo, Perth, Grey, and Bruce. As an advertising medium for the section of country embraced in these Counties it is unequalled by any paper published outside of Toronto. Rates for advertising moderate, and discount allowed on advertisements inserted for a lengthened period.

Job Printing of every description executed cheaply and promptly at the MERCURY Steam Printing House, Macdonell Street, Guelph. An immense assortment of the latest and most elegant designs in plain and ornamental type has just been added to our previously large stock, rendering our establishment the most complete office in all its appointments to be found West of Toronto. Our charges are the lowest, and our stock the best in the country.

SALARIES of COUNTRY POSTMASTERS.

An agitation in favor of allowing postmasters in rural districts more liberal salaries than they enjoy at present, is being carried on in some of the journals of the Province, and the public are being awakened to the fact that the persons in the country parts who have charge of post-offices are so weakly paid as almost to render the gift unworthy of acceptance. The recent reduction in the rate of letter postage has had the effect of decreasing the per centage therefore received by postmasters paid by commission—and this is the manner of remuneration in nearly all the towns and villages—while at the same time the increase of correspondence since the first of April has been infinitesimal. Even before the change in the postal law country postmasters were very poorly paid; and now they have the same amount of labour and care without any additional remuneration. It is but simple justice that these parties should either have their commissions increased, thus adhering to the old way of payment, or else the Government should grant salaries commensurate with the amount of trouble and care assumed by the country postmaster. In any steps which may be taken in furtherance of the object of higher salaries to this overworked and ill-paid body of officials, the hearty support of the public generally will be enlisted. In the meantime, postmasters themselves should set at once to this matter, and they may be assured that, if proper action is taken, and the right means employed to press the subject on the attention of Parliament, the result will be favorable to themselves.

REV. MR. DUFF'S RESIGNATION.—The Presbytery of Guelph at their meeting on Tuesday had under consideration the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Duff, as pastor of Knox's Church, Elora. A meeting of the congregation was held on Monday, at which a resolution asking Mr. Duff to reconsider his decision was found, thirty-four voting for and twenty-four against it. A paper was handed in to the Presbytery, signed by 70 members and adherents of the church, asking the Presbytery not to accept Mr. Duff's resignation. Commissioners on behalf of these also presented a report on behalf of the session appeared before the Presbytery. Both these parties were heard, after which the Presbytery, inasmuch as nothing would induce Mr. Duff to continue in his charge but the authority of the Presbytery, agreed to accept his resignation, and regretted the circumstances which led to it, and that their efforts to procure a retiring allowance had not been successful.

Mr. PUNSHON'S LECTURES.—The London Advertiser says: "Mr. Punshon is doing an excellent work by his lectures in educating Canadian sentiment to a high appreciation of the good, the noble, and the true." But we desire especially to commend him for helping to strangle the sensuous idea prevalent in some quarters that man must get up a new feature of every new audience—Does Guelph enjoy 'Macbeth' any the less because Hamlet can boast of the same privilege? As surely not. Mr. Punshon is the proper man, and we would command to other lecturers Give us something well-prepared, and improve its delivery, as Mr. Punshon does by repeating it before various audiences.

The HANTS REPORT.—Mr. Howes had at work the meeting at Burlington on Friday was strongly against him, and it would seem as if the chances were pretty evenly balanced. The Ottawa papers protest to have news showing the certainty of Mr. Howe's triumphant return. The Halifax *Advertiser* tells the Nova Scotians that if Mr. Howe is defeated the Dominion Ministry will refuse the proposed "better terms." In a recent speech, in reply to a question that if defeated he will go into the seashore and sit helpless, said that he had no such intention, but would let the world see him.

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Church Opening at Hawsville.

From our Correspondent.
The new Canada Presbyterian church just erected in the village of Hawsville was opened for divine service on Sabbath last. It was built by the Presbyterian congregation which is ministered to by the Rev. Mr. Graham, of Conestogo. It is in the Gothic style; the material is brick, and is of sufficiently large dimensions to be commodious. The work inside has been performed rather with a view to utility, than from a desire to produce artistic effect—to do service rather than to command admiration. Evidence of the painter's hand is scarcely yet visible. Notwithstanding the heavy fall of snow which continued all morning, the people drove up in crowds, until not only the church itself, but the vestry in the rear was crowded. Why was this? A church was to be opened, and Rev. Dr. Ormiston, whom people did not imagine to be a "reed shaken with the wind" was to conduct the services. About these there was a peculiar solemnity. The pulpit was draped with the emblems of mourning. The pastor of the congregation was absent, having gone to Vermont to bury her, who had been permitted for only a few short months to call him husband. The Rev. gentleman's afflictions are heavy and frequent, as we understand that this is the fourth time since his settlement over the Winterbourne and Hawsville congregations, that he has been called upon to stand by the open grave of a relative, none further removed than a brother. Prayer and praise having been engaged in, the Doctor then read and gave an able and lucid explanation of the fourth chapter of 2nd Corinthian. Next followed a reference to the bereavement which had deprived the congregation on this important occasion of the presence of their pastor. It was the most touching tribute of brotherly sympathy to which I ever listened, and I know of nothing equaling the deep simplicity of its pathos, except the concluding portion of Sterne's story of the death of Le Feuvre. The expression of the chapter showed a cleverness to which people in the country are not much accustomed. The reference to a brother's sorrow, proved the possession in a very high degree of that nobility of human emotion—sympathy; one showed the talents of the Doctor, and the flight of that really great man. The capital of the country Unionion, is now occupied by the Brazilian troops. The severe losses which Lopez suffered in the battle at Atogastura, and by the subsequent capture of that fortress, must have broken his power of resistance, and virtually finished the war.

THE WAR WITH PARAGUAY.—The heroic Paraguayans, with their more than heroic commander, Lopez, have been at last overcome by the force of numbers. The last detailed accounts from the seat of war Paraguay confirm the previous reports of the utter defeat of Lopez and his forces, and the flight of that really great man. The capital of the country Unionion, is now occupied by the Brazilian troops. The severe losses which Lopez suffered in the battle at Atogastura, and by the subsequent capture of that fortress, must have broken his power of resistance, and virtually finished the war.

NOTES.—The subscriber, who has been greatly afflicted will please call at E. Harvey & Co's and go by Briggs' Curative, and in a jiffy his or her Coras, with all its torments, will disappear. For sale by all druggists. C. H. Wright & Co., agent for British possessions. T. W. Clarke, and the various apothecaries. The show-rooms are open quick thro' the day. Covering the ground with a mantle rare! The King has joys indeed in bringing his subjects to the golden ring. And while he is busy, consider by night, Lap, or candle, when to call to the boys, both whisperers. The white, pale, worn, and gaunt, who are the King's subjects, are to be one of those detestable gullies called sores, which is to be hoped the good taste of the people will soon allow to be numbered among the things that were. It will be largely attended, however, for even as I write, at a distance of eight miles from the scene, teams are bounding along with loads of living freight bound for the tea party.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

A **CONVERSATION** was held this (Wednesday) morning in the court, consequent upon a charge preferred against J. T. H. Howe by a brother clip named S. S. Howe, for assault. His worship first referred up the usual boast on these occasions of guilty or not guilty, and called upon Mr. Howes to respond, who replied that the latter part of this sentiment agreed with his feelings in the present case. The position was then argued on its own merits—and Mr. Stackpole deposed that defendant and complainant had a warm argument on personal topics in the Green-Western Station Baggage Room, where they occupied reserved seats on a sofa, waiting for the train. Each attorney insisted that the other had departed from the strict line of truth during the conversation, and the defendant, who evidently was not under the influence of passion at the time, as he was not observed to turn pale, grabbed the "second party of the first part" by the neck. Two bystanders, aware that the motto adopted within the precincts of the baggage room was the same as General Sirran's—"Let us have power"—separated the twoious combatants and vindicated the honor and dignity of the room. The complainant alleged that the defendant struck him in the bow out as that was not clearly proved, the C. dismissed the case with costs, and the intelligent and appreciative audience dispersed.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, Feb. 24, 1859.

Joe Chenet, agent for Cool Burgess' Minstrels; A. Lindsay, Montreal; J. Hallibuck, Galt; J. H. Rutherford, Galt; R. Marshall, Galt; W. Young, Galt; D. Sykes, Galt; H. T. Wright, Toronto; T. W. Meadly, Montreal; B. Michael, Toronto; J. W. Silton, Oshawa; Rev. W. Forsyth, —— (W. A. Russell, Mount Forest); Miss Conway, Toronto; Mr. Webster, Dundas; A. Chisholm, Montreal; E. Leslie, Orangeville; Mrs. Cox, Iowa; C. G. Clark, Iowa; C. W. Grant, Iowa.

BIRTHS.

At Guelph in the last night, the wife of Mr. John R. Peck, of Guelph, a daughter, in the 11th month of pregnancy, Mr. Edward Kresson, of Guelph.

MARSHALLS.

Portuguese, American, English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Scotch, Irish, &c.

13 CLOTHING.

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1868.

Black Tea, 10c. former price 12c. Japan Tea, 15 cents, former price 18c. Green Tea, 12c. former price 15c. Tobacco, Stove Polish, Nutmegs, Soap, Buttons, Lamp, Brushes, Wax, Chimneys, and all other Goods equally 10c.

GROCERIES.

Market Square, Guelph.

W. WARNER CLARKE,

Guelph, Feb. 17. dw

DRY GOODS.

36 inch Grey Sheetings, \$9.12 former price \$9.17

Prints, \$0.08 former price \$0.12

33 inch Grey Sheetings, 0.10 0.125 0.17

Prints, 0.125 0.17

32 inch Grey Sheetings, 0.25 0.32 0.50

Broad Cloths, 2.00 2.50

Prints, 0.66 0.19 0.45 0.65

Tweed, 0.4

