



THE GUIDE.

Dundalk, November 1, 1877.

TO OUR READERS.

It is now over nine months since we commenced the publication of the *Guide*, and during that time we have labored early and late to make it a first-class local newspaper, but the return we have received has not been equal to the inducements held out to us in the commencement, and as we have several large payments to make within the present month, we shall be glad if those indebted to us, either by subscription to the *Guide*, or for job work and advertising, will please settle at once; and shall take it as a favor. As a further inducement to extend the circulation and usefulness of the *Guide*, we make the following

Very Liberal Offer:

We will give the *Guide* from the present date to the end of the year 1878 for ONE DOLLAR, cash.

At the commencement of 1878 we intend to make the subscription \$1.25 unless paid strictly in advance. For the past few weeks we have been late with the day of publication, but in the future: we expect to publish promptly on time.

COMPETITION AND CONNECTION

It is a fact well known that competition between railways has greatly increased within a few years. We can observe this in England, in the United States, and in Canada. Districts formerly without a railway now have their respective lines, and others that had one railway, have now two or more. The result is, of course, to confer extraordinary advantages on districts thus specially favored. We may remark that great through lines of traffic have already come pretty near practical perfection. The railways making connection between Chicago and the seaboard, including the Grand Trunk and the Great Western, together with the great fleet of ocean steamers and sailing ships upon the Atlantic, now form main lines of transportation, of capacity fully equal to all demands likely to be made upon them for many years to come.

But leaving the main lines, and taking a glance at this or the other district, a different reflection arises. We notice this important distinction, that whereas a district having complete connection with, and facilities of through shipment by the main lines, gets the full benefit that the main lines can confer upon it, a district without such complete connection is only partially benefited. To come at once to what we are driving at, if the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway was in first-class condition, and of the standard gauge, the district it serves would have all the benefit that the competition of the Grand Trunk, the Great Western, the New York Central, the Erie, and the other great roads, as also that of ocean shipping, could confer. At present, lacking the complete connection referred to, we have in a partial degree the benefit arising from the competition of the great through roads. The case resembles somewhat that of the common schools. If the section raises a hundred dollars, it gets as much more from the government; so that raising one hundred means having the good of two hundred. To get the full benefit of the heavy competition between the great railways, we must place our own local railway in complete connection with them. We submit the point to the intelligence of our people.

THE DUNDALK FAIR.

A number of first class buyers have promised to be present at the Fair to be held here next Tuesday. A number of farmers in this neighborhood have been anxious for some time past to see a good monthly fair established here, and we expect to see a large number of cattle, etc., offered for sale that day. Parties having horses, cattle, implements, or anything they wish to sell by auction, would do well to call at the Farmers' and Mechanics' Agency, next to McCulloch's Hotel, where they will find a good Auctioneer, willing to attend to and dispose of any article given into his care.

A WANT.

The granary near the passenger station here, is kept unoccupied, although several parties are eager to engage in buying grain in this village, if they had a place in which to store it. Now, this is a loss, not only to the village, but the Railway Company as well, as they lose the earnings for freight, as for want of a building although one is standing empty, grain is taken to other markets on different railroads.

THE WAR NEWS.

The Russians have captured several minor positions near Plevna. A despatch announces that Ismail Pasha has effected a junction with Mukhtar Pasha. Kars is invested by the Russians, and it is said the Russians have again appeared to the south of the Balkans.

Mr. Laurier, the Government candidate in Drummond and Arthabaska, has been defeated by Mr. Bourneau, the Conservative Candidate. The influence of the Quebec Local Government bribery, and corruption in every conceivable way was used against Mr. Laurier. The election is to be contested.

RAILWAY MEETING.—The Committee consisting of the Reeves of the various townships appointed at the Orangeville meeting to confer with the Directors of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, in order to devise means for bringing about the widening of the gauge of the Railway, is called to meet at Toronto on Thursday, the 26th November.

Local and Other Items.

Fresh oysters at Mr. P. Whittle's
Snow.—Yesterday we had several snow storms, and this (Thursday) morning the ground is quite white. Ugh!

ESCAPE! LIGHT!—Who would be without a lamp after looking at the splendid assortment just arrived at the Dundalk Medical Hall?

Mr. Nicholson sold his farm, being lot 23, on the 13th concession of Collingwood, 100 acres, for \$6,000 sail to be the highest figure paid for a farm in the county of Grey.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A shooting match was held in Proton, on Tuesday of last week, with Mr. Neil McDonald and John McMurdy as captains, the former scoring 1518, and the latter 1125. Major for the former 988.

ANOTHER FARM SOLD.—Mr. J. C. Wilson has sold his farm in Melanchon, of 100 acres, about two and a half miles from Dundalk, to Mr. Glendenning, for \$1,400, through the Farmers' and Mechanics' Agency of Dundalk. A. G. Hunter gives satisfaction every time.

MR. THOMAS FALLS, hotel keeper at Grier ville, who was under sentence of imprisonment for the second offence of selling liquor last spring, was daring enough to go up to Owen Sound and, as said, defy the Inspector to imprison him. Mr. Pierce, the inspector, took him and lodged him in jail for eighty days.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF SPLENDID PICTURES, finished in the highest style of the art, and accompanied by a splendid steel engraving, from the Publishing House of George Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine. Any person wishing to earn a large salary, in an easy manner, should write to this Publishing House for an agency. See advertisement in another column.

CURIOSITY.—We have in our possession a petrified fish, which was found by Mr. T. Ellis on the lake shore in the centre of a large blue limestone. It is supposed to be of the rock sturgeon species, and measures about twenty inches in length. Mr. Ellis has left it with us for a few days for the inspection of the curious. Geologists and antiquarians take note.—*Meaford Monitor*.

ENERGETIC.—Messrs. Cross and Hicks have pushed up the building to be occupied by Mr. Deans, as a Hardware Store, with such rapidity that they have got the sheeting on the roof, and the first fine day it will be shingled. The building has a very imposing appearance. Mr. McDowell has got up the new building for his grist mill. Mr. P. McGregor is busy at work with a number of men clearing for his new Saw Mill. This is what we call push.

SAUGREN PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met at Balchava on Wednesday last and induced the Rev. Mr. McClung into the charge of the congregation at that place. Arrangements were also made for the induction of Rev. S. Young, at Clifford, on Wednesday, 7th November, at three o'clock p.m. Rev. Mr. Baikie, of Harriston, will preside and address the minister; Rev. Mr. McClung will preach, and Rev. Mr. Stewart, of McIntosh congregation, will address the people.

CONVICTION QUASHED.—An amendment to Crook's liquor law passed at the last session of the Legislature passed defendants in liquor prosecutions to give their evidence against themselves, and a number of convictions have thus been obtained. In a case recently appealed, Chief Justice Morrison decided that the Legislature had no power to make such a law, and quashed the conviction thus obtained. This decision of His Lordship will upset a number of convictions made all over the Province.

NEW TIME TABLE.—As will be seen by the new Time Table just issued by the T. G. & B. R. On and after the 5th inst., a regular accommodation train will leave Orangeville at 7 a.m. arriving at Dundalk at 9:05 and Owen Sound at 12 noon. Also a regular accommodation train will leave Owen Sound at 4:45 p.m., arriving at Dundalk at 8:12, at Orangeville at 10 p.m. The usual afternoon train is 35 minutes earlier at this station, and the morning train south half an hour, and the noon train north twenty-five minutes later. See adv. and time table in another column.

THE ILLICIT DISTILLERY CASE IN MARYBORO.—On Saturday morning John Stinson, who was implicated in the illicit distillery case in Maryboro, was brought before the Police Magistrate and Charles Davidson J.P., on two charges. The first was for being a party to illicit distillation of Maryboro', for which he was fined \$718. 90 costs, and to be distrained on his goods and chattels. The second charge was that he had in his possession certain articles used in the distillation of liquors. On this charge he was fined \$100 and about \$38 costs, and to remain in gaol until this amount was paid.—*Guelph Mercury*.

CHANGED HANDS.—We understand Mr. J. Middleton has sold his gristmill to Mr. Thos. Cloughley, of Mulmur, for the sum of \$5,500, possession to be given on the first day of December. Mr. Cloughley intends erecting a Merchant's Bolt in the mill at one time, putting in a fourth run of stones, and making other improvements, to enable him to do a profitable gristling and flouring trade. We are pleased to learn of these improvements, as the present capacity of the mill, though very considerable, is scarcely sufficient to satisfactorily perform all the work now offering, and which is certain to become considerably greater immediately. Since a change of ownership has occurred, it is a cause for congratulation that Mr. Middleton's successor is a gentleman of real moral worth, possessed of sufficient skill and means to satisfy us that his new business will be profitable to himself and satisfactory to the community.

A Guelph blacksmith who extended hospitality to a tramp, was awarded by having his watch stolen by the ungrateful wretch.

Ebenezer Tea-meeting.

The tea-meeting held at the Ebenezer appointment in aid of the Sunday School there on the evening of the 24th, proved in every respect a most decided success. The house was very comfortably filled with an appreciative people, as was plainly evident by the excellent conduct of all. A fact specially worthy of note, and which drew universal attention, was the supreme predominance of smiling faces and glowing cheeks of so many young folks which at once could not fail to strike all interested in Sunday School work as an omen of good for the future prospects of Ebenezer section. The meeting was opened by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Shaw, who nobly sustained the position, besides scattering timely seeds very becoming the occasion.

An anthem then followed by the choir, which was "put through" in good style. A reading by W. P. Rundell was handsomely received. Singing, "Ring The Bells of Heaven." Solo, duet and chorus, the solo by Miss S. A. Oldfield, Miss M. Rundell taking the alto in the duet, the choir bursting in on the chorus, was vociferously applauded. An address by the superintendent, Mr. Palmer, Scen., then followed, the sum of which tended to still maintain the "old school" style of teaching, which, I might say, resulted in the springing up of differences of opinion. An anthem by the choir, "I'll Wash my Hands in Innocency," consisting of dues by Mr. Oldfield and Mr. Cross. Chorus, solo by Miss Rundell; bass solo by Mr. Oldfield; duet by Messrs. Rundell and Palmer, jr., and chorus by the choir, was despatched with a skill and taste highly creditable to the performers. Mr. J. W. Morrow then took the platform, who spiritedly and forcibly upheld the cause which drew such an audience together. The programme then called for a dialogue, "The Four Seasons," which reflects credit on its selection, and which was splendidly rendered by five.

Mr. J. Townsend, of the *Guide*, Dundalk, then responded to the call of the chairman, and made excellent use of the time taken up. Anthem, "The Lord is King," was then sung by the choir, well meriting the up roar which instantly followed. Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Flesheron, then came forward and commanded the audience for about forty-five minutes, during which he did grand homage to the cause, pointing out with intense earnestness the importance of Sabbath School influence among the young, and held forth the necessity of parents supporting such means of everlasting bliss, with a zeal that highly honors the religious body in which the Rev. gentleman ranks so high. "Sound the Trumpet," a solo and chorus by the choir, was received with a gusto every way worthy the band of entertainers, Mr. Ritchie handling the solo with prepossessing ease and dexterity. Mr. W. P. Rundell presiding at the organ throughout the evening in his usual style. The programme being now gone through, the usual motion of thanks was put and lively responded to. The quality of edibles and tea, of which there was abundance and to spare, reflects the loftiest praise on the ladies of Ebenezer vicinity. The doxology and benediction then followed, which closed our first tea-meeting, which closed our first tea-meeting, the entertainment of which was immensely enjoyable to all. Yours truly,

BUTRUS.

Oct. 30, 1877.

For the *Guide*.

Prelections on Humbugs.

Webster defines humbug to be "deception under fair pretenses." Taking this definition as our guide, we find humbugs in all societies' trades and callings. We meet them at almost every corner, and, alast find them even in the various Churches; and certainly those that live and flourish in the House of God are the most contemptible of the whole host. The land of the Stars and the Stripes has been pointed to us as the very paradise of humbugs, and there they have flourished like "green bay tree," spreading their roots far and deep over that extensive land, and lately, by spacious advertisements in respectable Canadian papers, such as the *Globe* and *Western Advertiser*, have extended their traffic to this fair land of ours. Take as an example of the Yankee Humbug, what shall call the Chromo Humbug—Splend pictures—Works of Art worth from five to ten dollars, sent to any address for 25 or 50 cents; or rather, sent gratis, for the 25 cents is to pay postage and packing. This is the way to make money honestly? Some few orders are attended to, but how many Canadian 25 cents were sent to Cincinnati, for which the tenders received no value. Or take the "Pistol or Tramp's Terror" humbug, which a short time ago, came to life, flourished for a few weeks, and then gave up the ghost, in Chicago. But enough of brother Jonathan.

In future prelections we will look at "things nearer home," and take a view of the Political, Educational, and Grange humbugs. But first taking into consideration the time of the year, we will at no distant day "show up" the Municipal humbug. A vague impression prevails that humbugs are to be found in Agricultural Societies—that they are not confined to Proton Show. Perhaps they might be found in the one held at Dundalk. In the meantime, Peter Pepperpot will cogitate on this matter, and make his cogitations public through the *Guide*.

PETER PEPPEROT.

One morning last week an attempt was made to burn down a store on the Market square, Goderich.

The Grand River Division, No. 68, Sons of Temperance, Brantford, dedicated their new hall last Wednesday evening.

A new paper is to be started at Gore Bay on the Manitoulin Island, as an offshoot from the defunct Collingwood *Enterprise*.

The Northern Railway Company offer a reward of \$1,000 for the detection of the miscreant who has made attempts to wreck a train at the Kosseshebogamog River.

Proton Council.

The Municipal Council of the township of Proton, pursuant to adjournment, met in one of the rooms of the Ontario House, kept by Mr. Brown, in the village of Cedarville, on Tuesday the 23rd day of October, 1877, at 10 a.m. Members of the Council all present, J. J. Middleton, Esq., presiding. Minutes of previous session, held at Dundalk, were read and confirmed.

Communications from Co. Treasurer and others received and read over by the Clerk.

Moved by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Modeland, that this Council do now pass a By-law for the appointment of Andrew Stewart Collector for the year 1877.—Carried.

A By-law for Andrew Stewart appointed Collector of Rates of 1877, with Dep. Reeve in the chair, after going through the regular course of three readings, was passed signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law book, and numbered 164.

Moved by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Boyd, that the account for the interment of the late Malcolm MacArthur be approved to the extent of six dollars for coffin, and four dollars for other expenses, being ten dollars in all, and that the Reeve issue an order in favor of Mrs. McColl for the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Modeland, that the Reeve issue an order in favor of the Clerk for the sum of twenty-five dollars, quarters salary for the year 1877.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the sum of five dollars be made to aid in opening the 27th Side Road in the first con., as the same is impassable, on condition that the interested performer ten dollars gratis labor.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the sum of five dollars be given to repair bridges on the 10th Con., between the 27th and 37th Side Roads.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Modeland, that a grant of five dollars be made to aid in opening the 27th Side Road in the 3rd Con., provided parties interested give an equivalent gratis in work.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the sum of six dollars on the 22nd Side Road, lot 21, in the 7th Con., be equivalent for lack taxes on the said lot to be expended by the Commissioner of Due in No. One.—Carried.

JOHN VERT, Clerk
24th October, 1877.

The American Press and Lord Dufferin

The American press, with an exception yet to hear from, appears to have a very high opinion of the utterances of the Governor-General of Canada, as publicly delivered from time to time. The admiration is by no means misplaced, as Lord Dufferin has by his sensible manner of looking at and speaking of the relations between the two countries, done more to create a feeling of friendship between them than all the blatant speeches of demagogues on the other side of the lines, or of those on this side who can see nothing good in Americans. The following is from a leading article recently published in the *New York Herald*.—In concluding his speech Lord Dufferin dwelt briefly on the friendly relations he had found existing between Canada and the United States, "both organized corps in the ranks of humanity, and the wings of a great army marching in line on a level front: both engaged in advancing the Standards of civilization westward, and for many a year to come to be associated in the task of converting the broad prairie that stretches between them and the setting sun into one vast paradise of international peace, of domestic happiness and material plenty. As the natural and official guardian of Canadian virtue, he marked with perfect satisfaction her sentimental propensities towards her seductive neighbor, because she loved and admired him, frank affection with which a heartily stalwart maiden regards a big boisterous cousin fresh from school and slate with animal spirits and good nature. She admires him 's Lord Dufferin; for his bigness, strength, and prosperity; she likes to hear of his punching the heads of other boys; she anticipates and will be proud of his future success in life, and both like and laugh at him for his affectionate, loyal, though somewhat patronizing friendship for herself: not of a nearer connection does she dream, nor does his bulky image for a moment disturb her virgin meditations. This, we suspect, is really about the truth of the matter. Is it not a much more practical way of looking at the relations between the two countries than that of the Butlers and bowie-knife Potters on this side, or of the rabid American-haters of the other side of the line?

America may find a great deal worth thinking about in this last oration of Lord Dufferin's besides its spirit, its gracefulness and its literary finish.—*Guelph Mercury*.

ACCIDENT.—About two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon an accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway siding, near Williams street, London, which will probably result in loss of life. A young lad named Archie Fairbairn, aged fourteen years, while uncoupling cars for a brakeman, a friend of his, slipped, and was knocked beneath the cars, his right leg being severed below the knee, and the other so badly mangled that amputation is necessary. The lad is not expected to recover.

Up to the time the marriage took place this girl had nothing to eat since the Thursday, excepting a piece of biscuit and during the intervals terrible threats had been made in which bloodshed and poison were referred to. The oath which he had made her take, taking in conjunction with what she had been threatened, gave her to understand that the only thing she could do was to consent to marry him, and by so doing be taken back to her friends. What the reverend gentleman had said in his evidence there was no doubt about its truth but then the parties were strangers to him, and it would not be likely he would scrutinize them very closely.

On Thursday morning last the trial of Frederick Sturdy and Louisa Sturdy Found Guilty.

THE ELDER STURDY SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS, AND THE DAUGHTER TO TWO YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY.

On Thursday morning last the trial of Frederick Sturdy, his son Joseph, his daughter Louisa, and William Lowes, a painter charged with the abduction of Annie Mary niece of Sheriff Gow, commenced in the Court House, Guelph, before Mr. Justice Morrison, and continued until Saturday afternoon. The particulars of the case were published by us at the time. The trial morning last the trial of Frederick Sturdy, his son Joseph, his daughter Louisa, and William Lowes, a painter charged with the abduction of Annie Mary niece of Sheriff Gow, commenced in the Court House, Guelph, before Mr. Justice Morrison, and continued until Saturday afternoon. The particulars of the case were published by us at the time.

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