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October 29, 1867. daw-4f.

FURS,

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WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods,

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

F. GARLAND, Market Square, GUELPH.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. 83d w732

Excellent Farm

For Sale in Eramosa.

FOR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 25, 3rd Concession, Eramosa.

One Hundred Acres!

with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good

Two Storey Stone House

containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house.

The building is nearly new. There is also a large FRAME HAIN 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

THE RED MILL.

GRISTING & CHOPPING

THE Subscriber begs to inform the farmers and the public that his Mill on the Waterloo Road is now in running order, and that he is prepared to do Gristing and Chopping on short notice

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GEORGE BALKWILL.

October 24, 1867. 2

AUCTION SALE

OF LAND IN ERIN.

FOR sale that farm, being composed of part of Lot number 24, in the 9th Concession in Erin, containing by admeasurement 20 acres, of the same more or less, being the south corner, sitting on the 8th Line; also, 12 acres of the east corner of Lot 24, in the 8th Concession in Erin, all of which will be sold by public auction, on

Thursday, 2nd January, 1868,

at 3 o'clock p. m., in Hillsburg, opposite Samuel Leeson's hotel. Title indisputable. Terms cash. Hillsburg, 4th Dec, 1867. wd

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also Straw for beds

TERMS CASH.

JOHN WEST.

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

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THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.—Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample of work, or terms, address

J. E. SPAFFORD, P. O. Box 459, Toronto

Reference—Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O., or Box 459, Toronto

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FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw-4f

REMOVAL.

Military Tailor

J. JONES,

Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment,

begs to inform his customers and the public that he has removed from Nottingham-st. to Upper Wyndham-st., next door to Hazelton's Furniture Store, where he will be happy to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilian's Clothing,

in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

Guelph, 24th Nov, 1867. d3w

CORDWOOD for SALE

IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at

BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood yard.

ALEX. BROWN, Guelph, 25th November, 1867. d6m

Liverpool & London & Globe

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital Surplus & Reserved Funds \$16,271,675.

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THOS. W. SAUNDERS, Agent, Guelph, Guelph, Oct. 28, 1867. w713-186

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DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON,

Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

(Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.)

OFFICE:

Over Mr. Higinbotham's Drug Store

REFERENCES.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pettullo, M. M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton; Dr. Barnhart, Warden of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital. The new anæsthetic agents used for extracting teeth without pain.

R. TROTTER, W. K. GRAHAM, Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-17)

New Livery Stable.

HORSES FOR HIRE.

PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.

JOSEPH STRAHAN, Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. do-3m

Valuable Building Lots for Sale

IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Haskins, Esq., P. L. S.—There are two-fifths of an acre of land in two lots, and being close to the Discipline Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form excellent sites for building on. For terms apply to the Mercury Office, or (if by letter post-paid) to

DUNCAN ROBERTSON, Everton P. O. Guelph, Nov. 15th, 1867. wt

Wool, Hide and Leather

DEPOT,

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,

SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,

CONVEYANCERS, & C.

S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. O. O. FREEMAN,

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury.

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FRIDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 13.

Local News.

CHRISTMAS STORY.—See the commencement of our Christmas Story on fourth page of to-day's paper.

MASONIC.—The Masons of Milton intend to give a grand dinner on the 27th inst., St. John the Evangelist's Day, in the new Town Hall. Dancing after the repast.

CHOKED.—Mr. John Black, an old and much respected farmer of Nassagaweya, was choked last week by a piece of beef sticking in his throat, at Colclough's hotel, Kilbride.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Ashel Edmunds, of Maryboro', died in her chair on the afternoon of Sunday last. She had no premonition of approaching dissolution. Disease of the heart is said to have been the cause of death.

THE GARAFRAXA BY-LAW.—On Saturday, 21st day of December inst., the vote on the Garafraxa By-Law will be taken, granting aid to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway to the amount of \$20,000.

A HAMILTON CALCIFAFT.—It is reported that the individual who performed the honorable duty of assisting the murderer Allen to shuffle off his mortal coil, at Kingston, on Wednesday, was a resident of Hamilton, who proceeded thither for a consideration.

CHANGE OF NAME.—In consequence of a petition entrusted to Mr. Drew, to be laid before the Postmaster General, after the first of January next Wynford post-office will be known as Salem post office, and the old Salem office will be called Mount Salem.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the morning of Sunday the 8th inst., a little boy about six years of age, a son of Mr. James Byers, of the 4th concession of Peel, was running about close to one of his father's horses, when the animal kicked him on the head, fracturing the skull above the left temple, knocking out a piece of bone as large as a half dollar piece, so that a small portion of the brain protruded from the wound. Medical skill was unavailing, and the child died on Wednesday morning.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—The N. W. Times says, on Friday evening the 6th inst., the wind blowing a perfect hurricane, the gable-end of Mr. Godfrey's building, recently destroyed by fire, came down with a crash on the adjoining shoe shop, smashing in the roof and breaking down the brick wall. Mr. Godfrey's son was in the shop at the time, and singular to say escaped with some slight bruises. Fortunately Mr. Godfrey and his journey-men were away at tea, had they been at work it would have been impossible to escape alive. It is almost a miracle how the son escaped, as there was a complete wreck made of the shoe shop.

Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

ELORA CHRISTMAS FAIR.—This fair was held on Wednesday the 11th inst. and was well attended. The general prices were five and six cents per lb. live weight. The Observer says, that about sixty head changed owners, and quotes the following sales:—A Dyce, Esq., Garafraxa, 1 yoke of steers, \$105; Robert Cromar, Esq., 2 cows, \$140; John Hunter, Esq., a yoke of oxen, \$140. The business of the day was over before eleven o'clock, and the several droves of cattle were on their way to other markets shortly afterwards.

SPEED LODGE No. 180 A. F. & A. M.—We understand that it is the intention of the Brethren of the "mystic tie" to celebrate St. John the Evangelist's Day (Friday, 27th inst.) by a grand Festival to be held in their new Masonic Hall in the building lately erected by John Hogg, Esq. Judging from Masonic celebrations in other cities and towns, and from what we know of the Brethren in Guelph, we feel assured that the approaching Festival will be superior to anything yet got up in Guelph.

FERGUS CHRISTMAS FAIR.—This fair was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst. About 100 first class animals were offered, and most of them found sale at good prices. The following prizes were awarded:—Best fat ox or steer, James Cowie; 2nd D. Allan; 3rd A. Duncan. Best fat cow or heifer, B. Cadenhead; 2nd Thos. Rae; 3rd James Milne. Best drove of fat cattle, W. Rennie; 2nd D. Allan. The Fair Committee entertained the buyers at a dinner in Davie's Hotel, after all

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

SATURDAY 14th.—Michael Shields, one of the boys engaged in the raid on Miss Card's orchard in autumn, and who took himself out of the way at that time, was recently arrested by the Chief Constable, and brought before the magistrate this morning. The case was dismissed.

AMERICAN WATCHES.

Recommended by Railroad Engineers, Railroad Conductors, Express men and others requiring the use of an accurate, durable and reliable timepiece. See advertisement.

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PERTH NEW GAOL.—The tenders for the erection of the new gaol at Stratford were opened by the Perth County Council on Monday the 9th inst. The highest tender \$89,407 was put in by Mr. Strickland of Brantford, and the lowest \$27,400 by Messrs. Ferguson & Co. Toronto. This was a difference of \$12,007, and the lowest was \$3,400 above the previously estimated cost. When the tenders came to be considered doubts were entertained by some of the members of the Council whether the lowest tender included the heating apparatus, worth about \$7,000. The matter was finally settled by telegraphing to Messrs. Ferguson & Co., who returned for answer that their tender did not include the article referred to. It was then agreed the tender of Wm. Farquhar of Toronto, to complete the work for \$31,540 should be accepted. We observe that Messrs. Kennedy & Pike, and Mr. Thos. Dobbie of Guelph were among the competitors, but the offers of these gentlemen were considerable in advance of either of those just mentioned.

DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR.—The Elmira correspondent of the Berlin Telegraph has the following:—"On the last Fair day a notorious bruiser known as Jack Mackie, who keeps a tavern or shebeen shop near the village of Flora, while under the influence of liquor, assaulted another person in a most barbarous manner knocking him down and kicking him in the face repeatedly. Upon the bystanders interfering the poor man was found to be fearfully bruised about the face and insensible. Dr. Walmsley was called in and upon examination found that his cheek bones were fractured and his face completely disfigured. Mackie was allowed to go at large, there being no Magistrate in town to issue a warrant for his apprehension. It seems strange that a village the size of Elmira should have no magistrate, the nearest one being four miles distant." This is a turning of the tables since the first of August 1866, when said bruiser, in assisting the darkeys to celebrate the anniversary of their emancipation at Hawksville was the recipient of about as thorough a thrashing as that above recorded.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Mr. Henry Mulholland, as will be seen by advertisement, has now in stock a very large and choice assortment of cutlery, electroplated and fancy goods, which will make very suitable and handsome Christmas and holiday presents. As Mr. Mulholland is a very large importer of choice hardware and fancy goods, and as his stock is unusually attractive this season, parties wishing to make their friends a beautiful as well as useful present should make a point of calling and inspect the goods, which are selling at very low prices.

FRANK SMITH & Co's SALE.—The trade sale of groceries at Messrs. F. Smith & Co's store, Toronto, closed on Thursday. The sale was undoubtedly a great success, between \$150,000 and \$160,000 worth of goods having been sold, making it the largest sale of the kind which has ever taken place in Toronto. The prices were satisfactory both to buyers and sellers, and Messrs. F. Smith & Co. have much cause for gratification at the success of their first sale.

NEW BANK AGENCY IN FERGUS.—We learn that an Agency of the Royal Canadian Bank, will be opened in Fergus, at New Year's, and that John Beattie, Esq., of Nichol, has been appointed Agent. The appointment is an excellent and judicious one, for Mr. Beattie is in every respect well qualified to discharge the responsible duties connected with the office.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE G. A. D. C.—The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will make their first appearance before the public in the Town Hall, on the evening of Monday, the 30th inst. We would solicit for them a good attendance, and an audience that will never lose sight of the fact that the players are amateurs, and not Garricks, nor Keans nor Macradys whose fallings it is perfectly just to censure. The Club are assiduously engaged in rehearsing now, and we predict for the various members a very successful debut. Mr. Armor is manager, and that means something. The play to be brought on the boards is entitled "The Othello Burner"—and is excellent of its kind. Mr. Vale will lead the orchestra, so that the audience may also expect to be treated to some rich music.

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The American Watch.

To the Editor of the Globe.

DEAR SIR,—In a recent communication to the Globe, Mr. James Johnston, of Whitby, volunteered an opinion on the merits of the American watch. To enable Mr. Johnston to demonstrate the full value of his experience of twenty years, and give the public some evidence by which it could intelligently discriminate in the premises, we wrote him the following letter:—

Office of ROBBINS & APPLETON, 182 Broadway, New York, October 30th, 1867.

Agents for the American Watch Co., Waltham, Mass. Jas. Johnston, Esq., Whitby, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—In your communication of Oct. 23rd, published in the Toronto Globe, you remark: "With regard to the American watch, I consider its value to be about one-half of the price placed on it." As you announce in the same communication that you are a watchmaker of twenty years' experience, we presume you intend to speak advisedly, and that you give such publicity to your opinions with a sincere desire to benefit your fellow citizens by the result of your experience, and that, as a fair man, you will be willing to subject your opinion to the test of a trial, in which "the other side" will have a chance to be heard. We therefore propose to submit ten or twenty of either the grades of our watch that are mostly sold in Canada—namely, the "P. S. Bartlett," "Wm. Ellery," or the "Home Watch Co."—to be tested by their time-keeping qualities, by competent and impartial judges, against ten or twenty of the "Russell" watch, or any other English-made watch of the same cost as ours.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.

Mr. Morris introduced a Bill to prevent capital punishment taking place in public.

Mr. Rose moved concurrence in the Excise resolutions, reported from the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Holton said it would have been better had Government done no more at this first part of the session than to extend the old Canadian tariff to the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Galt regretted exceedingly that the Government had, at this part of the session, brought down any measure increasing taxation in the Lower Provinces, as that would alienate the friends of Union and embitter the hostility of opponents in these Provinces. Conciliation should be the policy, to the extent even of allowing Ontario and Quebec to pay higher duties. He warmly urged the government to postpone their measures on this subject.

The Premier replied that no favoritism could be shown—all must be treated alike. No injustice, on Mr. Galt's own showing, was done to the Maritime Provinces, and that being the case, there was no argument against assimilation. The Government, moreover, must have regard to the interests of the whole Dominion, and not jeopardize these by unworthy attempts to conciliate sections by favor.

Messrs. Howe, Bolton, and several other members from Nova Scotia, protested against the increased taxation imposed upon the Maritime Provinces—some of them expressing pleasure at the alleged wrong, because it would strengthen the feeling against Confederation.

Mr. Young said the differential duties on tea were unfair to the West, where green tea was mainly used. Having stated other objections, he urged the passage of the resolutions as rapidly as possible, preferring to postpone discussion until the tariff question came up for a more permanent settlement at the next part of the session.

Mr. Tilley contended that the tariff was not unjust to the Lower Provinces, and referred in detail to the revenues and liabilities of those Provinces to prove his statement.

Mr. McKensie deprecated the idea that Canadians meant to act unjustly towards the sister Provinces, and bespoke views on the part of members from the East less sectional and unpatriotic than had been urged in the debate.