

WORK WHILE IT IS DAY.
Last winter is not so long past that any of us can have forgotten its severity. We recollect how the snow descended in fleecy clouds, how the "wind bit shrewdly," how the terrible frost set a hermetic seal on nature, and of sent a shiver through our frames, even as we sat by the fire. Lord help the poor! was the ejaculation of the tender-hearted, as they listened to the storm that swept past with fury to seek the crevices of miserable dwellings where perhaps the flame of the last fagot had burnt itself out. There was cause for the exclamation, and the half starved, and nearly wholly frozen beings that were to be found in every community, but in vast numbers in towns and cities, afforded solid reasons for working as well as praying. From one end of the Dominion to the other came doleful tidings of one class of the inhabitants of certain localities being on the brink of starvation. To upbraid them with being idle when they should have been working, to repeat to them the fable of the grass-hopper and the bees, and point out its moral would have been futile, for that would merely have been telling them to eat and be filled without setting before them wherewithal to satisfy their hunger. The naked fact that men, women and children were famishing stared the charitable in the face, and afforded but little time for reading homilies on duty, industry and economy—bread, not a stone, was demanded.

But there is a time for everything, a time for giving a word of admonition as well as for bestowing charity. While the glorious summer sun shines the real wants of nature are but few, how numerous soever may be the imaginary, and those who are inclined to interpret too literally the command, "Care not for the things of the morrow," may spend a few months very pleasantly, if pleasure is to be found in indolence. But the snow will again cover the earth, the wild storms will again rage and howl, and then there will be an awakening. The mildest Canadian winter is no light matter, and demands preparations being made against its arrival. Not for years has there been a better opportunity of doing so than there is now, has been since the opening of spring, and will be for some time to come. There need not be an unemployed man or boy in Canada, for the harvest is moderately abundant, and the laborers comparatively few. Wages such as have not been paid within the last ten years are offered by farmers, "with no takers," as the market reports say, and the individual who seeks charity next winter on the ground of having been uncertainly employed, or engaged at an unremunerative rate, must expect to be disbelieved. Unavoidable misfortune at any time claims compassion, but should such reports of starvation reach us next winter as did last we shall be forced to the conclusion that laziness or an extravagant use of what has been earned, has had more to do with the calamity than misfortune.

There is misery enough in every quarter of the world, said Sterne's monk; and Guelph has its share, though the exact extent of it is known only to heaven and the tax collector, but we hope that every able bodied man and boy is at work (and we believe most of them are) making hay while the sun shines, or carrying the hod, which is much the same when pay night arrives; and acting as becomes useful and provident members of society resolved to support themselves by their own exertions, and be a burden to nobody.

THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC DEBT.—The exhibit for August shows that, notwithstanding the expense of a military occupation of some of the Southern States, the public debt is steadily diminished,—the decrease for July being over \$100,000,000. The actual debt of the United States, which at the close of the war was about \$2,850,000,000, is now but \$2,490,324,848, showing a reduction of over \$100,000,000 per annum since the close of the war. This reduction has been accomplished by a very heavy taxation, which caused so much uneasiness that there has been a considerable reduction of taxation. It is now proposed in some quarters to take off the tax on incomes next year; and, whether this is done or not, it is probable that on the whole, the taxes will be gradually lightened each year. Excise is to be hereafter levied almost entirely on spirituous liquors, tobacco, and a few other articles of a like character, and it is expected that imports on many imported articles will be reduced considerably. The prospects are that the people of the United States will be able to pay their debt before very many years without any great burden. Besides the rapid increase of an industrious population, there is still greater increase of wealth, which will probably go on for many years to come, and thus the burden of the debt will grow lighter each year.

Great Western Railway.

NOTICE

FROM MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST 17,

RUN DAILY.
The Mixed Train due to leave HAMILTON at 6.25 a.m., and HARRISBURG at 8.15 a.m., for Guelph, and the Mixed Train due to leave GUELPH at 5.50 p.m., and HARRISBURG at 4.40 p.m. for Hamilton, will again

MORTGAGE SALE.
WILLIAM HOCKIN, EDWIN NEWTON, Official Assignees, CHARLES RAYMOND, THE ONTARIO BANK, and all others whom it may concern.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, General Agents for the **ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF ENGLAND.**
Capital, \$10,000,000, Accumulated funds, \$6,000,000.
The Royal Insurance Company is the only Company doing business in Guelph, that has subscribed.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, General Agents for the **STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,** Established in 1825.

CLARK'S MUSIC STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Grand Waltzes.

PIANOS and ORGANS, Melodeons, Guitars, And other Instruments. Music Stools, School Books, Stationery and Blank Books.

At CLARK'S MUSIC STORE, Market Square, Guelph.

CHALMER'S CHURCH. REV. D. H. MOVICAR, of Montreal, will preach at the Church.

Chancery Sale OF LAND.

PUBLIC AUCTION! by JAMES WATSON HALL, Esq., Master at Guelph.

On Saturday, 5th Sept., 1868 at Twelve o'clock noon, at the Town Hall, Guelph, the following property, in separate parcels:

1st—Town Lots in Guelph, viz. Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 27, in THORP'S SURVEY, or Lot Number one and part of Lot number two, broken front, and Lot number five, in Division F, in said town, being a portion of the Stanley property. Each lot contains by measurement 9240 square feet of land, be the same more or less.

2nd—Lands in the Village of Wellington, in the County of Wellington.

3rd—Lands in Thorpville in said County of Wellington, viz: Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27 in survey by John Thorp, consisting of one and three-fifths acres of the North-westerly half of Lot number 15, in the First Concession of the Township of Pilkington, containing by measurement one-fifth of an acre each.

4th.—Lots in the Village of Ferris in the County of Wellington—Being Lot 129 on the East of Angus Street, according to the map or plan of said village made by Mr. Martin Esq.

The purchaser shall at the time of Sale pay down a deposit on the proportion of \$10 for every \$100 of the purchase money, to the Vendor or his Solicitor, and shall pay the remainder of the purchase money, with interest, within ten days hereafter, and upon such payment the purchaser shall be entitled to a conveyance, and to be let into possession, the purchaser at the time of Sale to sign an agreement for the completion of the purchase.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, GENERAL AGENTS, TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH.

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 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.

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

AMARANTH. Lot 22, in the 10th Concession, 200 acres.

ARTHUR. South-half of Lot 15, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 60 of which are in a high state of cultivation, and well fenced, watered by a creek crossing the centre of the farm; a two story house and good barn on the lot.

CHATHAM. North-east half of 21, in the 5th Con., 100 acres, well timbered.

ERAMOSA. Part of West-half of 2, in the 3rd Con., four acres, with a good stone house and log stable.

ERIN. East-half of Lot 32, 5th Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared; 25 excellent bush.

ELORA. Valuable **Tavern and** for sale in the Village of Elora, at present leased to Robert Cook being lots 5 and 6, corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, with stabling for 40 horses. Also the Cowan house.

GARAFRAXA. Lot 11, in 13th Con., 100 acres; 60 acres cleared, all dry land; farm buildings.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP. Lots 3 and 4, in 3rd Con., Div. D, 140 acres; 90 acres improved; frame dwelling house, and frame bank barn and sheds, well fenced.

TOWN OF GUELPH. Large two story stone house, with 10 or 27 acres attached, on the 1st Con., and bounded on the south by the Eramosa river. The buildings and fences are in good repair; good garden and orchard. Terms liberal and price extremely low.

Water Privilege and Mill Site, containing 15 acres, composed of the north parts of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Lots 5 and 6, in Oliver's Survey, on the Waterloo Road.

Four Quarry Lots, being Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 45 on the Waterloo Road.

LUTHER. Lots 4 and 5 in the 10th Con., 402 acres, 100 of which are improved; house, barn, stabling and shedding; 9 miles from Arthur, 12 miles from Mount Forest.

SULLIVAN. North-half Lot 27 in the 3rd Con., 100 acres. North-half Lot 27, 4th Con., 100 acres.

MELANCHTON. Lot 29, 10 in Con. N. O. S. E., 92 acres.

New Advertisements. DOMESTIC GOODS.

A. O. BUCHAM INVITES public notice to his Stock of **DOMESTIC GOODS,** which is very **LARGE and EXTRA IN VALUE.**

GREY & WHITE COTTONS Best widths and makes, including Horrick's, Miller & Co's.

Grey and White Cotton Sheetings, Plain and Twilled Linen Sheetings, Grey Half Bleached and White Table Clothings.

Shirtings, Hollands, Gingham, PRINTS, TICKINGS, &c.

The above Goods are superior in value to anything in the trade at the present time, and deserve the attention of intending purchasers.

A. O. BUCHAM. Wyndham Street, Guelph, August 13, 1868.

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. Meredith, Wyndham Street.)

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

SELL FOR CASH ONLY! GREAT BARGAINS MAY BE EXPECTED.

E. O'DONNELL & CO. Wyndham Street, Guelph, 7th August, 1868.

The Great Clearing Sale AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE

A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Rush Still Continues!

DRESS GOODS STILL FURTHER REDUCED.

Call early and see the Bargains in Prints, Factory and White Cottons.

Great reduction in Linen, Damasks, Table Cloths, Table Napkins, &c.

A few Shawls and Mantles to be cleared at Cost Prices.

PHILIP BISH.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 3rd August.

Cedar Posts for Sale. FOR sale, a number of Cedar Posts. Apply to DENNIS COFFEY, wif Guelph May 26th 1868.

NOTICE. MR. FRANCIS SMAL L is no longer connected with the firm of Messrs. Gowdy & Stewart as their Agent in the lumbering business. All accounts due the said firm must be paid to them personally, as no other person is authorized after this date to receive money or grant receipts.

HOUSE WANTED. WANTED TO RENT, a comfortable residence in Guelph, or within a few miles. A Dwelling House with not less than four bed-rooms and two parlors, kitchen, out offices, hard and soft water, &c. Address G. F., care of Editor of the Mercury, Guelph, 7th August.

LADIES' SCHOOL. Conducted by Mrs. W. Budd.

RED & WHITE BRICK. 100,000 RED and WHITE BRICK will be for sale on Lot No. 10, 6th Con. (East side), Erin, July 30.

CARPENTER and JOINER,

Comprising 15 Plates. BY ROBERT RIDDLE.

ELEMENTS OF HAND RAILING Comprising 17 Plates.

Carpentry Made Easy Comprising 17 Plates. BY WM. E. BELL.

Day's Bookstore, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Guelph, 11th August, 1868.

Tenders Wanted

A STONE DRILL SHED. TENDERS for the erection of a Drill Shed and Agricultural Hall in the Village of Fergus, will be received by the undersigned up to noon, on TUESDAY, the 18th of AUGUST, 1868.

REMOVED OPPOSITE. C. & T. MEREDITH HAVE REMOVED TO THE PREMISES LATELY OCCUPIED BY THE

Canada Clothing Store! Where they are now prepared to attend to the wants of their numerous customers and friends.

Remember No. 10. C. & T. MEREDITH. Guelph, August 10.

TROTTER'S Canadian Dentifrice

IS recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleaning, 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 Association; L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott, Toronto.

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.

Special Notice TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

E. CARROLL & CO. BEG to notify that they are now receiving a large lot of NEW CROP

TEAS which they intend to sell cheaper than any house in Guelph. Examine OUR PRICES and judge for yourselves.

No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK. Guelph, August 12.

TO BUILDERS. SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till 1 o'clock, noon, On FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

KNOX'S CHURCH! IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

Plans and Specifications may be seen and full particulars obtained from him at his office. The Building Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender if not satisfactory.

SPECIAL ATTENTION. THE Highest Market Price paid for Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wool Pickings.

At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street, Guelph, July 25

New Advertisements. PAINTER WANTED

HOUSE PAINTER WANTED. Apply to THOMAS BREADON, Guelph, 14th Aug.

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