

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

MONDAY EVEN'G, MARCH 1, 1899.

CIRCULATION of the MERCURY.

The circulation of the Daily and Weekly MERCURY is MORE THAN DOUBLE that of any paper published in Guelph or west of Toronto. Both editions circulate largely among the merchants and business men in Wellington, Waterloo, Perth, Grey, and Bruce. As an advertising medium for the section of country embraced in these Counties it is unequalled by any paper published outside of Toronto. Rates for advertising moderate, and discount allowed on advertisements inserted for a lengthened period.

County Registrar Appointed.

We have just learned that at a meeting of the Cabinet at Toronto, on Saturday, Mr. James Webster was appointed County Registrar, in room of his father. We shall have something to say on the subject in another issue.

A Lawyer in Labour.

Other engagements have prevented us sooner noticing a letter which appeared in the Advertiser of last week over the signature of "A Townsman" on the subject of the County Registrarship. Before doing so, however, we would first make our acknowledgments to the Advertiser for so far doing us the justice to say that he believed the statement made by his correspondent with reference to us was incorrect. This being the first instance we know of in which the Advertiser has shown a disposition to deal fairly with us deserves all the more commendation, as also an expressed hope that in future he will follow the same course, and discuss questions on their merits apart from personal feelings.

And now for this unique production—a production so peculiar and so characteristic as to betray its authorship at the first glance. We may forgive the spirit that prompted, however we may despise the effusion itself, for there are some men—and this correspondent is one of them—who if they ceased to meddle with what does not concern them might as well cease to live also. The writer starts with a false statement when he says that the editor of the MERCURY is an applicant for the office of County Registrar. "Townsman" knew quite well when he said so that he was giving currency to a lie, but having no other peg on which to hang an excuse for a letter, he fell back on the old trick of the unscrupulous lawyer, who, having no arguments to offer in support of his case, puts forth statements as facts, and then proceeds to argue from them. Men of this stamp have generally such a facility in changing sides that one knows not where to find them. From being small, peddling politicians, they manage to wriggle themselves up from one public position to another—now thankful for a helping hand from Conservatives, and anon bidding high for the support of Reformers—but when the coveted position is obtained invariably giving the cold shoulder to those who were of most service to them in their time of need. Their chief characteristic is a perfect passion for writing to the newspapers on all subjects and on all occasions. If an election is on the tapis, whether political or municipal, if an office becomes vacant, if even a fellow professional rouses their anger, they set to work and bluster whole yards of paper with their feverish thoughts, expressed generally in the most crabbed English, which will bear comparison any day with the crabbedness of the characters in which it is written; when you add to this the individual butter-boling at street corners, the secret caucusing, the low intriguing, the log rolling, the vain attempts to square conscience with the opinions of all parties and all conflicting interests, the ludicrous endeavours to make others believe—and ourselves too—that two and two make five—you have a full length picture of such a man as "Townsman," who is the acknowledged wire puller and self constituted factotum in all election matters in Guelph. Opinions sit loose enough on the shoulders of such politicians. When to be Conservative is the fashion and likely to be profitable, then they are Conservatives. When to be a Reformer may hoist them into office or secure them emolument, then they are Reformers. Theirs is the rare faculty of changing sides to suit circumstances or please their friends. When what a profound philosopher calls the pressure brought about by a system of social tyranny and traditional attachment to a ring of persistent office seekers claims their aid they step boldly forth into the fight, regardless of their antecedents or previous associations, regardless of their former professions—all they care about is the accomplishment of their object, and that done they wish to shake hands all round, and try to make others forget what they have been and what they have done, for they have always an eye to future business and future preferment, and wish to keep friends with everybody all round. But time which tries all things lays bare the hollow and treachery of such time servers, who are henceforth pointed at only to be shunned as instances of men who sought to serve all parties by turns, but who in the long run lost the respect and confidence of all.

SLASHING, VERY.—A neat specimen of the slashing style in literary criticisms is the following notice of Captain Clayton's book of Spain from the Pall Mall Gazette: "Not worth the trouble of cutting the leaves. An utterly uncalculated account of a rapid railway journey right through from Havre to Valencia, with a smatch at the Balearic Isles, and a dash home by Barcelona, and Perpignan. The mere idle scribbling of a chattering traveller on a beaten road, doing towns in the intervals allowed for refreshment, and eking out his original matter by lashed guidebooks. Occasionally vulgar, often flippant, generally silly, always stupid."

Book Notices.

"SUNSHINE AND SHADOW."—A book bearing the above title has just been written by Mr. Matthew Hale Smith, the world-renowned Barleigh of the New York and Boston press. As its title indicates, the work goes into the details of the extremes of life in New York city—wealth and poverty—happiness and misery—and the information and material contained in these sketches, though drawn from original and reliable sources, would almost stagger belief. It is a perfect mirror of New York, reflecting the secrets of the greatest of American cities, and contains besides a large number of biographical sketches of the celebrated men of the metropolis. "Sunshine and Shadow" is a large octavo volume, containing over 700 pages, finely illustrated, and neatly bound in red and gold. It is sold only by subscription, and in no instance can the book be had at the bookstores. The agent, Mr. Loomis, is now canvassing Guelph for this very interesting and instructive book, and will call at the houses of the townspeople to give them an opportunity to subscribe. We recommend every one to obtain a copy of the work—extracts from which we will endeavor to make room for in to-morrow's MERCURY.

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.—Our readers will observe by the advertisement in another column that Drs. Howitt and Keating have entered into partnership for the practice of the medical profession in Guelph. Dr. Howitt's large and increasing practice and his recent severe illness, from which he is now slowly recovering, have led to this change. We congratulate the people of Guelph and vicinity that he has secured so able a partner as Dr. Keating. Though comparatively young in years he has been a most successful practitioner. The people of Puslinch, among whom he has practised for several years, have a very high opinion of his skill, and greatly esteem him for his attention and kindly bearing to the sick, and he leaves that section amid the sincere regrets of all. What is their loss will be our gain. He is far from being a stranger here, and in coming to Guelph we welcome him as a valuable acquisition to our staff of medical men, as one enthusiastically devoted to his profession, and who, profiting by the skill, the larger experience and sound judgment of his valued associate, will, by the exercise of his own superior talents and unvaried attention to his duties, be able greatly to relieve his senior of the heaviest part of the work, and also we feel assured soon attain the same high place in the estimation of their numerous patients which Dr. Howitt has long held.

MARCH.

"March winds and April showers
Bring forth May flowers."

Is the burden of an old song which may apply with some truth to England, but in Canada it is not so near the mark. In this country March is not particularly distinguished for high winds, and there is more snow, sleet and steady rains in April than passing showers; while May flowers are few and far between. The present month is generally cold and chilly, with a few spring-like and sunny days, when the warmth of the sun dissolves the snow and gives us plenty of those undesirable materials—mud and slush. It is, however, the forerunner of a more propitious season, and as such its advent is welcome. To-day (Monday) March came in very cold but not stormy, and if the popular proverb is true, will "go out like a lamb." This is also the anniversary of St. David—the patron saint of Wales—and celebrated as such by Welshmen in all parts of the world.

PERSONAL.—We find the following in the Brampton Times, and can cordially endorse the sentiments therein contained: It will be seen by our advertisement columns that R. Trotter, Esq., Dentist, who has been a resident of Brampton for many years, is about leaving this town to permanently reside in Guelph. Mr. Trotter has won for himself a deservedly high reputation in his profession, as well as of being a good citizen; and though many will regret his leaving this neighbourhood, yet he will take with him their good wishes for his future prosperity, with the hope that he may be successful in winning the same golden opinions of the people of Guelph and vicinity, as he has done in Brampton.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, March 1, 1899
The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: Thos. E. Hay, Petrolia; Thomas Allison, Toronto; R. Nicholson, Strathroy; Wm. Bonnell, Toronto; G. Combs, St. Catharines; Frank Foster, Montreal; Colin Cameron, Montreal; John Douglas, Flamboro; R. G. Halberton, Halifax, N. S.; C. Kaufman, Montreal; C. T. Rootes, St. Johns; W. H. Haught, United States; E. Hearle, Montreal; Mr. Brownjohn, Grimsby; Wm. Lang, Stratford.

MARRIAGES.

REA-DALGLISH.—At Guelph, on the 26th February, by Rev. John Hogg, Mr. John Rea, to Mrs. Frances DalGLISH, both of Guelph.

New Advertisements.

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.

We the undersigned have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical Profession.
JOHN HOWITT, M.D.
T. A. KEATING, M.D., M.R.C.S.
Guelph, Feb. 25. w1 d2 w

BUILDING WANTED.

Wanted to hire for a term of years in Guelph, a building (or part of one) with steam or water power, latter preferred. Address
C. G. H., Mercury Office.
Guelph, March 1. MWF 42w

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 11th of January, 1899.
Guelph, 24th December. d

GIRL WANTED.

Wanted by Mrs. Horman, a respectable girl to take charge of three children.
Guelph, 26th February. 61

TOWN HALL, GUELPH.

MONDAY EVENING, FIRST MARCH

MR. ALFRED BURNETT,
The Greatest of American

HUMORISTS,
And delineator of COMIC CHARACTER, assisted by the following Talented Artists:

MISS HELEN NASH,
The popular Dramatic Recitationist.

MR. J. W. SHARPLEY,
The finest Concertist in the world.

PROF. THOS. KILNER,
Musical Director.

Mr. BURNETT will appear in his
Wonderful Rapid Changes of Dress
AND CHARACTER.

ADMISSION TWENTY-FIVE CENTS
Reserved Seats Fifty Cents.

Guelph, 26th February. d3

A LECTURE

ON THE
History of the Language, the Druids, their Col-
leges, the Harp, the Highland Pipes, the Irish
Bagpipes, and other Musical Instruments of
Ireland and Scotland.

IN THE TOWN HALL, GUELPH
On the evening of
THURSDAY, THE 4TH OF MARCH, 1899,
BY MARTIN A. O'BRENNAN, LL.D.

The learned and famous author of O'Brennan's
Antiquities, Irish Grammar, and other Works.

Tickets, 25c. Reserved Seats, 50c.

Tickets to be had of the Committee, and at the
door. Doors open at half-past 7 o'clock. Lec-
ture at 8.50. March 1 d3t

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

TOILET PREPARATIONS

ORIENTAL ROSE

HAIR GLOSS

Delicately fragrant, and unsurpassed for strength-
ening, cleansing and beautifying the hair. In
bottles at 25 cents.

Prepared only by
E. HARVEY & CO.

Crystalline Pomade,
Marrow Pomade,
Cold Cream,
Rose Tooth Paste,
Rau de Fleurs d'Orange,
Eau de Cologne,
Eau de Rose,
Violet Powder,
Lubin's French Perfumes.

E. HARVEY & CO.
Dispensing and Family Chemists.

BILLIARDS

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted
New Style Tables
Exhibition Twice a Week.

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 22nd February. d4t

BOYS WANTED.

Four steady boys wanted to sell the EVENING
Mercury. Apply at this office.

SALT, SALT

200 Bags Coarse Liverpool SALT,
100 Bags Fine Liverpool SALT,
500 Barrels American SALT.

Guelph, Feb. 16. daw

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

SAP BUCKETS.

1,000 Dozen SAP BUCKETS,
Guelph, Feb. 16. daw

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to
S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph.
Guelph, Norem 19, 1898. daw d1

A RARE CHANCE.

A Six Year's Lease and Furniture
of a First-class Hotel in the
Town of Guelph for sale.

To be sold by private sale, a six year's lease
and furniture of one of the best Hotels in the
Town of Guelph. The subscriber is going to
leave Canada, wishing to dispose of the above.
For further particulars apply to
M. DEADY, Dady's Hotel, Guelph.
Guelph, 5th Feb. d4t

NEW ARRIVALS!

Oranges and Lemons!

PRUNES, DATES.

FINNAN HADDIES

AND YARMOUTH BLOATERS,

AT J. & D. MARTIN'S.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, February 25. d4t

SCHOOL BOOKS & STATIONERY

SELLING AT COST

AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

The subscriber wishing to confine his attention to

THE MUSIC TRADE

IS NOW OFFERING HIS STOCK OF

School Books, Blank Books,
Blank Books, Stationery, Albums,
Writing Desks, Work Boxes,
Travelling Bags, &c. &c.,

AT COST. CALL AND SEE.

Guelph, February 17. daw 11

W. WARNER CLARKE,
Market Square, Guelph.

JACKSON & HALLETT, NEW BOOKS!

NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

WE HAVE ON HAND, as below, which will be sold either WHOLESALE OR RETAIL at the
Lowest Cash Prices:—

FISH FISH
100 Barrels No. 1 Labrador Herrings,
50 Barrels Round Herrings,
150 half Barrels Lake Herrings,
150 half Barrels Trout,
60 half Barrels White Fish,
30 quintals Dry Cod Fish.

200 barrels Goderich and Onondago Salt.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUSHELS DRIED APPLES.

WINDSOR WHISKIES.—20 Barrels extra Old Rye. 100 Barrels Superior Whiskies. Scotch and
Canadian Malt Whiskies.

COAL OIL, 150 BARRELS. WHOLESALE, BY THE
BARREL ONLY.

With a full assortment of GENERAL GROCERIES.

JACKSON & HALLETT.

Guelph, February 11. daw

The ETNA Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.

ASSETS OVER \$10,000,000.

More than fifteen thousand Policies were issued during the year, insuring nearly FORTY-FIVE
MILLIONS. It insures from \$500 to \$20,000 on a single life.

THE ENTIRE PROFITS DIVIDED AMONG THE POLICY HOLDERS ANNUALLY.

Furnishes Insurance combining all of the advantages offered by other Companies. Unsurpassed
Management and Financial Security.

New Cash Tables with ANNUAL DIVIDENDS, on the Contribution Plan.

Dividends as large and Policies become self-sustaining as soon as any other Company, while the
rates are more favorable.

JOHN GARVIN, General Agent for Western Canada. Office—TORONTO, Ont.

HIGHBOTHAM & HARVEY,
Guelph, 19th February. d4m

Lumber & Wood Yard

CHARLES HEATH

Has opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on
Quebec-St. West of English Church.

Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to
suit purchasers.

CORDWOOD

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter
cord, and delivered any part of the Town.

Also for sale, Flour and Feed delivered in an
any part of the Town according to order.

All orders from Town or Country will be
promptly attended to.

Guelph, Feb. 14. CHARLES HEATH

TOWN HALL, GUELPH

THE GREAT

COOL BURGESS

MINSTRELS

AND BRASS BAND.

Positively for One Night Only

TUESDAY, MARCH 2.

Admission Twenty-five Cents. Reserved Seats
Forty Cents.

JOE CHENET, Agent.
COOL BURGESS, Manager and Proprietor.
Guelph, 22nd Feb. d4t

HARTFORD

Fire Insurance Company

of Hartford, Conn.

INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for
terms of one to three years.

Guelph, Dec. 21. E. MORRIS, Agent.
d4t

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregational Church.

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her
School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY,
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FISH

NOW IN STOCK

White Fish

Salmon

Labrador Herring

Sea Herring

Trout

Tommy Cods

Codfish

Smelt

Sardines

Lobsters

&c. &c.

The above will be sold cheap.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Day's Block.

Guelph, 11th February. 6d

IMPERIAL

Fire Insurance Company

OF LONDON.

(Established 1802.)

HEAD OFFICES.—1 Old Broad Street, a
Pall Mall, London.

GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA.—24 St. S.
Crawford Street, Montreal.

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve
Fund

£1,965,000 STERLING

Funds invested in Canada—\$105,000

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the
most favorable terms, and losses paid with
out reference to the Board in London. No charge
made for policies or endorsements.

RINROT, Broas, General Agents, 24 St. Sacramento
Street, Join Deasworth, Inspector.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, 14th Nov. ad

THE

A Charming New Novel,

"HE KNEW HE WAS RIGHT,"

By Anthony Trollope,

AT THORTON'S

BOOKSTORE.

Near the Post Office.

Guelph, Feb. 27. daw 11

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership
heretofore existing between Alexander Thomson,
Samuel Shaw and George Merton, junior, under
the style and firm of A. Thomson & Co., in the
Town of Guelph, was dissolved this day by mutual
consent.

The business in future will be carried on by
Samuel Shaw and George Merton, junior, under
the style and firm of SHAW & MERTON, who here-
by agree to settle all claims against the old firm of
A. Thomson & Co., and are hereby authorized to
collect all debts owing to A. Thomson & Co.

ALEXANDER THOMSON,
SAMUEL SHAW,
GEORGE MERTON, JR.

Witness,
CHARLES GLENN
Guelph, February 24, 1899. daw

THE SUBSCRIBERS IN RETURNING THANKS

to the public for the liberal patronage be-
stowed on the late firm of A. Thomson & Co.,
would beg to state that they intend carrying on
the business as heretofore, at the Guelph CLOTH
HALL, and shall be happy to have a call from
their old friends.

SAMUEL SHAW,
GEORGE MERTON, JR.

Guelph, Feb. 24, 1899. daw 11

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WAL-

THAM, MASS.

Every sixth minute in the working day a fin-
ished watch movement is the average production
of the above Factory. Yet, at this enormous rate
of manufacture, the Company can still barely sup-
ply the demand. They have already produced
almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES.

most of which are now in the pockets of the peo-
ple, testifying to their superior merits as time-
keepers. They are now almost exclusively used on