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IRON CASTINGS, Of all kinds, made to order at...

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WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-dft

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TWO SOFT WATER TANKS FOR SALE, lined with lead. Size 6 ft. x 3 ft. dia.

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TWO CARRIAGE BUILDERS, Wanted, a first-class light wood worker to take charge of a carriage shop.

PROPERTY FOR SALE, Two acres and a quarter of land with two good two story houses and stables on.

FOR THE ASSORTING SEASON, 43 PACKAGES NEW GOODS.

JOHN MACDONALD & Co. TORONTO.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, In unlimited supply on good Farm and Town Security.

Y. C. A., The Welcome Meeting for the new General Secretary.

Mr. George Allchin, Will be held in the Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On Thursday Ev'g, 7th inst., AT 7.30 P.M. All the members are expected to be present.

JUST RECEIVED, G. H. McIntyre's (LATE MCGULLOUGH'S) NEW DRUG STORE.

The HANDY PACKAGE DYES, In all shades, comprising BLACK, BLUE, MAGENTA, MAROON, PONCEAU, SCARLET, VOILET, YELLOW.

Blue, Green and Yellow for Cotton, Each package warranted capable of coloring 100 lbs. of goods.

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RETURNED TO GUELPH, D. TRIPP, Begs to inform his old friends and the public that he has returned to Guelph and opened his...

Boot and Shoe Store on West Market Square, Next to Pallister's Hotel.

He begs to thank them for past favours, and hopes to continue to receive their patronage.

IMPORTANT, SALE OF PIANOS, The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of JOSEPH F. RAINER, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable TERMS OF CREDIT.

The stock consists of about 40 First-class Instruments!

Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, particularly in view of the fact that the instruments are of the highest quality.

An inspection invited. Accompanying person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris, who will show the instrument. Guelph, March 18, 1874.

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 1874.

Town and County News

POPULAR READINGS.—We learn that Mr J. R. Moore is to give readings in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Tuesday evening, May 12th, from some of the popular authors.

GUELPH DISTRICT.—The annual District meeting of the Wesleyan church will be held in the church, Guelph, on Wednesday, May 20th, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m.

HORSES FOR THE MANITOBA MOUNTED POLICE.—Lieut. Colonel French is in town to-day purchasing saddle horses for the Manitoba Mounted Police. We understand he bought a number of horses well fitted for the service.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERN.—Chalmers' Church Sabbath School, under the leadership of Mr. E. K. Maitland, will give a grand concert in the Town Hall on Friday evening, 15th inst. Those who wish to have an evening's entertainment of rare excellence should not fail to attend.

BASE BALL.—At a meeting of the Maple Leaf Club last evening, final arrangements were made for the matches to be played here with the Star Club of Seaford, on the 25th May, and on the 1st July with the Red Stockings of Boston.

THE HERRINGTONS closed their season in the Town Hall last night when the play of the "Factory Girl" was presented to a large audience. Mrs. Herrington acted Bertha Gibbs, the factory girl, in her usual first-class manner. Mr. Herrington, in the character of Tom Winkles, was the life of the play, and received the well merited approbation of the house. The other characters in the drama were ably represented by other members of the troupe. In the farce Mr. Herrington was the leading character and acted his part well, as also did Bertha Maywood.

PULSICH FARMERS CLUB.—A meeting of the Committee appointed to draft a constitution, by-laws, &c., of the Township of Pulsich Farmers' Club was held in the town hall, Aberfoyle, on Saturday last. The Committee have drawn a very good and comprehensive constitution, which is to be submitted at a public meeting to be held in the town hall, Aberfoyle, on Saturday, the 16th of May, at 8 o'clock, p.m., when all those interested in agriculture are requested to attend.

GRAND GALA DAY IN ACTION.—The loyal citizens of this live little town are out with an attractive bill of sports, &c., for the Queen's Birthday, and prizes for the successful competitors. The programme includes horse races, running races, foot-ball matches and a general programme which is inviting for those who have nerve and muscle to carry them through the athletic trials of the day. There are special inducements for base-ball, as the Antelope team is invited to play in full force. Action will outlast all former efforts.

GUELPH GAS COMPANY.—A special meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon, when the report of the directors was read and an extension of the works to suit the increased demands for the supply of gas was adopted, and a resolution was carried, empowering the Company to issue new stock to the amount of \$25,000. The works so far have been conducted with great efficiency and economy, but owing to the increased demand for gas, they have been found altogether inadequate to meet the supply, and their extension is now a matter of necessity. The Directors were empowered to take steps for procuring subscriptions for the new stock, and it is expected that the whole amount will be subscribed for by our citizens, whose interest it is to see the works enlarged, so as to meet the wants of all who desire to become consumers.

WINTERBOURNE ITEMS.—A change is made this week in one of the stores of the village. Mr. Geo. Story, retiring from the grocery business, which is now conducted by Mr. J. E. McElderry. We bespeak for him a share of public patronage. This place must be sharing in the increase of population and general prosperity of the country, as house accommodations seem to be far too scanty for the wants of the inhabitants. Places are being occupied as dwellings which were never used before, such as the old Free Church, a hall over a hotel driving shed, and the old school house. The fall wheat begins to look green, and ploughing is well advanced.

The regular trips of the Ottawa River Navigation Line will at once be resumed. The river has never been so late in opening since the year 1836; in that year navigation was not open till the 5th of May.

SPECIAL PRAYERS and thanksgiving, in connection with the Ashantee war, have been offered up in all the garvian churches throughout Great Britain, collections amounting to considerable sums being also made for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those who fell in the late expedition, and in aid of the wives and children of the wounded soldiers now in hospital, and of others who, through the deadly nature of the climate, had their constitutions hopelessly shattered.

CHILD LOST at WATERBURY.—A little boy about six years of age, son of Mr. Charles Conrad, disappeared from his home on Monday morning and has not since been seen or heard of. The water was let out of the mill race yesterday evening, and the river and woods adjacent were thoroughly searched during the night by a large number of citizens who turned out en masse and assisted the afflicted parents in their search, but without success.

THE NEEDHAM MURDER.—A purse found upon one of the prisoners recently arrested on the charge of murdering the late Terence Needham, at St. Catharines, has been identified by the younger Needham as the property of his father. The purse is a peculiar one, and was knitted by a daughter of the deceased. This will go far to prove the robbery if the graver charge of murder is not sustained.

VICAR'S FLORED GUILDS for sale at Anderson's bookstore.

Synod of Hamilton.

The Synod of Hamilton in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church met in the First Congregational Church on Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock. There was a fair attendance of members and elders. The Rev. Mr. Middlemiss, of Elora, the retiring Moderator, presented an excellent practical sermon from the words in 1st Thess., 1st and 6th.

At the close of the service the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, after which the Synod Clerk, Rev. Mr. Cochrane, called the roll, and read over the list of transactions, inductions, removals and deaths that had taken place since the last meeting of the Synod.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by Rev. Mr. Smellie, the Rev. John McMillan, of Mount Forest, was unanimously elected Moderator, and on taking the chair, thanked the fathers and brethren for the honour that had conferred on him.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by Rev. Dr. Barrie, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Moderator for the able manner in which he had presided over the next meeting of the Synod, and for the excellent sermon he had preached.

After transacting some formal business, the Synod adjourned, to meet on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

Freshbery of Guelph.

This Presbytery met in Chalmers' Church on Tuesday, when the following items of business were transacted. Session records were laid on the table and committees appointed to examine them, who reported at the afternoon session, and the records were ordered to be attested in terms of the report applicable to each. Mr. McLean reported that he had preached at Waldemar and declared the church vacant, as appointed by the Presbytery. A petition was handed in from the congregation at Waldemar asking to appoint Mr. Milligan to take the oversight of their souls, with a promise of \$181 yearly stipend. The Presbytery proceeded to consider the resolutions of union with other churches. The following were agreed to as sent down by the Assembly: 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th; and 4th and 7th, but rejected by majority. A motion to approve of the remit of the General Assembly was carried by a vote of 18 over 9 against the amendment proposed that remit be not approved of.

Middlemiss proposed an extension to the General Assembly praying not to commit the Church to union without a further endeavor to secure such terms as may be more generally acceptable. The motion was lost, 17 for the amendment. The motion in said terms, as laid on in favor of the motion. Mr. John McElderry declined the call from West Pulsich, he having accepted one from Beaverton. The call was set aside, and the Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the West Pulsich congregation. Modera- ture in said terms, as laid on in favor of the motion. Mr. John McElderry declined the call from West Pulsich, he having accepted one from Beaverton. The call was set aside, and the Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the West Pulsich congregation. Modera- ture in said terms, as laid on in favor of the motion. Mr. John McElderry declined the call from West Pulsich, he having accepted one from Beaverton. The call was set aside, and the Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the West Pulsich congregation.

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Mr. Holton invited information with respect to the appointment of Mr. Edward Jenkins.

Mr. Mackenzie, in reply, stated that the Government proposed Mr. Jenkins should have an office centrally situated, where Canadians in London could obtain information and inspect books of reference and newspapers.

Sir John A. Macdonald was glad to find Mr. Jenkins was not appointed as an Ambassador. He criticised the speech delivered lately by Mr. Jenkins at Dundee.

Mr. Mackenzie declined either to defend or blame Mr. Jenkins for his speech referred to. It was made on his own responsibility as a member of the British Legislature, and not as the agent for Canada. Mr. Jenkins was a Canadian, and had an intimate knowledge of Canada, as well as of affairs in England. He had also an acquaintance with immigration matters, and had been an active advocate, both in the press and on the platform, of emigration to Canada.

The item was concurred in, and the House rose for recess.

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The House then again took up Concurrence in the Estimates.

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Mr. Bowen asked if the present military suburbs were to be superseded by the College.

Mr. Ross said that was not yet determined.

The resolution was agreed to, and reported, and a Bill introduced founded thereon.

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BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Fire in the S. S. Ohio.

Agricultural Laborers Emigrating.

Th. Brooks-Baxter Trouble.

Distinguished Tourists.

American Farmers and Politicians.

London, May 5.—The captain of the American steamship Ohio, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday from Philadelphia, reports that a fire broke out in the hold of the vessel on Thursday last, and the flames, not having been extinguished, the fore part of the deck of the steamship and a portion of her cargo were destroyed. The Ohio, after stopping a while in Queenstown harbor, proceeded to Liverpool.

The weather throughout England is fair to-day.

The steamer Caspian, from Liverpool, to-day, took out 300 agricultural laborers for the United States and Canada.

London, May 6.—General Sikes, ex-Minister to Spain, was presented to the Queen yesterday.

John Lucas, the political economist, is dead.

Madrid, May 5.—It is asserted that Gen. Elis has arrested four Carlist Brigadiers for treason.

Carlos will shortly issue a new proclamation to his troops.

General Manuel Corcho has been appointed General in Chief of the northern army.

During the bombardment of Bilbao one hundred and fifty citizens were killed and wounded.

New York, May 6.—A Little Rock special says:—Gen. Churchill in response to a writ of habeas corpus said the judges were not in his custody, and if they were he would not give them up. The guards now allow free access to the telegraph office. General Churchill says he will celebrate the thirtieth rebel Decoration Day by capturing the State House. One hundred recruits arrived for Brooks last night. Lieut. Hinman of Battery A, died yesterday. He belonged to New York. Lieut. Rice and men of White's command have captured Savage who was organizing militia for Brooks. It is rumored that Judges Bennett and Seale are at Hot Springs.

The Rev. Canon Kingsley and wife, H. C. Kibbery, agent of Great Britain for the settlement of the Fishery question with the U. S., together with some five other families, making a party of seventeen, left this city this morning for a tour through the Western States, California, Oregon and British Columbia.

A Chicago despatch states that the Illinois Farmers' Association, yesterday, tried to enter the political arena, and will hold a State Convention on June 10th, which is two days before the Republican Convention.

The Board of Health were notified yesterday that small-pox was prevailing at Minihon, Mexico, and vessels are there loading for New York.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, May 5.

On the vote for Immigration, in answer to Mr. Holton.

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WELLINGTON COUNTY ASSIZES.

May 5.

RAITER vs. MOORE.—Action of replevin for a piano sold to one Cannon, who obtained possession of it without having paid for it. Cannon re-sold it to Moore, the defendant who swore that he had no knowledge, of any fraud on Cannon's part. The Judge directed a non-suit at the same time remarking that the conduct of Moore in the transaction was not free from suspicion. Mr. Cameron, Q.C. and Mr. Cutten, for plaintiff. Mr. DeLamer for defendant.

Wednesday, May 6th.

Mr. Murray, in the absence of the Convener, gave in a report on the state of religion, which was received. Mr. Murray was requested to tabulate the returns sent to the Committee and send a deliverance to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the state of religion, in time for the Assembly's annual report.

An interesting conference followed on the state of religion, which was adjourned to the afternoon sederunt. May 6.

Baker vs. Baker.—Action for replevin. Messrs. Guthrie and Cutten for plaintiff. Messrs. Cameron, McLean and Peterson for defendant.

May Cattle Fair.

This fair was very largely attended, and far exceeded the expectations of the people in town, who thought the farmers were too busy to come out, and that all the fat stock was sold off. This is not the case, however, owing to the quantity of feed still on hand, and to their cattle on longer than they otherwise would have done, and as a consequence there were a great many more on the ground than at the May fair last year. For good prime stock, fair prices were paid, the rates running from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per 100 lbs, and for a few extra stock up to \$5.50. These prices were readily obtained, and very few good cattle remained unsold. There was a brisk demand for milk cows, which according to quality and age fetched from \$80 to \$95 each. Most of them had calves at their feet. Oxen were in fair demand, the prices ranging from \$110 to \$130. The fair was a very good one, and large lot of cattle changed hands. The following are a few sales:— John Shortred, 2 heifers at \$5.25, bull \$72; Wm. Dunn, 3 head for \$180; Wm. Patterson, 2 steers at \$8.81; Magnus Leslie, 2 steers at \$47.50; Alex. Stewart, 2 head at \$4.24; He bought a heifer and calf from Jas. McCall for \$63; Thos. Waters, heifer at \$4.75; Walter Laing, 2 head at \$4.25; Allan Ramsey, steer for \$55; Wm. Watson, cow for \$54; Alex. Campbell, 4 cows for \$287.50; 2 steers for \$119; John Hume, 2 head for \$86; Robt. McWilliams, 2 steers for \$94.50; Michael McCarthy, 6 head at \$4.00; Joshua Norrieh, steer for \$70; Edward Thomas, cow at \$5.00, and 2 steers at \$4.25; Jas. J. Forrest, 2 cows for \$116; Jas. Simpson, steer for \$68; John Hume, 3 steers and heifer for \$200; John Sallows, 2 head at \$4.75; Jas. Lewis, heifer and steers at \$4.50; Ed. Dorton, cow for \$70; Chris. Moffat, yoke of oxen for \$130; John Owens, 2 cows for \$115; S. Dawson, 4 steers at \$4.62; Geo. Aberdeen, 16 year old lamb for \$7.00 each, and 3 head cattle for \$140; Alex. White, 4 head for \$190; Thos. and Robt. Dow, 4 head—2 at \$6.00 and 2 for \$100; John Amos, 2 steers at \$4.50; M. Sutton, 6 head for \$225; J. H. Glennie, 3 head for \$150; John Thomson, 2 head for \$4.25; Wm. Thompson, 2 head for \$90; Wm. Bestie, 7 head at \$4.75; Richard Pallister, cow for \$36; Donald McPherson, ox \$65; H. Sanderson, 2 steers for \$108; Jas. P. Phin, 9 head at \$4.75; B. and A. Tolson, 2 steers at \$5.25; Wm. P. Tolton, 2 steers at \$4.75; Robt. Brydon, 8 head averaging about 1300 lbs. each, at \$5.00 to George Hood; Thos. Waters, 5 head for \$48 each; J. D. McWilliams sold 1 heifer for \$27; Hamilton Laird, 2 head of young cattle for \$33; Jas. Laird, 1 cow for \$38.

Boiler Explosion at Fleton.

THREE MEN KILLED.

Fleton, May 5.

In the boiler explosion this morning in Messrs. Irving & Downs' mill, three men were killed instantly. Their names are Daniel Roblin, engineer, and his son, a young man nineteen years old, and Miller McGowan, aged eighteen. Five others were more or less injured: Mr. Cole, the book-keeper, and Mr. Lear, seriously. The former has received internal injuries which may prove fatal. Mr. Lear is badly scalded about the head and chest, and is suffering severely, but the doctors have hopes of his recovery. The other three received only some slight bruises. Mr. Downs, one of the proprietors, was on the second floor at the time of the accident, and was thrown out through a window, and falling on sawdust was uninjured. A young man named Skillen was working in the third-story of the mill, and was thrown up high in the air along with the roof, but strange to say, received only a slight scratch on the hand.

The explosion was heard in Bloomfield, five miles away, and was supposed to be an earthquake. The whole of the windows, sashes and all, were knocked out of the buildings in the immediate vicinity of the explosion, and the glass was knocked out of the windows in a building a quarter of a mile away.

One piece of the boiler, weighing fully a ton, was thrown over a building, landing in a garden two hundred feet from where it started, and another piece, ten feet long by four broad, went nearly as far. A piece weighing several pounds was thrown across the Bay and landed in Redmond's shipyard very close to some workmen.

The building is one mass of debris. Fortunately the mill was not being run this week to its capacity, or eight or ten more men and boys would have been working in it.

The loss to Messrs. Irving & Downs will be from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by allowing the water to get low in the boiler and suddenly pumping cold water into it.

The French troop ship *Euridice*, from Brest, bound to St. Pierre, put back to England, dismasted to the deck, and it is reported, with 35 men killed. Another vessel arrived at St. Pierre, and reports having passed a vessel, bottom up, which appeared to be a barge, fifty of the French fishing fleet, sixty days out, have not arrived.

The steamship *Nestorian* brought out \$45,000 in Canadian coin.

A Wonderful Change.

Time and the course of events work wonderful changes in the political as well as in the social world. Little more than ten years ago slavery was a recognized institution in the United States, and her people were engaged in a most disastrous and cruel internecine war, the chief cause of which was that very institution which the South so doggedly upheld, and which the North was just as doggedly determined to put down. And put down it was, and for ever wiped out of existence by Lincoln's proclamation, which declared the black man as free as his white master, and every position calling open to him if he had only the ability to fill it. The fruits of this social as well as political revolution are every day being made more manifest, and one of the most notable instances of this occurred the other day, when Congress having resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, a colored representative of South Carolina named Rainer was called to preside as chairman. This man was born a slave in Georgetown in 1822, and in all probability would have remained a slave but for the war and its results, which lifted him from his degraded position, and gave him an honourable place among the representatives of the Republic.

Wenote also a remarkable change of feeling on the part of most of the Southerners towards their old political opponents in the North. On the day when eulogies were pronounced on the late Charles Sumner in Congress, Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, an out and out Democrat, a regular fire eater of the old Southern school, and a noted rebel during the war, rose unasked, and paid a well deserved tribute to the memory and virtues of the great statesman, who had so strenuously fought for the abolition of slavery, for the prosecution of the war and the subjugation of the South. He also made an eloquent appeal to the people both North and South to forget the past, to allow the sores of the past to heal over, and to unite together in peaceful and harmonious efforts for the advancement of their common country. It is gratifying to hear such sentiments from the lips of this fiery Southerner, as it is to hear him use the following words in regard to Mr. Sumner:—"In his zeal and earnest warfare against the wrong, as he viewed it, there entered no enduring personal animosity toward the men whose lot it was to be born to the system which he denounced. This was shown in the kindness and sympathy which in these later years he displayed towards the impoverished and suffering South in raising his voice in behalf of amnesty for the vanquished, and his proposition to erase from the banners of the national army the mementoes of the bloody internal struggle which might be regarded as assailing the pride or wounding the sensibilities of the Southern people. That proposal will never be forgotten by that people so long as the name of Charles Sumner lives in the memory of man."

Although the Intercolonial Commissioner's Board has been abolished by an act of this session, it is stated that Mr. Brydges will still remain in connection with the Public Works Department, till that road is put in running order.

Hon. Mr. Crooks, Provincial Treasurer leaves for England by the Allan steamer of the 9th instant on business connected with his department. He will take advantage of his visit to examine into the immigration agencies, and to transact other public matters of importance to Ontario.

ENGLISH LABOURERS FOR CANADA.
The steamship Prussian, which sailed from Liverpool on the 29th ult. for Quebec, took with her fifty Warwickshire farm hands and one hundred and twenty children, all bound to find a home in Canada. The next steamer will carry 150 labourers from the agricultural district, who will, no doubt, bring a large number of children too. This will be two hundred of the elite of the labouring class of England, with a large contingent of young people to grow up into Canadian farmers.

HAMILTON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.
The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at Hamilton on Monday. The report states that bonuses to the amount of \$554,000 have been obtained from different municipalities interested in the construction of the road. Reference is also made to the grant of \$2,500 per mile for 129 miles between Hamilton and Barrie from the Ontario Government, with an additional \$500 per mile for 44 miles of exceptionally costly road. These grants are equivalent to \$3,925 per mile for the line between Hamilton, Barrie and Collingwood. The location surveys are being proceeded with as rapidly as possible, preparatory to the commencement of construction, and steps are being taken to secure municipal aid for the extension of the line north of Barrie to the waters of the Georgian Bay. The prospects of the road are very encouraging.

TO THE PEOPLE.—My Polar and Tropical Worlds can not be procured from me by the single copy, as I sell only through my agents, neither is it for sale in any bookstore, nor will it ever be. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Day, book dealers in Guelph, have both ordered a copy at retail price for their own use. Over 600 orders have already been taken in Wellington County, and not one fifth of the territory has been canvassed. The above work has received the highest recommendations from good judges of books everywhere. Out of over 200 Clergymen and school inspectors in Ontario who have been asked to examine its merits, only one has refused to give it his personal recommendation. My price for the volume is much less than the same work in England, as can be seen by consulting Longman, Green & Co.'s catalogue, J. M. Lyon, publisher Guelph.
The actual number of officers and men who died in the battle or succumbed to sickness on the Gold Coast was one hundred, but the number of invalids or wounded was 1,000.

Canada Presbyterian Church.
Religious services in connection with the ordination of Mr. Wm. Kay, A. M., as Missionary to Haiti St. Marie, will be held in the Church of the First Congregation, on Wednesday Evening, May 6th. Services to commence at half-past seven, sharp.
The Rev. A. D. Macdonald will preach and ordain. Rev. Mr. Cochran, of Brantford, will address the Missionary. Rev. Mr. McColl, of Hamilton. Rev. Mr. McTavish, of Woodstock, and Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Mount Forest, will address the people. The public are cordially invited.
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Ryan No. 1 (professional for 1874) dead white ball
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Flora Correspondence.

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The Queen's Birthday celebration will be held on the 25th May, when a large trade demonstration will be made in Irvine Park, under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute.

At a joint meeting of the Centre Riding, Nichol and Pilkington Societies held at the Dalby House, it was agreed to amalgamate these societies for the year 1874.

Fergus Correspondence.

Mr. Thomas Chalmers, an old and respected resident of Nichol, dropped down dead while engaged in field work, the week before last.

Whooping cough is very prevalent here, and in the surrounding country. Several farmers have commenced sowing their seed but rain is sadly needed to warm the ground.

The new bridge over the Grand River, above Wilson's mills, is now completed, and when the ends are filled in will be in a good condition for traffic.

The Methodist congregation are erecting driving sheds in the rear of their church.

It is said that our village Assessor has been tampering with the voters' lists, and in such a way as to make the Reform vote weak.

Several complaints have been made that the Tavern Inspector was not attending to his duty, in regard to the Saturday night and Sunday liquor law, and the clergy of the village waited upon the Council on Monday evening to impress upon them the duty of seeing that the law is enforced.

Persons at a distance wishing to send news to the Mercury office can do so by leaving it at the bookstore of Wm. L. Smellie, Fergus.

Harriston Correspondence.

Spring has fairly set in at last, it was never looked for so anxiously before, especially by the farmers who had a large spring's work ahead of them.

The heavy frost at night rendering it impossible to do any ploughing. This has thrown farmers considerably behind, but they are now making good use of the time, and should the weather keep favourable it will not be long before the work will be through.

The heavy frost here damaged the fall wheat to a great extent. In many cases it will not be more than half a crop, while in others it will be a total failure; in fact, some of the farmers are already ploughing it up in order to sow other grain.

Business is not bad, considering the season of the year.

There is some building going on. Alexander Irvine is building a residence on King street; Joseph Fisher is also erecting one on the same street.

The work on the new W. M. Church has begun, and is being vigorously pushed.

The T. G. & B. R. Co. here completed their station and painted it, which gives the village an improved appearance.

The Council have decided to submit a by-law to the people to enable them to borrow the sum of \$1,000 to be applied to opening up Margaret street, from Elora street to the railway station, so as to give more easy access to it than there is at present, and make it more convenient for transhipment.

The merchants of Harriston have unanimously agreed to close their places of business at half-past seven, commencing on the first of May and to continue during the summer months, Saturday night excepted.

The show of cattle at the last fair was rather poor, as the farmers are so far behind with work that they had not time to attend; and as it will cost nothing to keep the cattle over till the next fair, there were few sales made.

Dr. W. A. Harvey, a graduate of McGill College, has located here for the practice of his profession. His office is the one lately occupied by Dr. Rutherford, that gentleman being about to remove to St. John's Hospital, London, England.

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Mr. Craire having made a reduction of \$500 from the original price. The mill is to be five stories high, with ten run of stones and all the necessary machinery for a first-class flouring mill. The work of erection will commence immediately.

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He was picked up, and Dr. Tamblin was sent for, under whose attendance the patient is recovering.

Sugar making has been a failure here this season.

The Synod—Ministers and elders attending the Synod, will find at Anderson's bookstore, east side of Wyndham street, the largest and cheapest stock of theological and other books, at liberal discount allowed.



Grand Display of Millinery

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