

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARRISTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair. BOSWORTH—Saturday before Guelph. DRAYTON—The Saturday before Guelph. ELORA—The day before Guelph. GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month. CLIFTON—Thursday before the Guelph fair. TAYBURN—Friday before the Guelph fair. NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday in each month. BERLIN—First Thursday in each month. ELMIRA—Second Monday in each month. WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in each month. MOUNT FOREST—Third Wednesday in each month. HANOVER—Monday before Durham. DURHAM—Tuesday before Mount Forest. FERRIS—Thursday following Mount Forest. ORANGEVILLE—Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November. MUSO MILLS—Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October. ERIN—First Monday in January, April, July and October. MARSHVILLE—First Tuesday in February, May, August and November. BRAMPTON—First Thursday in each month. LISTOWEL—First Friday in each month. HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept. and November. MOOREFIELD—Monday before Guelph. HAMILTON—Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 8, 1873

The New York Press on the Condemnation of Stokes.

The New York papers are filled with the trial of Stokes for the murder of James Fisk, Jr., twelve months ago. There was evidently not much sympathy felt for Stokes, judging from the tone of the press, before his trial, but now that he has been sentenced to undergo the extreme penalty of the law the Tribune thus concludes a lengthy editorial: "There lingers in the public mind some doubt as to whether the young man now convicted of murder was really the aggressor; and the sympathy his unexpected conviction for murder in the first degree has aroused, is heightened by the popular aversion to a penalty, which precludes the possibility of mitigating the verdict because of such a doubt, no less than by recollections of the career which the prisoner's act brought to so sudden a close. We do not believe in hanging as the proper punishment for murder. While the law prescribes it, we believe the law should be enforced; but does not the public do it about this very case give voice to the popular argument against the continuance of the law."

The Session.

At three o'clock to-day His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor formally opened the second session of the Second Legislature Assembly of Ontario. The speech from the Throne will no doubt be read with considerable interest as measure of more than ordinary interest are foreshadowed therein.

REFORM BANQUET.—The preliminary arrangements for the Banquet were satisfactorily completed last evening. No expense or trouble has been spared to make it a most brilliant and successful affair.

Governor Dix, in his message to the Legislature of the State of New York, forcibly points out the necessity for bringing murderers and other criminals to sure and speedy justice. He also urges upon the representatives the duty of reforming the abuses of administration, and the practice of rigid economy in the interest of the public.

The Ottawa Free Press and several other papers in Ontario are urging the abolition of newspaper postage. In this Province the law has operated as a direct tax upon intelligence; and probably no other so vexatious to the general public could be conceived. There is no doubt the new Reform Government under Blake and McKenzie will abolish this obnoxious tax on knowledge.

By an agreement on the part of the managers of the various Canadian railways, dead-head passes are from the present time abolished.

The trials of "Boss" Tweed for fraud, and of the misguided women Woodhull and Claflin for sending an indecent publication by mail, will take place before the court of Oyer and Terminer now in session in New York city.

The population of France is shown by the new census to be 36,102,921, being a decrease of 366,935 since 1866. It must be remembered, however, that the country has also sustained a loss of territory in Alsace and Lorraine, appropriated by the Germans since that date.

Recently at a trial of considerable interest in London, where the court room was crowded, the pickpockets let loose a trained bird, which sailed around the heads of the audience, extracting their attention, giving ample time for the pickpockets to relieve the pockets of those assembled.

Information received from private sources states that the steamship St. Andrew, on her last trip, experienced very rough weather and some casualties. The vessel was no less than nine days behind time and damaged a large part of her voyage stores, outfit and other parts of the vessel, and away and one was washed overboard. Besides this the vessel was so damaged that she had to also a sailor, who a fourth had his back broken. When the vessel came up the Captain she presented the appearance of a hospital rather than that of a ship.

One of the late disclosures in the matter of conveying stowage passengers across the Atlantic has been the lowering of the fares by several Steamship Lines, without it is to be feared, removing the prices acts before complained of.

It would be much better if they kept the price at \$56, or \$30, and gave the emigrant the full value of his money in accommodation, food and treatment. At \$15 a head, stowage passengers will fare no better than so many cattle or sheep in one of our cattle boats. It shows, however, that passengers can be carried at one-half the old rates, and still not be a source of loss to the companies.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. John Rowland of Durham, on returning home from near Mount Forest in company with his wife, on Monday evening, perceived, on hearing his own place, that his wife was unwell. He hurried home as fast as possible, and on arriving at his own door, discovering to assist her out of the door that she was dead. The

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New Year's Gifts for me, for you, and for Everybody!

The Lion for Ever! Long may he Reign!

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The Bankrupt Stock of Mr. A. Polson, of Galt, amounting to \$20,000, coming to Guelph, to be sold at the Golden Lion!

Hurrah, Hurrah, for the Lion! Happy New Year! Long Life and Happiness to the Proprietors of this Mammoth Establishment!

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON

Have pleasure in announcing to their friends and customers that they have bought the stock of Mr. A. Polson, of Galt, at half the cost price, and in order to give their numerous customers, one and all, New Year's Gifts, will on January 4th offer to the public, in addition to this Bankrupt Stock, their whole stock of DRY GOODS amounting to over \$100,000 at the actual cash price. Remember, at the actual cost, sterling, in the old county.

Every Clerk & Employee in the Establishment has received instructions to ask only one price, and that the actual Cost.

This being an opportunity that has never occurred before in Guelph, and probably never will again, every one, both young and old, rich and poor, should participate in the benefits of getting the best and cheapest goods ever offered to the public.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER.

Your choice of Bankrupt Stock; also your choice of the whole store from the fourth flat to cellar, embracing all the novelties in Fancy Goods, also the best Staple Goods ever imported to Canada.

The Sale will commence on Saturday, January 4th, 1873.

No Reserve! Everything at Cost for One Month!

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GUELPH, JAN. 2, 1873 dw1m

CHURCH OPENING.—The new Canada Presbyterian Church in Douglas will be opened on Sabbath, the 12th of January. The Rev. W. Millican, pastor of the congregation, will preach at 10 a. m., the Rev. Thos. Wardrop, of Guelph, at 3 p. m., and the Rev. A. D. McDonald, at 6.30. A collection in aid of the building fund will be taken at the close of each service. A double tea meeting will be held on the following day.—Refreshments served at 12 o'clock, noon, and at 6 p. m. followed by speeches and music. The excellent Choir of Melville Church, Fergus, will discourse the music. Speeches will be delivered by James Young M. P. Galt; Rev. J. Ball and Wardrop, Guelph, Middlemiss and McDonald Elora, Simélie, Mullan and Barker Fergus, Dr. Barrie, Eramosa, Strechan, Hillsburgh; Brown, Jones, Tindall, and Little, Garafraxa. It is reported that Mr. Doucher, of Quebec, has been appointed Inspector of Crown timber lands for Ontario.

BIRTHS. McMillan—In Arthur Township, on the 17th ult., the wife of Mr. Hugh McMillan, of a daughter. Richardson—In Guelph Township, on the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr. James Richardson, of a son. Barnett—In Garafraxa, on the 20th ult., the wife of Mr. Peter Barnett, of a daughter. Wissler—In Salem, on the 31st ult., the wife of Mr. Ezra Wissler, of a daughter. Wallace—On the 23rd ult., Mrs. Dr. Wallace, Alma, of a daughter. Naughton—On the 23rd ult., Mrs. John Naughton, 12th St. Peoria, of a son. Steele—On the 13th ult., Mrs. J. C. Steele, Alma, of a son. Campbell—At Morrison, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Arch. Campbell, of a son.

MARRIED. Stephenson—MILNE—At Acton, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. I. Cameron, Mr. Anthony Stephenson, to Miss Annie Milne, all of Acton. Murray—CAMPBELL—At Hespeler, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Goodwillie, Mr. Walter Murray, of Nassagaweya, to Miss Margaret Campbell, of Puskeech.

TOPHAM—SACHS—On the 1st inst., by the Rev. W. Williams, at the residence of Mr. Fieller, Hespeler, Mr. William H. Topham, to Miss Margaret Sachs, both of Hespeler, Ont. Lucas—HOMERWOOD—On the same day, by the same, at the residence of Mr. John Giddens, Hespeler, Mr. Thos. J. Lucas, to Miss Fanny L. Homerwood, both of Beverly, Ont.

LEITH—WATSON—At Guelph, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. James Leith, of Galt, to Miss Christina Watson, of Puskeech. Laird—SANDERSON—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. John Laird, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Hugh Sanderson, all of Guelph Township.

BURNEY—MUNRO—At Galt, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. Wm Burney, of Guelph, to Miss Helen Munro, of Puskeech. Best—CHARLES—At Rothsay, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. D. Anderson, Mr. John Best, wagon maker, Puskeech, to Miss Matilda, daughter of Mr. Henry Charles, former Minto.

MILLS—WILSON—In Arthur, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. Thos. Cobb, Mr. John Mills, to Miss Susanna White, both of Arthur. Miles—WILSON—In Garafraxa, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. J. B. Mullan, Mr. David Miles, to Miss Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. Geo. B. Wilson, of Garafraxa.

CHAM—JONES—In Fergus, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. J. B. Mullan, Mr. John Craig, of Elora, to Miss Bertha Jones, of the same place. Hamilton—FLEWELLING—On the 24th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. B. Mullan, Mr. James Hamilton, of Fergus, to Miss J. A. third daughter of Mr. E. L. Flewelling, of West Garafraxa.

PARKER—HENDERSON—On the 24th ult., Mr. Wm. Parker, to Miss Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr. John Henderson, all of Arthur Township. Welton—NIGHTINGALE—At the residence of the bride's mother, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Thos. Cobb, Mr. Henry Welton, Minto, to Miss Susan Nightingale, of Arthur Township.

WILKINS—MERRILL—At Minto, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Thos. Cobb, Mr. Richard Wilkins, to Miss Sarah Merrill, eldest daughter of Joseph Merrill, Esq., all of Minto. Brady—S. ARR—On the 25th ult., by the Rev. E. Middleton, Mr. John Brady, of Freetown, to Rose Hannah Scott, of Maryboro.

OPPENTISER—HAMILTON—At Maryborough, on the 24th ult., Mr. Henry Oppentiser, to Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, both of Maryborough. Martin—HILL—On the 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. R. J. Forman, Mr. E. D. Martin, township of Hope, to Miss Man aret Hill, of Pilkington.

CURRIE—BLOEMLEY—At Chicago, Ill., on the 14th ult., by the Rev. E. J. Goodspeed, Mr. John Currie, of Fergus, to Miss Mary J. Bloemley, of Woodstock, Ont.

DIED. On the 27th ult., Mr. Charles

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF! IMMENSE CLEARING SALE AT THE LARGE NO. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Commencing on Wednesday, 8th Jan. AND CONTINUING For Thirty Days. Fifteen to twenty thousand dollars worth of DRESS GOODS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, MILLINERY, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, MANTLES, SHAWLS, NUBIAS, CROSS OVERS, Together with a Mammoth Stock of Ready-made Clothing and Furnishing Goods in Men's, Boys and Children's Wear, to be finished off regardless of profit. The subscriber being desirous of closing out the whole of his winter stock.

GREAT BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN Call early and get the first selection. W. GALLOWAY, Next door to J. M. Bond's Hardware Store, Guelph, Jan. 7, 1873. N.B.—All purchases entered on the books during the sale will be charged at the regular rates.

GIFFTS AND Holiday Goods. MRS. WRIGHT Begs to inform her numerous customers and the public that she has just received a nice variety of Toys and other Fancy Goods Suitable for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. MRS. WRIGHT, UPPER WYNDHAM STREET, Next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 23, 1871. dw

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W. PICKARD, Alma Block, Guelph. Jan. 2, 1873. dw

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Co-Operative Store.

LADIES PLAIN FELT OVER SHOES Reduced to \$1 per pair.

Men's Overcoats & Ladies' Furs Are also Reduced in Price.

NOTICE

Customers who present their Pass Books during the present month will receive the dividend of Three per cent on their purchases for the past quarter.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co. GUELPH, Jan. 3. dw

BRITISH AND FOREIGN IMPORTING HOUSE, 48 and 50 Yonge Street, TORONTO; 196 and 198 McGill Street, MONTREAL.

Full lines of the following goods of this season's importation or manufacture offered to the merchant trade by the package, or to general jobbers in any part of the Dominion. TERMS—CLOSE, and discounts liberal at to prompt men.

Table Cutlery, Pocket Cutlery, Nickel Silver Spoons, Electro-plated Ware, Sterling Silver Spoons and Forks, Dixon's Shot and Powder Flasks, Japanese Toys and Walkers, Walker's Gun Caps, Celebrated Periscope Spectacles, Musical and Patent Albums, Violins and Accordions, Watches, Waltham and Swiss Clocks, Connecticut and French Ole Bull Violin Strings, Bohemian Glass Ware, German Morocco Pocket Books, Fancy China Ware, Gosnell's Brushes and Soaps, Meerschaum and Briar Pipe Work boxes and writing desks, Ladies' and Gents' Dressing Cases, Shelland Pearl Card Cases, Jewellery, Gold and Plated, Jewellery, Gold and Jet, Crystal Looking Glass Plate

Fancy Goods generally, the largest stock in the Dominion. ROBT. WILKES. Sep. 24, 1872. dw

SCHOOL BOOKS, SCHOOL BOOKS, SCHOOL BOOKS, DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

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All the Books used in the Schools are in stock and sold cheap at Day's Bookstore. Day's 5 cent Copy Book Is the Best Value, and it is better than any other 5c Copy Book in the Market. Children should go to Day's Bookstore for their School Books, for Day has the books wanted on hand, and sells cheap.

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COPY BOOKS, SCHOOL MATERIAL, UNDER COST FOR ONE WEEK ONLY AT P. C. ALLAN'S. BALANCE OF Blank Books, Ledgers, Journals, Day Books, Cash Books, Blotters, &c. Will be sold at a half cheaper than any store in Canada, at P. C. Allan's FOR ONE WEEK ONLY. 1873.

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