

A NEW EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE.—A Swedish inventor has submitted to a test before a number of scientific gentlemen in England, a new explosive substance called Dynamite, which is solid, granular, and resembles coarse dark sand. The test is thus spoken of: "A thin deal box containing ten pounds of the compound was placed over a raging fire; the box was consumed, but there was no explosion, the dynamite mingling harmlessly with the ashes. It was placed in immediate contact with fire, with the same results. Gunpowder was exploded near it without effect. The superiority of the material over the dangerous explosives was acknowledged by several practical persons present connected with the carrying trades. Ten pounds of dynamite were enclosed in a second deal box, and hurled from the top of a cliff. It fell sixty feet upon the rocks below, with no more signs of explosion than would be caused by the fall of a brickbat. Equally striking were the illustrations given of its deadly strength. A cartridge filled with dynamite was placed upon a two inch plank. A fuse with a strong percussion cap was attached to it and fired, and the plank was split in several places, and had a hole knocked through it. The percussion cap is the explosive agent, and it is claimed that nothing else, so far as is known, will do the work." It is proposed that the new substance should be used for mine and quarry service, as it can be kept by traders without danger.

The honours of Abyssinia are at last out, and it can hardly be said that they are not liberally bestowed. That due discrimination has been shown in the selections is a matter about which we shall, doubtless, hear conflicting opinions and remonstrances from those left out in the cold. Be that as it may, the batch is a large one, comprising two K. C. B.'s and twenty-six C. B.'s, and, in the way of promotions, one major-general, six A. D. C.'s to the Queen, three of them involving promotion to the rank of colonel, nine other promotions to that rank, seventeen brevet lieutenant-colonels, and thirty brevet majorities.

RAILWAYS AND PRIZE FIGHTING.—By an act passed in the late session of the English Parliament, it is provided that on and after April 1, 1869, "any railway company that shall knowingly let for hire, or otherwise provide any special train for the purpose of conveying parties to or to be present at any prize-fight, or who shall stop any ordinary train to convenience or accommodate any parties attending a prize-fight at any place not an ordinary station on their line, shall be liable to a penalty to be recovered in a summary way before two justices of the county in which such prize fight shall be held or shall be attempted to be held, of such sum not exceeding £500, and not less than £200, as such justices shall determine."

A Mrs. Flint sold a hen's egg in Chatham, the other day, which was 8 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches, and weighed 4 1/2 ounces. Mrs. Flint herself weighs 337 1/2 pounds. What a country this is.

The federal army of Switzerland numbers 203,603 men, of whom 749 belong to the staff, 87,630 to the active contingent, 49,765 to the reserve, and 65,339 to the landwehr.

The Emir of Bokhara has acceded to the demands of the Emperor of Russia, and the city of Samarcand has consequently been evacuated by the Russian forces. Bokhara has, however, been made a mere tributary to Russia.

Three stock or exchange brokers on the Paris Exchange, have recently sold out their business, realising the respective sums of \$480,000, \$300,000, and \$270,000.

The Canton of Neuchâtel, in Switzerland, produces annually about eight hundred thousand watches, representing an approximate value of \$7,000,000. The trade employs about thirty thousand hands.

Mr. C. J. Brydges has left Montreal for England.

It is reported that the Ontario Legislature is to be called together in October, so as not to interfere with the sittings of the Dominion Parliament.

The St. Lawrence river is again densely enshrouded in smoke from burning forests, and navigation is impeded in consequence.

A man in Halifax had his nose barked in a row. He don't go in for re-peal. Count Bismarck's salary is only \$9,000 a year. The ministers of Napoleon receive \$60,000 a year each, and have been badly beaten by the able Prussian.

COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, September 1, 1868. Flour 100 lbs \$3.35 @ \$3.75. Fall Wheat 100 lbs 1.20 @ 1.25. Spring Wheat 100 lbs 1.20 @ 1.25. Oats 100 lbs 0.45 @ 0.47. Rye 100 lbs 0.30 @ 0.32. Barley do 0.25 @ 0.30. Hay 100 lbs 10.00 @ 11.00. Straw 4.00 @ 5.00. Sheep's Wool 1.00 @ 1.50. Wool, second 3.00 @ 3.50. Wool, 2nd 0.24 @ 0.25. Eggs 11 @ 12. Butter, (no oil) 10 @ 11. Do (dry packed) 10 @ 12. Cattle 10 @ 15. Turkeys each 0.50 @ 0.60. Chickens 0.20 @ 0.25. Ducks do 0.20 @ 0.25. Potatoes (new) per bag 1.00 @ 1.50. Apples, 100 lbs 1.00 @ 1.50. Lamb, 100 lbs 0.06 @ 0.07. Beef 100 lbs 0.07 @ 0.15. Pork 100 lbs 0.50 @ 0.55. Sheep's Pelts each 0.20 @ 0.25. Lambskins 0.45 @ 0.50. Hides 6.00 @ 6.00.

Money Market. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelph, Sept. 1, 1868. Gold, 1447. Greenbacks 60¢ at 68 to 69; sold at 69 to 70. Large Silver bought at 60 dis.; sold at 60. Small silver bought at 60 dis.; sold at 60. Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 60c. to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS. Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.'s report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury'. MONTREAL, September 1, 1868. Flour—Fancy, \$6.40 to \$6.70; Superior No. 1 \$6.15 to \$6.40; Welland Canal, \$6.25. Bar, 40 lbs \$2.25 to \$2.50. Oats—do to \$2.00. Butter—100 lbs \$1.05. Butter—daily 10c to 21c. Store packed 17 to 19c. Ashes—Pots \$5.25 to \$5.50, pens \$5.50 to \$5.50.

Toronto, August 31, 1868. Flour—Market is very dull. No. 1, at 80 to 85. No. 2, at 75 to 80. Spring Wheat—\$1.10 to \$1.45. Oats—5c. Barley—\$1.00 to \$0.92. Peas—\$5 to \$6.

R. J. JEANNERET, From England, (Established in London, Ont., 1842 and in Guelph 1863.) WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER DAYS' BLOCK, Opposite the Market, Guelph.

EVERY description of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery repaired in a superior manner at short notice and on reasonable terms. Guelph, 29th May.

BARGAINS AT BUCHAM'S. JUST OPENED! DECIDED BARGAINS IN WHITE & GREY COTTONS. Prints, Shirts, Towellings, &c.

To - Morrow Morning! A. O. BUCHAM. Wynham Street, Guelph, August 25, 1868. daw tf

NEW GROCERY STORE! E. O'DONNELL & CO. Are now opening out a large and well selected stock of GROCERIES, China, Crockery and Glassware! (In the Store lately occupied by C. & T. Merrett, in Wyndham Street.) ALSO, A CHOICE STOCK OF

Wines, Liquors and Whiskies. Which they are determined to sell cheaper than any house in the trade. Parties wishing to purchase anything in the line will find it to their advantage to give them a call. As they are determined to

SELL FOR CASH ONLY! GREAT BARGAINS MAY BE EXPECTED. E. O'DONNELL & CO. Wynham Street, Guelph, 7th August, 1868. dw

INDIA & CHINA TEA COY. PUBLIC NOTICE.

SINCE the TEAS of the INDIA and CHINA TEA COMPANY were introduced into Canada, some eighteen months ago, their reputation, in spite of the misrepresentations of interested parties, has become widely extended. The qualities of Low Quality and Adulterated Teas introduced into Canada for sale to COUNTRY DEALERS, have largely increased, and the complaint of the difficulty of obtaining

A PURE AND GENUINE ARTICLE HAS EVEN BECOME MORE GENERAL. All lovers of GOOD and GENUINE TEAS should try the India and China Tea Company's Packet Teas, sold by their Agent in every Town and large Village throughout the Dominion. They are GUARANTEED PURE and of the FINEST QUALITY.

Only two Prices—In air-tight packages, extra Black, Green (Hyson or Gunpowder) or Mixed, 70c and \$1 per lb. OBSERVE.—None are GENUINE, unless the Company's Trade Mark is on each packet.

N. B.—Those who desire Cheaper Teas, in half-chests or boxes, can obtain the cheapest and best in the Market, for Cash, on application to the CANADA DEPOT, 25 Hospital St., Montreal.—Samples sent on application.

The above TEAS are for sale at the MEDICAL HALL. E. HARVEY & CO., Agents for Guelph. Guelph, August 18. daw 3m Commercial Union Assurance Company. CHIEF OFFICES—19 and 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND. CAPITAL, Fire Department, \$2,500,000. THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and invested Funds. PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

Life Department. Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks. Eighty per cent of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders. Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death. By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims. MORLAND, WATSON & Co., General Agents for Canada. Office—385 and 337 St. Paul St., Montreal. FRIDRICK COLB, Secretary, Inspector of Agencies.—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P. L. S., Upper Canada. Guelph April 1st 1868. TROTTER & GRAHAM Agents for Guelph

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF DRESS SHIRTS, TIES, COLLARS, CUFFS and BRACES AT THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL A. THOMSON & CO. Guelph, 9th May 1868. aw y

SPAFFORD'S NEW UNDEVEED "BAROLAY" SHUTTLE Sewing Machine. PRICE. No. 1 Machine, \$25.00. No. 2 Machine, with splendid iron stand, \$35.00. Containing the very Latest Improvements and Inventions—Strong, Durable, Beautiful, Well Made and Highly Finished. Makes the Genuine Lock Stitch—Which will not rip or unravel; using two threads and adapted to light and heavy goods, coarse and fine threads; very large Shuttle and Bobbin, and so simple that a child can be taught to work it efficiently in a very short time. Suited to all kinds of Family and General Sewing. Tailoring, Mantle Making, and the use of Dress makers, Manufacturers of Shirts, Collars, Shirts, Cloak's, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Corsets, Linen Goods, &c. They work equally well upon Silk, Linen, Woolen and Cotton Goods, with silk, cotton or linen thread. They will seam, quilt, gather, fell, cord, braid, blind, hem, tuck, and perform any species of fine or coarse sewing, making a beautiful and perfect stitch, alike on both sides of the fabric sewed. Office and Salesroom: 56, King-St. West, Toronto. Toronto, May 6, 1868. dw

Instruction, Exercises, and Music FOR THE VIOLIN. CAMPAGNOLI'S Celebrated Method, \$6.00.—Sophie's School, complete, \$4. Abridged, \$2. Max's Instructor with Pleyel's Duets, \$2.75. Modern School by Fossander \$2.50. Saunders' Self-Instruction School \$1.25. May's Operatic Method, \$1.00. Hill's Practical Method, \$2.50. Henrich's School \$2.50. Ole Bull's Instructor, 60c. Winner's Perfect Guide, a new and popular book, containing selections and 200 favorite Melodies, 75c. Violin Complete, \$1.25. Violin made Easy, 75c. Jewell's National Teacher, 75c. Krutz's 40 Studies, \$2.50. Woodbury's Instructor, 50c. Howe's School—Self-Instructor—Without a Master and Etymology, each 50c. Pleyel's Violin Duets, 75c. Mailed post-paid, on receipt of price by OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington St., Boston, or CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York. daw tf

TROTTER & GRAHAM, DENTISTS! GUELPH and BRAMPTON LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY, (Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.) Office, over Higginbotham's Drugstore Guelph 2nd August, 1868. (dw-1)

NORTH-WEST ROUTE. The Staunch Royal Mail Steamer. Calling at Owen Sound and all intermediate Ports. Also will leave Collingwood for SAULT STE. MARIE

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Passengers leaving Toronto on Tuesday morning can make connection by the steamer "Francis Smith," with the steamer "Waubuno," at Owen Sound, free of charge. The Parry Sound Route is the cheapest, quickest, and best to the Free Grant Lands of the Parry Sound and Muskoka Territory, and connects with all its Colonization Roads. For freight and tickets, apply at the Northern Railway Station, or at their office, Brock Street, Toronto. J. & W. BEATTY & CO., Thorold and Parry Sound. JOHN McDOUGALL, Purser, Collingwood and Owen Sound. May 21st, 1868. wit

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TROTTER'S Canadian Dentifrice. It is recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleansing, beautifying and preserving the teeth: B. W. Day, M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association; W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Donnell, Secretary, Dental Institute, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott, Toronto. Price 25c. per box. For sale by all Druggists. Guelph, June 22. daw 6m

DOCTOR DAVIS Physician and Surgeon. OFFICE—Merrick-st. directly opposite the Market, and in rear of the Royal Hotel. Can be consulted at all hours day and evening, on all Chronic Diseases, Diseases of Women and Children, Midwifery, &c., together with those of a private nature. He has devoted over 30 years to the treatment of the above-named diseases, and the success he has had without a parallel, may be seen from the numerous testimonials in his possession. No Mercury Used.—Patients at a distance can be treated by corresponding with the Doctor, stating the symptoms of the disease, age, length of time afflicted, &c., and receive his celebrated remedies by express, or as otherwise directed, securely packed from observation. A reasonable remittance on all such applications will be sent. Female Pills.—Dr. Davis' celebrated Female Pills for Irregularities, Suppression of the Menstrue, Leucorrhoea or Whites, and all female difficulties, have been before the public for the last ten years, and are universally admitted to be the best remedy for which they are recommended in any form in use. The doctor can be consulted at all times with the utmost secrecy. His office is so arranged that it is impossible to see each other, unless by consent. No charge for advice when obtained at the office. If by letter, \$1. All letters must be addressed (prepaid) to Dr. Davis, M. D., Hamilton, and to contain a postage stamp when an answer is required. Hamilton, 1st July, 1868. dw

CHEAP FIREWOOD! THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply Firewood, consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, delivered, \$2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at \$1 75 per cord. The subscriber intends burning off underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer. CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE. Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of L. Lewis, Esq. Guelph, June 15. d-3m

JAS. MASSIE & CO., IMPORTERS. OFFER FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING GOODS: TEAS—Hif Chests Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Twankay and Japan. Chests and Hif Chests Souchong and Congou. Caddies Orange Pekoe. COFFEES—Bags Green and Roasted Java, Jamaica, Maracaba, Laguayra and Rio. SUGARS—Bbls. Crushed A., Dry Crushed, Ground, Yellow Refined No. 2, 2 1/2 and 3. Hhds and Barrels Demerara and Porto Rico. TOBACCO—Caddies and Boxes of all the standard brands in 10's, 4's and 8's, with a large assortment of Virginia Twists. RICE—Bags Arracan and Fatna. FRUIT—Boxes Layer, Bunch and Valencia Raisins. Barrels Choice and New Currants. Bags Filberts, Walnuts, Almonds & Brazils. Boxes and Barrels new French and German Prunes. Cartons new Choice French Prunes. SPICES—Cases finest Nutmegs and Cloves. Bags and Bbls Black and White Pepper. Jamaica Ginger, Allspice and Cinnamon. SYRUPS—Bbls Amber, Golden and Standard. PICKLES & SAUCES—A full assortment of Cross and Blackwell's, Morton's, Flett's, &c.

We would call particular attention to our Stock of the following, which for Purity and Genuineness cannot be surpassed. WINES—Graham's, Sandemann's and Offey, Cram & Co's Old Ports. Domecq's, Pemarkin's, Gordon's, Cozen's and Miza's Old and Pale Sherries. Claret in Wood and Bottle, from \$3 per case and upwards. BRANDIES—Hennessy, Martell, Otard's and Jules Robin & Co., in Wood and Bottle. GIN—De Kuyper and Dunlop, in Hhds, Red and Green Cases. RUM—Old Jamaica, Demerara and Cuba. WHISKIES—Old Rye, Malt, Monongahela, Magnolia, Hespeler's Plain and Toddy. ALE—Bass, Jeffrey's Pale. Molson's in Wood and Bottle, very fine and highly recommended. PORTER—Guinness' XX and XXX, bottled by Burke, and Blood, Wolfe & Co.

TO CASH AND PROMPT PAYING BUYERS, we offer special inducements, as we are desirous to clear out the whole of our present Stock before our New Premises are completed, to save the cost of removing. JAS. MASSIE & CO. Guelph, July 7th, 1868. daw-1f

To R. Cuthbert Watchmaker, &c., Wyndham-St., Guelph. We are determined to buy our Watches from you, and one but RUSSEL WATCHES will suit us. THE PUBLIC.

FIRST FRUITS OF THE SEASON. Peaches, Tomatoes, Pears, Apples, AT THE FRUIT DEPOT, Wholesale and Retail Establishment, Wyndham-St., Guelph. Guelph 5th August, 1868. dw

CO-OPERATION GUELPH, ONT. Prairie Tea Sets, 44 pieces, Lustre Band, \$4.25. Granite Toilet Sets, four Pieces, \$1.25. Granite Unhandled Teas, per dozen, 75 cents. Granite Dinner Plates, per dozen, 75 cents. Bar Tumblers, 75 cents per dozen. Cincinnati Goblets, Cut, \$2 per dozen. Lamp Chimneys, 50 cents per dozen. Lamp Chimneys, by the barrel, 40 cts. per doz.

The above Goods were purchased at the great Trade Sale in Toronto, and are of first-rate quality. W. MACKLIN & CO. Guelph August 17, 1868. aw