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To Our Patrons.

We have received a great number of notices from our patrons, complimenting us on the fine are pearance of the Fran Parss since would come and settle at once. We are doing all in our power to furhish our readers with a good news paper, but we must have money to do it with. We deal honorably and squarely with others, and pay as we go, and would like to receive the same from them.

THE ELECTIONS.

The greatest expitement prevailed throughout the whole Village on most energetic efforts were put forth by the candidates and their friends to secure their election. The interest mostly centered in the election of the Reeve. Both Mr. Storey and Mr. McGervin, together with their friends, worked hard in their behalf. It was as which had no X on for Rowe, gregation at Ballmafad. They which shows that they considered would call attention to the fact and wanted to act neutral.

At five o'clock the poll closed, of that Presbytery, all the members not made until about seven o'clock, tiens within the bounds of the number of bets were made. When the Presbytery of Toronto as unthe returns were read out it was friendly, and an infringement upon found that the votes cast for the their rights, and complained to the respective candidates were as Synod." It was agreed to grant the town for the purpose of dispes follows :-

W. H. Storey, ... Dr. McGarvin, ..

J. H. Smith,

Eli Snyder, The elected candidates are-REEVE-W. H. Storey. Cotacillors - Coates, Hill.

COUNCILLORS.

Speight, and Smith. It will be seen by the above cil for the present year. Every one of the members of the new Council are energetic and business like men, and are men of good common sense. We are sure they will be worthy of the confidence placed in them by the electors By saying this, we do not mean to say that the retiring Council were not as good, as we are sure they. have proved themselves amply qualified for the position. There are, doubtless, minor points upor which individual electors object to their policy, but we believe it has been calculated generally to promote the common good.

ESQUESING. Reeve-W. Clay, (by acclama-First Deputy Reeve-W. McEnery. Second: Deputy Reeve -John Lindsay. Councillors-R. Graham, J. H. Shortreed.

NASSAGAWEYA. Reeve-John Runsay, (re-elec ed by acclamation). Deput Reeve-James Menzies, (re-electe by acclamation). Councillors-I Wheelighan, D. Hutcheon, W.

MILTON. Mayor-G. Smith. TORONTO. Mayor-Angus Morrison

GUELPH. Mayor-Geo, Howard (elected acclamation). First Deputy Reeve George Sleeman. Deputy Recve -- Rich. / Mitchell. Third Deputy Reeve - Caleb Chare. Councillors Bruce, Gowdy, Mc Guire, Melvin, Doran, Chubo, Da Roche, Gauhan, Biscoe, Hearn and

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

for those purposes being \$630.36. The Prestytery of Guelph met All the schools report the use of in Knox Churck, Acton, according to appointment, on the secon it has come under our control, for Tuesday of January. The names point whether attendance on the which we thank them. Compli of members present were put upon Bi de Class should be returned as I ments go a great way in cacouraging record. The minutes of former an editor, but it will not support meetings were read and sustained. him. It is a well known fact that Commissions of Ruling Elders to on Re olutions for their considerait takes a great amount of money represent them were read from the to ran a newspaper, and we would Kirk Syssions of First Church, like if those who are in arrears | Eramosa, Erin, and East Puslinch. It was agreed that the considera-God," was introduced by the Rev tion of Remits from the General Dr. McKay, of Duff's Church, East Assembly be deferred till next; Puslinch, in an interesting paper. meeting. A committee, composed Some remarks on the same subject of Mr. Torrance, convenor, Mr. J. were made by Mr. Alex. Cranston. C. Smith, and Mr. Thos. McCrae, After giving an hour, the time allotted to the discussion of this was appointed to consider the point, the next subject was taken Remit on Ecclesiastical Procedure and report. A claim from the congregation of Rockwood, for which was introduced by the Rev. help from the Home Mission Fund-D. Smyth, who had to take the was presented, and the Presbytery slace of the Pev. J. K. Smith, directed the matter to be submit-Galt, who was unable to attend ted to the Committee, with a full and Mr. Charles Davidson. statement of facts, some of which marks from delegates present occu-Monday, over the election. The have now edme to the knowledge pied the time till the hour of ad ournment, at 1 o'clock. of the Presbytery for the first time. A reference for advice from the o'clock, and was opened with de Kirk Session of Knox Church, votional exercises. The chie Acton, and a question from the feature of the meeting was the Session at Erin of the same charlarge gathering of Sabbath School children, who were addressed by acter, were under consideration for tho Rev. A. M. Hamilton, Rev. J some time, and the mind of the B. Mullen, and Mr. Thomas Presbytery ascertained. A minute McCrae. A general discussion on was read from the Presbytery of we expected—a pretty close run Toronto, to the effect that they had Psalms, and Hymns in Sabbath cases in which sweetness is preferbetween the two. During the proceeded to organize a congregation Schools was opened by the Rev. former part of the week the ma- at Ballinafud. After lengthened W. S. Ball, who was followed by jority of people were confident deliberation, the following motion mittee on Resolutions was then that Mr. Storey would go in with was unanimously adopted : "That Preceived and adopted. A collection a sweeping majority, and bets this Presbytery, having heard read was taken up, and the doxology were made to that effect; but on the minute of the Presbytery of was sung, after which the Rev. election day things seemed to Toronto, express their regret that Mr. Torrance pronounced the bene change and it was cloub:ful which said Presbytery had proceeded with of the two would win. There what appears to them undue haste were quite a number of the ballots in det maining to organize a con-

arrangements were made for regu-

ral funds under charge of the

Presbytery. Mr. Smellie reported

from the Committee appointed to

make arrangements for a Confer-

ence on the state of Religion, con-

which were adopted. Reports

gates appointed to hold missionary

meetings, were given in by those

present and received. Mr. J. C.

sed their satisfaction with the

statements made, the importance

of the subject and the duty of ex-

horting congregations to a more

liberal support of these institutions.

second Tuesday of March, at ten

PRESETTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOL

In the evening the Presbytery

An excellent and appropriate ser-

non was preached by the Rev. J.

f his remarks Deut. vi. 7 and

ext morning at ten o'clock.

The Conference opened on Wed-

Smith, who took for the ground

o'clock, forenoon.

70 lar Sabbath supply till nest meet-

131 was spent on the state of the seve-

Stubbing Affray.

Schools in the bounds. From returns received from these it appears

ed that 21 se'wols had went in

replies to the circulars issued, giv-

ing 2,699 names on the rolls as

who e year, and five between a

and eight months. Total number

of volumes in libraries, 8,030

Hymns and psalms are used in all

the schools, Nearly all contribute

to missions, the sum contributed

The Marrie Says that on Sporlay evening last a young man one as fit for Reeve as the other, that while that congregation has about twenty-eight years of age, son of Mr. Wm. Patterson, of the been organized within the bounds West End, Guelph Township, was stabbed by en old man usually and a large crowd assembled in of which it is to be composed at known as "Rory" McCrae, and the front of Matthews Hall to hear the commencement are taken all injuries are of such a nature that, the returns. The teturns were most exclusively from congrega, as yet, it is impossible to tel whether they will prove fatal or and during these two hours the Presbytery of Guelph. They very serious condition. The affair excitement ran high, and a great | would protest against the action of | took place at Lillie's Hotel, on the | tress, met a rival, who was some

the application from certain pering axe handles, which he manufacsons at Drayton for preaching, and tures. On Saturday he was in-Guelph, and he, as usual, drauk onsiderably during the day. To wards evening he proceeded up as ing in March. Considerable time far as Lillie's Hotel, where he called for liquor. This, it is said, he was refused, and after some young fellows who were present, had chassed him he left for the Junction Hotel to get liquor there. is also said that lignor was refused him there, and he returned to Lillie's, a little after eight o'clock.

taining certain recommendations Patterson, who is the victim of the unfortunate affair, and a highly from ministers, appointed to preach respectable young man, had been missionary sermons, and of delethreshing during the day, and called at the post office. When McCrae returned to Lillie's, several oung men who were there, seeing that he was the worse of liquor, Smith addressed the Presbytery on appeared to think he was a legitithe subject of Knox and Queen's mate object for fun, and commenc-Colleges. The Presbytery expresobserving that McCrae was getting is subject to fits of insanity. very engry, and doubtless thinking that he should not be teased, went Several matters of minor import-Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the tack which held the knife and foots up to over \$3,0000,000. stabled him in the lower part of abdomen, with an upward stroke,

Patterson fell, exclaiming, "I am In an instant all was confusion. and while some assisted Patterson to a couch in the hotel; one of the party was despatched post haste to Guelph for a doctor.

Dr. Brock's services were first secured and on bis arrival, seeing Mark x. 13. After public worship, how dangerously wounded the Jouference then a ljourned, to meet | in length at the surface.

salay morning at 10 o'clock. covery. careful report on the Subbath to escape.

Pen and Scissor Selects. Pressing business -- Cider-making The Ontario Car Works, of

ondon have resumed work. Quebec intends to give a school pupils; 273 teachers, of whom 247 vere communicants. Of the schools, exhibition at the Paris Exposition. 6 vere kept open during the

> cardine, Ams fallen in possession \$10,000 from the old country. goods house stole over \$400 in less than six weeks. He was

Thirty Texas papers have died the Shorter Catechism. A length- within the past twelve months, and and conversation took place upon sixty new ones sprang into existthe report, especially upon the lence during the same time. Conductor Carter, on the W. G.

ommitted. Ultimately, the mat-ter was referred to the Committee bandsom; gold ring as a token of carrier. With the assistance of a A detective named Benner, who At 11 o'clock the subject, " Tho has been operating in Grey, has

Relation of Parents to the Subbath had another charge of perjury pre-School, and the daty of bringing ferred against him, and has been up their children in the fear of committed for trial. infracting the Dunkin Act. Four three o'clock in the afternoon. also in Napanee paid in over \$200

for their lawless vending. of age, daughter of Geo. Bulley, of up, viz: "Duties of Superintend Amberley, drank a mouthful of the whole tannery from destruction ents and Sabbath School Teachers," | boiling water from a teakertle on | tion. The loss will not amount to the stove, and died four hours over a few dollars. J. C. Smith, followed by the Rev. after.

> A car load with nitre glycerine at Marquette, Mich.; exploded on the 2nd inst., blowing seven men almost to atoms and lifting a loco-

The total grain shipments from The Conference met again at Belleville, Ont., for the past season, were 586,417 bashels, an increase of 100,000 bushels over last year. All but 60,000 bushels went to

" Madam," said an impertment boarder to his landlady, "your butter is too aristocratic for my the use of the Shorter Catechism, Idemocratic taste. It is one of t

services on Sanday morning.

Mr. W. A. Foster, solicitor for Mr. James Beatty of the Lender, has tited a bill in Chancery against , the conversion of Toronto, for the resource of \$1,500, which he claims for the non-tainiment of a con-

child, a few weeks old, whose head on opening it discovered the dead and countenance resembles that, of body of a new born male child. The a calf, and it is said to testify de- body was handed over to Coroner light by clapping its hands when Hyde, and a post mortem being trought into the neighborhood of held the decter was of opinion that cows. It is a most singular freak the child had been been alive and

A young man visiting his mis from suffication or starvation. what advanced in years, and, wish McCrae is a character well ing to rally him, inquired how old known in Guelph, from the fact he was. "I can't exactly tell that he makes periodical visits to replied the other; "but I can it form you that an ass is older 20 than a man at 60."

> kerton Telescope, has been decided in favor of the defendants. The suit was brought by the plaintiff, certain sum of money which he claimed to have in the business.

The tallest man in the United States is probably Henry Thurston, a native of Missouri, now residing aree Reform Club, and the quick in Titus county, Tex., and formerly a confederate soldier, who stands formatory working of the town. seven feet and six inches in his bare feet. Barnum offered him a large sum to join his exhibition, few days ago a detective of the

Josoph Cafe, an Italian cabinet started the machinery, and put ed teasing him. At this time Mc they were chopped to pieces. Sur- watch the father. The son did so, geons amputed his arms, but the and traced the father to a house was cutting tobacco. Patterson chance of his life is small. Cafe

The money stolen in the United up to him and putting his hand on States during the past four yearshis shoulder said, "Rory, come beginning at a period just prior to along with me," intending to take the panic of 1873-by reason of ance were considered, which space him away from the crowd. Mc- defalcation, embezzlements, and forbids us noticing. The next Crae misinterpreting the action breaches of trust on the part of if her liege lord was there. On meeting was fixed to be held in and considering that Patterson (city and county officials, bank meant to tease him, drew his hand officers, executors of estates, &c.,

> l'exclaimed. "Pasha!" . replied a he slipped down with his boots in friends were becoming In-Sultan received has not transpired, but it

A singular accident occurred on for .- London Advertiser. Messrs. D. Smyth, H. H. McPher- young man was, sent after Dr. Friday last in the blacksmith shop on and Robert Simpson were ap- Herod. They found the wound to of Ranton & Beat, Pilkington. pointed a Committee on Resolu- be a very ugly one, with a portion young man, named Hedley, was ions. It was agreed that the sub- of the covering of the stomach standing with half a pound of gunget to be taken up at four o'clock protruding. This was with some powder in his coat pocket, near to of incendiraism. There were eighin Wednesday afternoon be omit- difficulty replaced and the wound an anvil on which a workman was teen fires in that city within the ed from the programme. The was found to be nearly two inches hammering a piece of hot iron, a past three weeks, and many of them spark from which entered the are supposed to have been the work It is yet impossible to say what pocket, burnt through the paper of incendiaries. chances the young man has for re- and caused the powder to explode, A hole was made in the cont, and ofter devotional exercises, Mr. A. | McCrae has not been arrested as the young man's pants were singed

jury resulted from the explosion.

NARRON ESCAPE

Bear dmore's Tannery Nearly on Pire.

Last night, about fifteen minutes Mr. Chas. Peroberton, of Kir. after ten o'clock the citizens of this Village were startled by the alarm of fire. Those who first gave the A Hamilton cash boy it a dry [alarm stated that the large tannery, belonging to Mr. Bardmore, was n flames, but on proceeding to the place no signs of any fice could be scertained for some time. It was at last discovered that the leach house in connection with the tan; nery was filled with smoke, and on part of the Sabbath School, or & B. line was lately presented by going inside it was found that the number of persons who were pre sent and a plentiful supply of water the fire was soon extinguished. The cause of the lire cannot be ascertained as there had been Five Brantford tavern-keepers | no work done nor mechinery in have each paid \$25 and costs for operation in this department since Hed the fire got its own way for five minutes longer there would A little girl, about three years have been no possibility of saving

> On the 21st ult, an old man amed George Irwin, aged 92 rears, was fatally scalded. Ife remotive and throwing is bodily sided with his son-in-law Joseph Alton, at Lucknow, and on the day in question he was sitting beside he stove. In rising to his feet he eized hold of a boiler of hot water o steady himself, and accidentally pulled it over, scalding himself in fearful manner. He lingered for week before dying.

PRESENTATION AT ROCKWOOD .-On New Year's Ever Mrs. White and Mrs. Mitchie, of Rockwood, called at the Presbyterian manse and, in the name of the ladies of The Dandas, Ont., True Bunner, the congregation, presented their is a bold Reformer. It proposes pastor, the Rev. Donald Strachan, an Early Rising Association, have with the sum of twenty-five dollars ing for its alternate object the as a New Year's gift. Mr. Strachan establishing of early church briefly returned thanks for this and other tokens of kinoness received by him since his settlement in

Another infanticide case has come to light in Stratford. A few lays ago a . Mrs. Elward Welsh and daughter while near the railway bridge picked up a parcel which In Guelph there is at present a [was laying alongside the road and from appearances it had either died

A grand farewell banquet was held in the Town Hall, Dundas, on Thursday evening in honor of Rev. E. Haskell, and closing most successful series of Gospel Temperance meetings. These have been held nightly for twenty-two The case of Ross vs. Eby & evenings, resulting in such a mar-Rittinger, proprietors of the Wal- vellous reformation as was never before known in that vicinity. Upwards of 600 have signed the pledge, including a large portion formerly a proprietor, to recover a of the moderate and excessive drinkers in the town. One liquor store has given up the traffic, and two more are now to do so. The result is a fully organized Temper-

A DETECTIVE DETECTED .- Some Hamilton G. W. R. force announced to the wife of his bosom that he had to pay a visit to Lonmaker, went into a planing mill. don. His undonbtedly better half at Providence, R. I., on Friday, said nothing, but having had occasion of late to suspect the fidelity both hands upon the knives, where of her lord, deputed her son to on James street, where it appears a lady friend of the detective from Drummondville resided. The boy went and told his " Ma." Thenleft her residence on John street. quickly hit the other hidy in the eye and ran upstairs. During the He had enjoyed the festive holi- delinquent upstairs had time to days thoroughly. "Oh, Czar! I partly attire himself, and there feel like forty loaded Kars," he being, fortunately, a back staircase, friend, "Servio right for Russian his hand, and away over the old into Turkey so. Take some Port(x), graveyard to his residence, where it will cure your India-gestion." The arrived before his infuriated He walked off muttering that even helpmate. The curtain-lecture he is cortain that the police were sent

A lad named Stoneman has been

The Customs Revenue at Halifax for last year exceeds that of the Jampbell read a very elaborate and yet, but he has made no attempt on the one leg, but no further in previous year by over \$100,000, or more than eleven per cent.

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