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Business Directory. W. H. LOWRY, M. B., M. C. P. S., Graduate of Trinity College, Member of College of Physicians, Surgeons, Office and residence, at the head of Front Street, Acton.

Surveyor JOHN DAVIS, P.E.O. Surveyor and Land Surveyor, Civil Engineer and Draftsman, of Guelph, is prepared to attend to all surveys in Guelph and vicinity. Orders left at J. E. McGarvey's Drug Store, Acton, will be promptly attended to.

Quebec Street Guelph. QUEBEC STREET GUELPH. QUEBEC STREET GUELPH. QUEBEC STREET GUELPH. QUEBEC STREET GUELPH.

ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL, ACTON. J. Campbell, Proprietor. Mr. Campbell, Proprietor, has the honor to announce that the Royal Exchange Hotel, near G. T. B. Station, takes pleasure in announcing to his many old friends and patrons that he has recently purchased and refitted the Royal Exchange in the best and most comfortable style, and is prepared to accommodate all who favor him in the most comfortable manner. Choice Wines, Liquors, Cigars and cool summer-drinks always in stock. Stable in charge of the public is respectfully solicited, and no effort will be spared to give the very best attention.

CASH FOR SKINS. I am prepared to pay the highest cash price for Hides, Calveskins, Deer skins, Lamb and Sheep Skins, delivered at my January. Lace Leather consigned on hand. JAMES MOORE, Acton.

"We must have Bread," New Butcher Shop.

WM. FARR, MUTTON, SAUSAGE, POULTRY and Game in season, &c., and hoes by strict attention to business to secure a fair share of the patronage of the public. MEAT delivered every time to any part of the town.

Very Best Of Bread, BUNS, CAKES, PASTRY AND CONFECTIONERY, BREAD DELIVERED.

ICE CREAM PARLOR. We have now opened our Ice Cream Parlor, and will always be prepared to supply pure Ice Cream, Fruit Drinks, Fruit, &c. Ice Cream supplied by the quart if desired. A Call Solicited.

MANHOOD, HOW LOST, HOW RESTORED. No. 111 Streets, \$1.50 per Square. BILL SHUFFLE TO ORDER. TERMS CASH. PETER SAYERS.

NOW READY. Issued August 1st. American Newspaper Directory 1880. Price, Five Dollars.

Canada Loan & Savings Company. HAMILTON. Six Per Cent Interest paid on Deposits of \$5 and upwards.

ALBERT COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE, ONT. THE GARDNER SCHOOL. Affords excellent facilities for Elective Studies, preparation for Matriculation in Law, Medicine or Arts, or for Teachers' Examinations.

Wanted. An energetic house man to open a branch office of the new Magnet Telephone Co. in this and adjoining counties; small cash capital required to such a man this is an excellent opening for money making business. Address with stamp G. W. Foster, 125 and 127 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Whitewashing and Coloring. WM. NELSON, (CREWSON'S CORNERS). Prepared to do all kinds of WHITEWASHING and COLORING on the most perfect, and at reasonable rates.

Whitewashing and Coloring. F. S.—Clothing Cleaned & Renovated. W. NELSON.

What an Utopia this would be! If life were longer, And faith were stronger, If pleasure would bid—If care would see; If each were brother, To one another— Were bread plentiful, And faith demolished, Were slavery chained, and Freedom free; If all earth's troubles Collapsed like bubbles— What an Utopia this would be!—Ez.

A MIRROR. IN WHICH MANY PERSONS MAY SEE THEMSELVES REFLECTED. 'Albert, I wish you would let me have seventy-five cents.'

'I thought you had all the material on hand for that.' 'So I thought I had; but Mrs. Smith and Mr. Thompson both have a trouncing of bread upon their heads, and it looks very pretty. It is very fashionable, and it certainly adds much to the beauty of the dress.'

'I don't have many new dresses. I do certainly try to be as economical as I can.' 'It is a funny kind of economy, at all events. But if you must have it, I suppose you must.'

'What do you say to a game of billiards, Albert?' 'Good, I'm in for that!' 'And away went Albert to the billiard hall, where he had a glorious time with his friends. He liked billiards; it was a healthy, pretty game, and the keeper of the hall allowed no rough scuffs on his premises.'

'That's two and two,' cried Tom Piper. 'What do you say to playing dominoes, Albert?' 'All right, go on,' said Albert, full of animation. 'And so they played the fifth game, and he who lost was to pay for the five games. It was an exciting contest. Both made capital runs, but in the end Albert was beaten three points; and with a little laugh he went up to settle the bill. Five games, twenty cents a game—just one dollar. Not much for such sport; and he paid out the money with a grace, and never once seeming to feel that he could not afford it.'

'Have a cigar?' said Tom. 'Yes.' They lighted their cigars, and then scattered down the hall to watch other play. Albert soon found himself seated over against a table at which some of his friends were playing, and close by stood two gentlemen, strangers to him, one of whom was explaining to the other the mysteries of the game. 'It is a healthy pastime,' said he who had been making the explanation; 'and certainly it is one which has no evil tendency.'

Albert heard the remarks very plainly, and he had a curiosity to hear what the other, who seemed unacquainted with billiards, would say. 'I cannot, of course, assert that any game which calls for skill and judgment, and which is free from the attendant curse of gaming, is of itself an evil,' remarked the second gentleman. 'Such things are only evil so far as they excite and stimulate men beyond the bounds of healthy recreation.'

'That result can scarcely follow such a game,' said the first speaker. 'But the other shook his head. 'You are wrong here. The result can follow in two ways: First, it can lead men away from their business; it can lead men to spend money, who have not money to spend. Whenever I visit a place of this kind, I am led to reflect upon a most strange and prominent weakness of humanity as developed in our sex. For instance, observe that young man who is just settling his bill at the desk. He looks like a mechanic, and I should say from his manner, and from the fact that he feels it his duty to go home at this hour, that he has a wife and children. I see by his face that he is kind-hearted and generous, and I should judge that he means to do as near right as he can. He has been beaten and pays one dollar and forty cents for the recreation of some two hours' duration. If you observe you will see that he pays it freely, and pockets the loss with a smile. Pity faculty! But how do you suppose it is in the young man's home? Suppose his wife had come to him this morning and asked him for a dollar to spend for some trifling thing—some household ornaments, or some bits of jewellery to adorn her person—and suppose his little child had put in a plea at forty cents to buy a paper and picture book with, what do you think he would have answered? Of fifty cents just like him, would not forty and five have declared that they had not money to spare for any such purpose? And moreover, they would have said so, feeling that they were telling the truth. Am I not right?'

'Upon my soul,' responded the man who understood billiards, 'you speak to the point. I know that young man who has paid his bill, and you have not misjudged him in a single particular. And what is more, I happen to have a fact at hand to illustrate your charge. We have a club for an excellent literary paper in our village, and last year that man was one of our subscribers. This year he felt obliged to discontinue it. His wife was very anxious to take it, for it had become a genial companion in leisure moments, but he could not afford it. The club-rate was one dollar and fifty cents a year.'

'As, and so it goes,' said the other gentleman. 'Well, that man's wife may be wishing this very moment that she had her paper to read, while he is paying almost its full price for a year for what? And yet how smilingly he does it. Ah! those poor, sympathizing wives! How many clouds often darken upon them from the brows of their husbands when they ask for trifling sums of money, and how grudgingly the money is handed over when it is given! What perfect floods of joy that dollar and forty cents might have poured upon the children of that unsuccessful billiard player. Ah! it is well for such wives and children that they do not know where the money all goes.'

They had finished at the nearest table. The two gentlemen moved on, and Albert Landman arose from his seat and left the house. Never before had he such thoughts as now possessed him; he had never dwelt upon the same grouping of ideas. That very morning his own true, faithful, loving wife had been sad and heart-sick because he had harshly and unkindly met her request for a small sum of money. And his sweet Lizzie had crept away to her home almost broken-hearted for the want of a simple toy, such as her mates possessed. And yet the sum of both their wants amounted to not so much as he had paid away that evening for billiard playing. 'Albert Landman wanted to be an honest husband and father, and his lesson was not lost upon him. On his way home he stopped at Mr. Grant's and purchased the best and prettiest hoop to be found, with driving-stick painted red, white and blue, and in the morning, when he beheld his child's delight, and had received her grateful happy kiss, the question came, to his mind! The hoop cost thirty cents. He could play two games of billiards less, and be the absolute gainer of ten cents by the pleasant operation. A few mornings after this, as Albert rose from the breakfast table he detected an uneasy watchful look upon his wife's face. 'Kate, what is it?' 'Albert, could you spare me half a dollar this morning?' 'Come the wallet, and the money was handed over, with a warm, genial smile. 'What! Tears at that! Was it possible he had been so little used to such success on his part that so simple a act of loving kindness thus affected her? How many games of billiards would be required to secure such satisfaction as Albert Landman carried with him that morning to the shop? A very simple lesson, is it not? But how many may gain lasting profit by giving heed to the lesson!—Ez.

NASSAGAWEYA EXHIBITION.

On Tuesday Oct. 6th the annual Agricultural show of the township of Nassagaweya was held in the village of Brookville. The day was delightfully fine, and in the forenoon all were busy and bustling getting the articles placed in position, and while the judging was going on a large number of the residents of the township assembled on the ground, and by two o'clock the place presented a very animated scene. The doors of the hall were opened about three o'clock, when there was a general rush to see who had taken the prizes. The exhibition both in the hall and outside was good, and taken altogether, fully equal to any previous show. As usual, for Nassagaweya the exhibit of butter was large and of excellent quality. The show of ladies work was very good, and as on former occasions Mrs. A. Bell succeeded in carrying off the majority of prizes, Mr. W. Watson, president of the society made a fine exhibit, being a collection of farm produce. The show of fruit, was good; grain, roots, and vegetables were well represented. Mr. R. C. Cochrane of this village had on exhibition two very fine organs and a sewing machine. Mr. Crawford presided at the organ during the afternoon, and the music seemed to make everybody present feel more lively. Mr. C. W. Hill had put in a plea at forty cents to buy a paper and picture book with, what do you think he would have answered? Of fifty cents just like him, would not forty and five have declared that they had not money to spare for any such purpose? And moreover, they would have said so, feeling that they were telling the truth. Am I not right?'

PRIZE LIST.

HOGS.—Brood sows, M. Holmes, Jas. Hogan, W. Kitching, Hoise colt, R. Storey, W. Hayswood, J. Ramsay, Filly colt, J. Hogan, J. Holmes, A. Hinton. One year old gilt, J. Hogan, D. Scott, J. Reid. Gilding or entire, one year old, J. Wilson, T. Bowles. Two year old gilt, J. Kitching, D. Scott, J. Atkinson. Two year old gelding, W. Elliott, T. Wilson, D. McTavish. Filly or gelding, three years old, W. Elliott, A. B. T. Storey. Brood mare, T. Storey, D. McTavish, R. Atkins. Horse colt, J. Norris, Robert Atkins, D. McTavish. Filly colt, Thomas Storey, A. B. J. W. E. Harrison. One year old gilt, A. McTavish, Thos. Bowles, W. E. Harrison. Gelding or entire, one year old, W. Agnew, H. Stingle. Two year old gilt, lat and 2nd, Thos. Licker, M. McMillan. Two year old gelding, D. Barbaree, M. McMillan, F. Black. Filly or gelding, three years old, W. Watson. General purpose horses, Jas. Hume, Thos. Bowles, R. Black. Carriage horses, L. Watson, G. Simpson, T. Barbaree. Single horse, in harness, Jas. Watson, D. Morrison, L. Watson. Saddle horse, Jas. Watson, J. Smith, D. & W. Agnew. CATTLE.—Durham cow, with registered pedigree, R. & W. Thomas, Jas. Watson, Jas. Watson, Durham heifer, three years old, giving milk, R. & W. Thomas, J. Wilson, W. Holmes. Durham heifer, two years old, W. Watson. Durham heifer, one year old, R. & W. Thomas, R. & W. Thomas, Wm. Watson. Durham heifer calf of 1880, Robt. Atkins, Wm. Watson, D. Wilson. Bull calf of 1880, R. & W. Thomas, Jas. Watson, E. & W. Thomas. One year old bull, Wm. Watson, E. B. Campbell, J. Kitching. Bull two years old, R. & W. Thomas, John Atchison. Heed Durham cattle, R. & W. Thomas. Bull any age, Wm. Watson. Milch cow, grade or common, John Ramsay, J. Adamson, Jas. Watson. Three year old heifer, giving milk, G. Easterbrook, T. Wilson, Jas. Adamson. Two year old heifer, G. Stranger, G. Stranger, Jas. Watson. One year old heifer, D. Morrison, G. Stranger, Wm. Holmes. Heifer calf of 1880, Jas. Watson, J. Adamson, J. Adamson. Three year old steers in yoke, N. Norris, B. Wallace, J. McLaughlin. Yoke of steers, two years old, J. Adamson, G. Simpson, D. Storey. Working oxen in yoke, Thos. Bell, G. Simpson, W. Lodge. Fat best, G. Simpson, Jas. Norris. SIREN.—Cows.—Rain, two years old and upwards, R. Atkins, W. Watson, Ram lamb, Jas. Watson, R. & W. Thomas, W. H. Burrows. Pair ewes, two years old and upwards, R. Atkins, R. & W. Thomas, Jas. Watson. Pair shearing ewes, R. & W. Thomas, W. H. Burrows, Jas. Watson. Pair ewe lambs, lat and 2nd, R. & W. Thomas, J. Watson, Fat sheep, N. Norris, Geo. Easterbrook, P. Gould, Lutescens.—Ram, two years old and upwards, J. McPhedran, G. Simpson, Robt. Irving. Ram lamb, Robt.