

MILITARY STRENGTH IN SPAIN.—The Spanish army is at present composed of 41 regiments of infantry, 20 battalions of chasseurs, 1 regiment of veterans, 80 battalions of provincial guards, 18 regiments of cavalry, 10 regiments of artillery, and 2 of engineers—altogether 166,556 men. To these must be added the royal halberdiers, the gendarmery, &c. In '65 the army was estimated at 236,000 men. There are besides numerous troops in the colonies. The fleet comprised, in 1865, 120 vessels, carrying 1,000 to 1,200 guns, and manned by nearly 15,000 sailors. The vessels comprise six iron-clad frigates.

The late curling match between spectators and non-spectator members of the Montreal curling club resulted in favour of the latter, after a keen contest.

The celebrated American Prima Donna, Louisa Kellogg, and several other well-known artists, will make a professional tour through Canada next month.

Chicago has twenty-two miles of paved streets, costing two million dollars. Seven hundred thousand dollars were required for new streets and alleys during the past year. There are five hundred and sixty-three miles of sidewalks; one hundred and seven miles of sewers; and two hundred and nine miles of water-pipe.

Boggs likes a warm bed. One morning an agent for a patent fire extinguisher tried to sell him a recipe. "Look here," said Boggs, "if you've got anything that'll save me from getting out of bed every morning, to build a fire for my wife to cook breakfast by, I'll buy it; but don't come around here trying to sell stuff to put 'em out, it's too much trouble to start 'em."

A METEOR.—A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fleecy cloud, a meteor ball, very luminous, of a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and so the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into one immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows:—"If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callouses, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Brigg's Curative. It will effect a certain cure, in incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for British Possessions.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry

This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs; while even Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.

From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me.
"About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a "Seated Consumption." He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition, for it is, I think, all it purports to be—THE GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIMES. The above statement, gentlemen, is my voluntary offering to you in favour of your Balsam, and is at your disposal."
Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SON, 18 Tremont-st., Boston, and for sale by all druggists generally.

GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.

AMHERST, MASS., Oct. 13th, 1864.
MR. GRACE—Sir, Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe rheumatism on my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues. Yours with respect,
JAMES BEAN.
H. S. DEARBORN, M.D.

SETH W. FOWLE & SON, Proprietors
Sold by all Druggists, at 25 cents a box. By mail 35 cents. Northrup & Lyman, General Agents, Newcastle, Ont. lawly

WHOLESALE ONLY.

Merchants desiring to assort their GROCERY LIQUOR Stock for

Christmas and the Holidays,
Will do well to take quotations from the subscriber by buying.

Just Received, a large lot of FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES, which will be offered LOWER than they can be imported, in quantities to suit the COUNTRY TRADE.

JOHN L. LEWIS.
Guelph, Nov. 18. daw tf

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH,
December 21, 1868.

Flour, 2 100 lbs	2 50	2 75
Fall Wheat, 3 bush	1 10	1 18
Spring Wheat, 3 bush	1 00	1 02
Oats, 3 bush	0 52	0 53
Peas, do	0 40	0 45
Barley, do	0 04	0 05
Hay, 1 ton	10 00	12 00
Straw	3 00	4 00
Shingles, 3/4 square	1 00	1 50
Wood, 3 cord	3 00	3 50
Wood, 1 dozen	0 24	0 25
Wagon, 9 dozen	0 20	0 23
Butter, (store packed) 1/2 lb	0 18	0 19
do (dairy packed) 1/2 lb	0 20	0 22
Eggs, each	0 30	0 37
Turkeys each	0 37	0 42
Chickens, 1/2 pair	0 20	0 25
Ducks, do	0 25	0 35
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	1 25
Apples, 1/2 bag	1 00	1 25
Lamb, 1/2 lb	0 04	0 05
Beef, 1/2 lb	0 05	0 12
Pork, 1/2 lb	0 07	0 10
Sheep Pelts each	0 50	1 00
Lambkins	0 50	1 00
Hides	5 50	6 25

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,
Guelph, Dec. 21, 1868.
Gold, 135 1/2
Greenbacks at 127 1/2 to 73, sold at 73 to 74.
Silver bought at 4 1/2 dis., sold at 4.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c to 60c

MONTEAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's report by special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury."
MONTEAL, December 21, 1868.

Flour—Extra, 45 40 to 50 60; Fancy, 35 70 to 37 75; Welland Canal Superior, 35 05 to 35 10; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, 35 00 to 35 20; Superior No. 1 Western wheat, 35 05 to 35 10; No. 2 do, 34 50 to 34 60; Bag flour, 22 45 to 22 55; Wheat—Canada Fall, 11 14 to 11 15; Spring, 11 15 to 11 16; Western, 11 10 to 11 11; Oats, per 22 lbs, 47c to 48c; Barley, per 41 lbs, 11 20 to 11 30; Butter—dairy 20c to 25c store packed 19c to 23c; Ashes—Pot 25 60 to 25 65; Peas 25 60 to 25 65; Pork—Hams, 21 50 to 21 50; Prime, 27 00 to 27 50; Peas, 92c to 92c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 19.
Fall wheat \$1 12 to \$1 15; spring wheat \$1 00 to \$1 02; Hour, No. 1 super, \$4 60, extra \$5 55; barley \$1 25; peas, 88c to 88c; oats, 55c to 54c.

HAMILTON MARKETS.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.
Barley, 1 25 to 1 25; peas, 80c to 85c; oats, 55c to 55c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 05; winter wheat, 1 15 to 1 20; red winter, 1 00 to 1 05.

EVENING DRESSES

HEFFERNAN BROS.
ARE now opening out a choice assortment of NEW AND FASHIONABLE Materials for BALL AND EVENING DRESSES.

Irish Poplins
Colored Crapes
Colored Tulles
Fancy Alpaca

Muslins, Tullelans, &c. ALEXANDER AND OTHER WHITE KIDS—Cheap. A beautiful variety of

SILK and VELVET RIBBONS for SASHES

Artificial Wreaths, Head-Dresses, &c.

HONITUN, CLUNY, AND VALENCIENNES LACE SETS, COIFFURES, HANDEKERCHIEFS, &c.

OPERA CLOAKS—New, Fashionable and Cheap.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.
Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph.

A CARD to THE PUBLIC.

IT is certainly marvellous that any community should be so excited over the great success that has attended the efforts of HOGG to obtain in the first Manufacturing Districts of the World the very excellent, novel and substantial fabrics in all of the various classes of

Indeed everything in the Mercantile line usually kept in a first-class establishment. That Mr. HOGG'S efforts have been crowned with unprecedented success is beyond a doubt. The great bargains that he is daily giving causes his immense establishment to be crowded from early morning until night. His stock to select from is so large and varied that parties get suited without loss of time, let their taste be ever so difficult; and in addition, by being able to import all of his goods direct from the Manufacturers, to offer a saving of 12 per cent (12 cents on every dollar, over any establishment in Town.

All classes and descriptions of Clothing made to order by a first-class cutter and sent free of charge to any part of Canada.

JOHN HOGG,
Guelph October 31st, 1868.

Fancy and Staple Dry Goods & Millinery

Shawls, Bonnets and Mantles,
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
Buffalo Skins, Grain Bags, &c.

Business Still Good
AT THE
BRADFORD HOUSE
DRESS GOODS!

Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.

JACKETS! JACKETS!
Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Sealskin Jackets, Whitney, Black and Coloured. Petersham, Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of

FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.

Table Linen and Sheetings.

The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

MILLINERY!
For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.
For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.
The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, &c., to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH
Wyndham St., Guelph, November 2

WANTED,

Keep the Feed Dry and the Head Cool.
Keep the Feed Dry and the Head Cool.

[Customers to buy out one of the Largest and Cheapest stocks of

BOOTS AND SHOES

TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.

JOHN CRIDIFORD

INVITES inspection to his stock of NEW FALL GOODS, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.

Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, No. 41, Wyndham-st., Guelph. FOR CASH ONLY.

JOHN CRIDIFORD.
Guelph, September 26th

WILLIAM C. BAINE,
ACCOUNTANT.

Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.

Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.

OFFICE—At Messrs. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Guelph, Nov. 26. do 5w

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS!

Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.

DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, 17th October. d.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK

GENERAL AGENTS,
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, } GUELPH,

Agents for investing Money for the

TRUST and LOAN COMPANY
OF UPPER CANADA, AND

THE CANADA PERMANENT
BUILDING and SAVINGS

SOCIETIES
OF TORONTO.

THESE Companies afford every facility to the borrower, and give him the privilege of either retaining the principal for a term of years or paying it off by instalments extending over any term of years up to 15.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Have also a large amount of

PRIVATE FUNDS
On hand for Investment.

Money Invested and interest collected. Mortgages bought subject to examination of title, and valuation of property offered.

Debentures, Stock and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
Are Agents for the

Royal Insurance Co'y
OF ENGLAND.

CAPITAL - - \$10 000 000.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
are Agents for the

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY,

Established - - - in 1810.

The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses
In Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.

For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered, the speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 20x40 feet, a stone kitchen story and a-half high 21x22, back kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x40 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosa to Fergus, and is distant from that village 8 miles, and 2 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to an undersigned on the premises, or by letter (post paid) to

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph

BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE.

Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on

Wednesday, 6th January, 1869
At one o'clock, p. m.

Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street Guelph, on which there is a two-story house—part brick, part stone—containing nine rooms, with good, clean woodshed, hard and soft water; stable, cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: One-tenth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Possession on the 7th March, 1869. Title indisputable.

For further particulars apply to
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Agents for the Vendor.
Guelph, Dec. 16.

CARTER'S
(LATE WEBSTER'S)

FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell

Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain,
CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.

Cheaper than the Cheapest
IN TOWN.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.
Guelph, Nov. 21. JAMES CARTER. do tf

Still on the War Path

THE subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the public that he is still hale and hearty, and will be ever so glad to attend to all orders that may be left with him at the well known old stand,

ON CORK STREET,
Opposite Deady's Hotel.

Where he is prepared as formerly to make up

CLOTHING
of every description at short notice, and in superior style at the lowest prices.

Having had 20 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up Home-made Cloth and trim it cheaper than can be done at any other establishment in Guelph.

All work carefully finished, and at moderate rates.

W. MITCHELL.
Guelph, 2nd Nov. do 2m

R. J. JEANNERET,
From England.

Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER
AND JEWELER

DAYS BLOCK,
Opposite the Marke Guelph.

Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery.

Guelph, December 17th. do w

CARD.

James Massie & Co.,

Have pleasure in intimating the re-opening of their RETAIL STORE

in the recently re-erected "ALMA BLOCK." Having given special attention to the selection of suitable and reasonable articles, they can,

with confidence, recommend their FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c., to their numerous friends and customers, who will ever find an ample stock of superior goods, and a courteous welcome at the ALMA BLOCK."

Guelph, 9th Dec., 1868. daw tf

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS FRUIT

At WALKER'S, this year's Crop, 1868.

CROWN LAYER RAISINS,
LONDON LAYER RAISINS,
WEST END LAYER RAISINS,
SULTANA RAISINS,
VALENTIA RAISINS,
SEEDLESS RAISINS,

CURRENTS, new and large; Turkey Figs in layers, very large; Dates, German and French Prunes.

HUGH WALKER.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Electorate of the North, East, South and West, take notice that Hugh Walker is now receiving daily thousands of those celebrated Oysters from J. Ludington & Co., Baltimore. Extra quality for the Holidays. For Sale by the Can, Keg, Pint, Quart, Gallon, or by the Hundred. Wholesale to the trade at city prices.

HUGH WALKER, & CO., Sole Agent for Ludington & Co., Baltimore. Fruit Depot, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

GUELPH, ONT.

TEAS. O'D. & CO. TEAS.

Ping Suey Tea, BEST \$1.00 | Best Oolong, 75c.

Best Moyune, 87 1/2 | Best Japan, 65

Choice Young Hyson, 80 | Best Black, 68

Young Hyson Teas, 50c.

Good Plug Chewing Tobacco at 20c per lb.

SILVER TAKEN AT PAR.

At E. O'DONNELL & CO'S.
Wyndham Street, Guelph. October 20th. do w

JACKSON & HALLETT,

GROCERS,
NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

We have ALWAYS ON HAND as below, which will be sold as CHEAP as quality will allow

Hyson, Japan, Congu and Gunpowder Teas,
Which for Strength and Flavour is not to be surpassed

McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal. Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal
Fruit and Fish. Cigars, Pickles, &c.

NEW LAYER RAISINS,
NEW VALENTIA RAISINS,
NEW CHOICE CURRANTS,
NEW FIGS AND LEMONS,
NEW CANNED PEELS,
FRESH RED HERRING (100 Boxes),
NEW LABRADOR HERRINGS,
NEW CODFISH (dried),
FRESH WHITE FISH,
FRESH TROUT FISH

GENUINE MARTELL'S and HENNESSEY'S BRANDIES, in wood and bottle. SHERRIES, PORTS, GINS, RUMS, &c. Wholesale and Retail. Hiram Walker's WINDSOR OLD RYE WHISKY and WINDSOR OLD MALT WHISKY. ALISON'S ALE, BASS' ALE, BLOOD'S PORTER LONDON PORTER

Goods Delivered in all Parts of the Town with Promptness
D. JACKSON. J. HALLETT.
Guelph, November 16th, 1868. do w

WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block.

JOHN A. McMILLAN is now turning out over six hundred pairs of Boots and Shoes per week at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. An immense Stock of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Children's

RUBBER OVER-SHOES AND BOOTS
At the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. The cheapest and best Boots in the County of Wellington, without exception, are got at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory. Ten thousand people can testify to the fact.

Observe, you lose money if you do not get your Boots and Shoes from John A. McMILLAN, Boot Maker for the million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor.
Guelph, 21 Oct. do w [Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works

WYNDHAM STREET.

CONFECTIONERY
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
Suitable for the Approaching Festive Season,
WHOLESALE,
AT H. BERRY'S.
Guelph, Dec. 5, 1868. daw tf