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MUTUAL Fire Insurance Comp'y TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH.

Annual Meeting THE Annual Meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Township of Guelph

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THE REFORM LEADER IN ENGLAND, in consequence of the defection of the House of Commons, during the last session of the British Parliament.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, Dec. 7. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT. (Continued.)

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LOCAL NEWS. Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

NEW LAW OFFICE, FREEMAN & FREEMAN, BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

OFFICE over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December, 1867.

Evening Mercury, OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EV'G, DECEMBER 10.

Local News. Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—This Court opened at the Court House at noon to-day.

MAD DOG.—The Walkerton Herald says a mad dog visited several places in that vicinity a few days since.

BURGLARY.—A few nights since the office of Messrs Parker & Wilson, of New Hamburg, was broken into and the safe attempted to be forced.

CHILD DESERTION.—A young unmarried woman, named Barbara Patterson, awaits trial at Brampton, having been committed to goal by a magistrate's court for deserting her child last week.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The half yearly examination of teachers commenced in the Council Chamber to-day (Tuesday).

MEETING OF THE HOOK & LADDER CO.—The annual meeting of this company was held last night when the following officers were elected: James T. Nichols, Captain; Thomas Brown, first lieutenant; Henry Steel, second lieutenant; Wm. Sunley, Secretary; and A. Bruce, Treasurer.

OYSTERS.—Mr. George Wilkinson has kindly sent us a sample of his oysters, which he receives daily direct from the best houses in the trade.

CLOTHES STOLEN.—There is some thief in Guelph who evidently has a weakness for clean linen. It is not long since we noticed that Mr. Robertson's clothes line had been stripped, and on Monday night last Mr. George Jeffrey sustained a similar loss.

SUICIDE.—An officer of the 16th Regt., Captain Cooch, shot himself in Montreal on Friday morning last. He was a young and promising soldier, and had been married but three months.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A sad accident occurred in Collins' Settlement, township of Huron, on the 2nd instant, which resulted in the death of Mr. Richard Collins.

LEARNED.—Branford appears to be blessed with an erudite Town Council.—The Examiner learns that at a recent meeting the Mayor "smiled audibly," in connection with the Mayor's motion he made, spelled "canal" in this funny fashion, "Kannell." The councillor grew indignant at his worship's lack of courtesy

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tercolonial trade. It was gratifying to know that commercial intercourse had increased among ourselves. The exports in 1863 to British North American colonies from Canada proper was to the amount of \$935,000; but it has increased in 1867 to \$3,480,000—almost double the amount of exports the year previous.

SENATE. OTTAWA, 9th Dec. The Bill relative to the Commercial Bank was read a third time and passed.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. The Grand Trunk Bill was passed through Committee of the Whole, and ordered to a third reading to-day.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Weston, the pedestrian, lectured to a fair audience at the Mechanics' Library Hall, to-night, after which he showed off his various paces and walked nineteen times in 9 minutes 4 seconds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Herald's Havana telegram says advice from Porto Rico to the 2nd has been received. A terrible earthquake occurred there on 1st inst. The inhabitants were at church hearing mass, and the scene which ensued was most pitiable.

DETROIT, Dec. 9th.—Col. Little, of East Saginaw, committed suicide yesterday. He was one of the wealthiest men in the Saginaw valley.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—While a number of persons were skating on a pond in this city yesterday afternoon, the ice broke, and three boys were drowned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10th.—The Herald's Lima correspondence says the revolution was spreading. Fresh risings north and south were reported every day, and in Lima distrust and discontent were daily increasing.

A NEW YORK correspondent of an English paper says, that Robert's "President" of the Fenian brotherhood is about to offer the service of 50,000 men to the Pope. "This," says the correspondent, "is a stroke of policy intended to secure the countenance of the Pope to any future Fenian movement, and to the Fenian business generally."

ON Wednesday next, the two greatest billiard players in America, and perhaps in the world, will match their skill in a contest that, apart from the interest which it will excite as an exhibition of wonderful skill in the game, will draw hundreds of spectators, from the mere fact of there being large stakes depending upon its issue.

THE three candidates for the vacancy in the representation of Manchester have, in reply to inquiries, expressed themselves in favor of an extension of the suffrage to such persons of the fair sex as householders and ratepayers.

AUSTRIA.—The new fundamental law of Austria which has been adopted by the Vienna Reichsrath contains some truly liberal provisions. It guarantees the right of association, freedom of the press, religious liberty, state superintendence of education, and equal rights of nationalities and languages.

WITHIN the metropolitan district of London there are twenty-one cemeteries, comprising 537 acres of ground.

THE Princess of Wales' health still continues to improve, so that there is every hope Her Royal Highness will appear next year in the Court festivities, which are likely to be very brilliant.

GARIBALDI has been allowed to return to Caprea by the Italian Government. A correspondent who saw him in confinement at Varignano describes him as very sad and silent, and profoundly affected by the failure of his attempt on Rome.

THE London Spectator, an unfaltering advocate of American interests, writing on the proposition to pay the U. S. debt in greenbacks, tells the people that they had better repudiate the debt at once, and so rid of the burden, than to accept a proposal which, to the gull of their, adds

BY TELEGRAPH Despatches to the Evening Mercury. The "European Conference" Scheme "Played Out."

FENIAN FUNERAL OBSEQUIES IN IRELAND. Prominent Fenian Arrested.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, Dec. 9.—It is thought that the scheme of a European Conference for the settlement of the Roman question will be defeated by the speech of the Minister Rother, which indicates that the French Government has already prejudged the whole case.

LIMERICK, Dec. 9th.—The funeral obsequies in honor of the Fenians, Allen, Larkin and Gould, who were executed at Manchester, took place here yesterday. The proceedings passed off quietly. Over ten thousand persons walked in the procession, which marched through all the principal streets of the city.

DUBLIN, Dec. 8.—The obsequies of Larkin, Allen and Gould, were performed here to-day, and were the occasion of an immense manifestation of sympathy. The proceedings were similar to those reported at London, Manchester and Cork, but in numbers this demonstration far exceeded any previous one. It is estimated that fifty thousand men marched in the funeral procession. Good order was maintained all along the line, and the whole affair passed off quietly.

A despatch from Florence denies the story that Gen. Garibaldi has again left Caprea.

AMERICAN DESPATCHES. St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Weston, the pedestrian, lectured to a fair audience at the Mechanics' Library Hall, to-night, after which he showed off his various paces and walked nineteen times in 9 minutes 4 seconds.

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THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

The resolutions proposed by Mr. McDougall in reference to the North-west Territory are important, not merely in that they propose to annex a vast extent of country to the new Dominion, which in itself is a work not of light accomplishment, but also in that they propose to solve a very difficult problem—the settling of the claims of the Hudson's Bay Company—before the chief work can be begun. It is a momentous question how the territory shall be reclaimed, and it has evoked a parliamentary debate, the length at least of which is proportionate to the magnitude and importance of the subject. Why this expansive tract of fertile soil should be annexed to Canada, we are sorry to observe, has also become matter for discussion. The means whereby its incorporation should be most quietly and advantageously effected we did expect would be carefully and maturely considered, but we were not prepared to hear the expediency of incorporating it questioned, for we considered, that that was a point which had been agreed upon mem con. We are inclined to endorse the opinions delivered before the House by an honorable gentleman, who was at a loss to comprehend how any person could be in favor of Union and opposed to the carrying out of a policy without which the Union is incomplete. The Act of Confederation foreshadowed the time when the North-west would form an integral part of Canada, and it provided for its admission. Deny this territory such an union—treat its inhabitants as strangers—turn a deaf ear to their entreaties (for they have entreated)—let its wide-stretching prairies still lie in a state of nature,—let its gold and its other precious minerals still remain hidden in the earth, and let the surplus of European population seek homes, not where a more genial sun shines, or where a more productive soil invites their laborious hands—and one of the chief aims of Confederation shall have been defeated, or left unaccomplished.

We admire a prudent administration of finance, but we deplore that system of false economy which bears the name of parsimony. It is true that the present condition of the exchequer of Canada warns us against extravagance in most emphatic terms, and we admit the acuteness of the gentlemen who have been pleased to make it known that they have heard these admonitions, but if they would please to draw a distinction between a lavish expenditure and a necessary outlay, they would perhaps speak with much more hesitancy—if they spoke at all—their disapproval of the admission of the North-west territory into the Union. Britons have a two-fold failing with regard to forms of government—they idolize monarchy and detest everything else. They are perhaps extreme in both cases, for no institution can be perfect of which humanity constitutes the materials. But of all forms of government which they hate there is perhaps none so repugnant to their tastes as republicanism. We, for instance, lay our laws and institutions alongside those of the Americans, and smile at the advantages we possess as shown by the comparison, but yet there are one or two points in their policy which it would be to our benefit to imitate. They are extending the boundaries of their country, not by conquest as empires were formed of old, but by purchase; and they are inviting population from other shores, and appending to their invitations inducements which have secured, and will continue to secure, their acceptance. With all their vanities—their vagaries, and their nonsense,—they show true wisdom in this respect, for population, the cause of poverty in some European countries, is exactly what is required to make North American countries rich. But some of our legislators deny the truth of this, at least they do so indirectly by making no efforts to retain in the country the thousands of hardy and thrifty emigrants who year by year go to swell the millions that people the States, and who would be as content and as willing to sow and reap in the valley of the Saskatchewan, if they were permitted to do so, as they are to perform these labors in the country that they seek. Canada has money to spend on a railway that it is admitted will not pay the working; she has cash on hand for any absurd project, but not a penny to invest in a scheme that would profit her incalculably. Let not members from the West flatter themselves that their constituents will endorse that economy which would prevent our limits reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, if it can be done at anything like a moderate price, nor let not carping Nova Scotians imagine that the selfish spirit, which prompts them to say a

rection, at the same time that they predict utter ruin by the opening of the North-west, has escaped the most obtuse observation.

It was a flimsy argument of a certain member, that the people did not desire to be annexed to the Dominion. We have been all taught something quite different lately, and that too from numerous, and, we believed, well-informed teachers. There is no doubt an obstacle in the way of the union of the region with Canada—the Hudson's Bay Company are there, as terrible by their charter as the Anakims in days of old were by reason of their stature. We think it pretty evident that they have some claims to possession of that tract of country which bears their name—claims which how unjust soever they may be, might not be easily wrested from them. They would be like an inveterate distemper—slow to disappear though vigorously combated. If Britain would, as it has been suggested she should, extinguish these claims, it would of course make matters much easier for us, but we imagine it is rather too late to request such a favor, nor are we sure that the newly found plea, that Charles had no right to grant a charter of a country that belonged to the King of France, will avail to deprive the Company of their monopoly. Canadian statesmen then have three courses open to them; to satisfy the claims of this corporation, to engage in litigation with it, or to allow the territory to remain as it is. To give the Company ten million dollars, or whatever other sum they might be pleased to value their special privileges at, would of course be the climax of folly, but a moderate compensation for the relinquishing of what usage, if nothing else, must have been converted into a right, would be preferable to either of the other alternatives; and by all means if there must be a purchase let the terms be submitted to Parliament, to be by it approved or rejected. It is a shame that indifference on our part should tend to foster an inclination on the part of British subjects in that territory to seek a more generous recognition, a less equivocal friendship where another than Britain's flag, they have long revered, would flaunt above them. Let those millions of acres of fertile plains that lie waste at present be converted into habitations for an industrious and numerous population; let them be annexed peaceably if possible, but if the Hudson's Bay Company should be unreasonable in their demands, as they threaten to be, let them be taught that the rights and claims of civilization are paramount to, and must extinguish those of avarice. If we are to establish a new nationality let us begin on a wide material basis, as well as on broad catholic principles, let the boundaries of our country be oceans, let us look upon the honest emigrant as a brother, accord him a hearty welcome, and extend to him the kindness of which all who have sought a foreign strand stand in need, and with a country and policy such as these we may reasonably hope, that our aspirations to become a great nation are not unreasonable, nor will be ultimately disappointed.

Guelph Carling Club.

The above Club "opened the ball" this season with the match between the Married men and Bachelors. The ice upon the dam of the Victoria Mills was selected—and though slightly biased was considered by old "heroes of the broom" as quite up to the mark. Play was begun at two o'clock and continued to five, when victory declared in favor of the Bachelors by 6 shots.

Holiday Advertisements.—We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our business men to the additional publicity we are enabled to offer for Holiday Advertisements through a large increase in the circulation of the EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY. Within the last five months over One Thousand new subscribers have been added to our previously large list. We distribute through the Guelph Postoffice (as may be learned on application to the officials there), more papers than all the other journals in the town combined, and vast additions are being made weekly. We can present to the advertising public no stronger claim upon their patronage than the great ad-

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met on Monday night. Present Mr. Peterson, chairman, Messrs. Fife, Fraser, Newton, Bruce, McNeil, Howard Watson, Knowles Herod, and Innes. A letter was read from Mr. Graffey, offering his services as teacher for another year, and asking an increase of his salary. Laid over till next meeting of the Board. Accounts were presented from Messrs. Evans \$11.00, Howard \$40.39, Jacob \$8.10, Bayers \$8.05 for repairs done on schools. The last two are for putting in glass in the West Ward and other schools in places where panes had been broken. Dr. Herod read the report of the School Property Committee on the petition of Henry L. Drake and others asking for the use of the North Ward School on Sun days, in which to hold services in connection with a religious body calling themselves the Christadelphians. The Committee cannot recommend that the petition be granted, as it has been decided by the Board on former occasions not to grant the use of the school for any other than educational purposes. Some remarks were made by members on the accounts presented for repairing windows, and on the wanton destruction of property which has lately taken place at the different schools, especially the West Ward School. Mr. Innes moved, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the School Property Committee be requested to make enquiry on the subject, and also to take into consideration how far teachers should be made responsible for such destruction of school property.—Carried.

THE WEST INDIA ISLANDS.—These islands occupy a collective area of 19,583 square miles and in 1861 contained a population of 923,484 persons, 451,538 of whom were males, and 461,956 females. Of the above total number, 441,255 belonged to Jamaica, 152,727 to Barbadoes, 36,412 to Antigua, and 35,487 to Bahamas. The gross amount of public revenue in 1865 was £263,794—£296,398 of which belonged to Jamaica, and £220,794 to Trinidad.

BIRTHS. RUDD—In Guelph on the 9th inst, the wife of Mr John Rudd of a daughter. PARKER—In Salem on the 2nd inst, the wife of Mr George Parker of a son. HARRISON—At Harrison on the 3rd inst, the wife of Wm Harrison, Esq, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES. FINDLAY—HAY—At the residence of the bride's mother, on the 5th inst, by the Rev James Davidson, Alma, Mr Robert Findlay, to Jane, third daughter of the late Francis Hay.

DEATHS. FARROW—In Elms on the 1st inst, Arthur Farrow, aged 29 years.

New Advertisements.

Apprentice Wanted. WANTED a smart, intelligent lad from 14 to 16 years of age, respectably connected, as a fair hand. Every opportunity will be afforded him to acquire a thorough knowledge of my business in all its departments.

JOHN HORSMAN, Hardware Merchant, Guelph, Guelph, 10th December, 1867. d6w2

Excellent Farm for Sale. FOR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 28, 3rd Concession, Etanosa, 100 acres, with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good two-story stone house containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house—the building is nearly new. There is also a large Farm Barn nearly new, and a thriving young orchard of the best grafted fruit. This property will be sold cheap. For terms and particulars apply to HENRY HATCH, Guelph, Guelph, 10th December, 1867. w3m

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New Brazil Walnuts
New Lemons, Oranges, &c.

AT H. WALKER'S FRUIT DEPOT, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Guelph, 20th November, 1867. dw

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One of the direct means of obtaining and holding this high position has been the constant and wary selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1865, 1866, and 1867, the only occasion on which we competed. As this honor undoubtedly places this College at 'the top of the wheel,' we shall always strive to maintain that superiority in this, as in all other branches of study which are characteristic of the institution. Plain legible business writing is the style to which we have ever given the most prominent place, our motto being 'a business hand for a business man.' The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition already paid for, to incur the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks' board in order to make himself completely master of the course, and thus by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The crudeness that such haste entails is highly detrimental not only to the student himself, but also to the College where he graduates, and besides it brings reproach on Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deceptive and highly reprehensible.

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, Toronto, 6th Dec, 1867. dw Toronto.

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10 pounds Layer Raisins for - \$1
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20 " Currants - - 1

GEORGE WILKINSON. Next door to Telegraph and Express Office. Guelph, Dec. 9, 1867. daw f

TOWN OF GUELPH.

ALL CLAIMS AGAINST the Corporation of the Town of Guelph must be presented forthwith, in order that they may be discharged and entered in this year's accounts.

JAMES HOGUE, Town Clerk and Treasurer. Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 9th Dec, 1867. f d6

WANTED FOR a country school, a youth about 16 years of age—one who has been at the business before preferred. Apply (if by letter post-paid) to ANDREW LIGHTBODY.

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THURSDAY

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Observe.—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are genuine. MR. N. HIGGINBOTHAM, Guelph, August 13, 1867. Agent. dw-12

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Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

Who may describe the horror which seized on Jacob O'Brady when in the youthful owner of Dundarra he beheld the man whom he had known under the name of Hargreave, whom he had insulted and injured in every manner, whom he had relentlessly pursued with vindictive vengeance, and assailed with every epithet of contempt and obloquy. Language utterly fails to picture the petrification which the discovery produced in O'Brady's mind; but in the universal excitement of welcome no one noticed his dismay, and while the scene was being described was taking place by the side of the carriage, he slunk away behind a pillar, that he might be out of sight.

There were other two who crept into a similar concealment, from quite different feelings. These were Michael Cushaleen and his son Terry. Overwhelmed by consternation at finding that their friend Hargreave was no longer an artist, but their young landlord, they could not appear before him, but ran to hide their rushing emotions behind the pillars.

The last to descend from the carriage was the man in the rumble. No one seemed to recognize him, and he sat a composed but interested spectator of the strange exciting scene. Left entirely to himself, he was free to look calmly about him and notice the various sensational features of it as they were developed. Then, when Fergus and Mary were ascending the steps, he thought it time to alight, and did so, quite leisurely, just as they disappeared within the great door.

The moment their figures became invisible Henry Asplin advanced to the front of the portico, and pointing to a large open window above, which was furnished with a balcony, told the people that, in a little time, Mr. Ormond would appear there and address them. This information was received with much interest and delight, and the crowd gathered into small knots to converse about the strange things that had turned out.

The stranger who had descended from the rumble summoned to the end of the portico, and came upon Michael and Terry.

"Well, hoo's a' w'ye?" he exclaimed. "Hae ye nae word o' welcome for an auld friend?"

"Oh, Mither Donaldson!" gasped Michael. "The events ur this blessed day have almost turned me brain."

"Shake me, father, darlin'!" exclaimed Terry. "Just be after givin' me a good thunderrin' shake, that I may find out if it's not a dhrame?"

"Deil a dream is't ava," cried Andrew with a loud laugh. "Didn't I aye tell ye that Maister Hargreave wad gie ye a surprise some day. Dod, but this day's sight bates a'." "I never saw the like o't in my life. It's worth the adventures we went through, Terry, up by at Captain Jack's cave."

Terry gave a leap as if some one had shot him. His eyes and mouth opened to their fullest extent, and he struck his thigh with his open palm, exclaimed—

yourselves. I know I was rude and unjust, but it was your own blames. If you say puss had told you your lover was, do you think I would have made any objection?"

"I did not know who he was till the moment of our flight," she answered.

"No," cried Fergus. "I am proud to say that I was her love when she thought me a poor wandering artist. But, on the very night I was seized and carried to the mountains I meant to tell her my true name and station. Likewise, as you sir, must remember, I tried again and again to reveal myself in the chapel, but you would not hear me."

"Yes, yes, I remember; but why did you come in a false character at all? Why did you deceive anybody? Didn't you know that every true man in the valley would be proud and happy to welcome the son of the noble Col. Ormond?"

"I did not doubt it," returned Fergus; "but I wanted to see things as they really were, and judge if I would like to reside at Dundarra. Chiefly did I want to find out if O'Brady did justly and fairly by the tenants, and I knew I could but learn these things by appearing incognito. I am very glad I did so, for I have discovered that O'Brady is an unprincipled scoundrel!"

"Ha! so he is," cried the Squire, "and I have no doubt it was from a bad motive he got me to make a will. But I'll burn it this very day. Come, Mary, my darling, give me another kiss. Oh what a happy old man this day has made me!"

Fergus went softly to the adjoining room, where Henry was, and desired him to go out and bring Michael and Terry, which he did, as we related at the close of the last chapter.

They were conducted to the library, at the end of which stood the youthful owner of Dundarra, with the smiling, happy Mary by his side, and Squire Kendal, perhaps the happiest of the three, seated near them in a great leather covered chair.

Terry and his father stood on the threshold in bashful confusion, from which they were a little relieved by Dash, who left his master's side and came towards them with every demonstration of joy and affection.

"Ha! Michael—Terry," exclaimed Fergus advancing to where they stood. "My true and faithful friends, where is your hands?—Why don't you welcome me?"

"Maybe yer honour would be after givin' us yer pardon," stammered Michael.

"Pardon—for what?" asked Fergus in surprise.

"For threatenin' ye just like one of ourselves," answered Michael.

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Table with financial data including gold prices and exchange rates.

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SALE OF LAND.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the Court of Chancery, dated the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1866, and of a Final Order of Sale, dated the 2nd day of November instant, made in a cause of

Stewart vs. Kingsmill, depending in said Court, the following property will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, MR. WILLIAM C. BAINE, Auctioneer, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph,

On Wednesday, 11th Dec., 1867. At the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, in 103 parcels, the following lands and premises, situate in the Town of Guelph aforesaid.

Parcel Number One. Will consist of subdivision Lots 101 and 102. There is a stone cottage on this property containing four rooms, also good fruit and out-buildings, and a yard and garden.

Parcel Number Two. Will consist of subdivision Lots 99 and 100. There is a rough-cast cottage on this property containing four rooms, also frame out-buildings and a yard and garden.

Parcel Number Three. Will consist of subdivision Lots 29 and 30. There is a frame house on this property containing four rooms, also frame out-buildings. The premises are occupied by Mr. Quinn.

Parcel Number Four. Will consist of subdivision Lots numbers 63 and 65. There is a frame house on this property containing three rooms, also frame out-buildings. The premises are occupied by Mr. Pringle as a monthly tenant, at \$1.50 per month.

Parcel Number Five. Will consist of subdivision Lots numbers 41 and 43. There is a stone cottage on these premises containing four rooms, also frame out-buildings. These premises are occupied by Mr. Jenny.

Parcel Number Six. Will consist of subdivision Lots 53 and 54. There are two frame houses on this property containing four rooms each, also frame out-buildings and a yard. One of the houses is at present occupied by Mr. James McDonald, the other is unoccupied.

Parcel Number Seven. Will consist of subdivision Lots 104, 106, 107, and 108. There is a rough-cast cottage on this property containing six rooms, also a frame barn and outbuildings, together with a good yard and orchard. The premises are in the occupation of George Bruce, senr.

Parcel Number Eight. Will consist of subdivision Lot 105. There is a rough-cast cottage on this Lot containing four rooms, also frame out-buildings. These premises are occupied by Mr. Daly, as a monthly tenant, at \$3.25 per month.

Parcel Number Nine. Will consist of subdivision Lot 103. There is a rough-cast cottage on this Lot containing four rooms, also frame out-buildings. These premises are occupied by Mr. Daly, as a monthly tenant, at \$3.25 per month.

Parcel Number Ten. Will consist of subdivision Lots 81, 82, 88 and 84. There is a frame house on Lot 84, containing five rooms, also frame out-buildings, and the whole are enclosed by a fence. The premises are occupied by Mr. Tyson, as a monthly tenant at \$4.00 per month. Upset price \$400.

Parcel Number Eleven. Will consist of subdivision Lot No. 128, in rear of the residence of John L. Lewis, Esq., containing one acre and 88-100ths of an acre more or less. There is a frame slaughter-house on this property, and the lot is enclosed with a board fence. Upset price, \$100.

Parcels Twelve to One Hundred and Two Inclusive. Will consist of the remaining 91 subdivision lots, which will be put up singly. These lots are unimproved, but Nos. 28 and 44 are fenced. Lots 1 to 1 inclusive, and 69 to 70 inclusive, contain 244 perches each. Lots 8 to 68 inclusive, and 77 to 108 inclusive, contain one-fifth of an acre each. Lot 128 contains 3 1/2 perches. The lots fronting on the Edinburgh and Paisley roads respectively will be put up at an upset price of \$20 each. The lots on both sides of Merton and Melville streets, and the south side of Mercer Street, (all east of Bagot street) will be put up at an upset price of \$40 each, and all the remaining lots at an upset price of \$30 each.