

NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE

East Market Square, Guelph.

A. GRAHAM & CO.

Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg.

First door East of Bell's Melodeon Factory,

EAST MARKET SQUARE,

where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly filled, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

POTATOES.

On hand, a large consignment of capital potatoes, which we will sell at the lowest possible price. Give us a call.

Guelph, Nov. 22. A. GRAHAM & CO. dlm

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above Factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as time-keepers. They are now almost exclusively used

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS.

Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS

and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer this American Watch to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Elly's" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied one minute and a half in that time, without care or cleaning, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN

these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION.

as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fineness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion, or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearer they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON,

General Agents, New York.

ROBERT WILKES,

Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

TROTTER & GRAHAM,



DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON

LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY,

Successors in Guelph to Trotter.

Office, over Higginbotham's Drugstore,

Guelph, 2nd August 1868. d1w

THE

Equitable Life Assurance Society

OF THE UNITED STATES.

Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.

W. O. BUCHANAN,

81 Great St. James St., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

COLIN SEWELL, M. D., Examining Physician, Dr. R. L. MACDONNELL, Consulting

GEORGE MACREA, Solicitor, BANK OF MONTREAL, Bankers.

The rapid advance of the Society to the very first rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of dollars, all of which are invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for our unfeigned congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policyholder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed. The rank of this Society among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the ninth; in 1861 the eighth; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (last year) the second.

Insurances effected on the most favorable terms by

GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph, Guelph, December 4th. d1f

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. & S. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Guelph, Nov. 22. do 5w

DOMINION HOTEL,

GUELPH.

JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL ST., a few doors above Higginbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious tables. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodations for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 13th. d1w1y

OPENED THIS DAY,

A LOT OF

CHEAP CLOUDS,

WHITE,

BLACK,

SCARLET,

GREY and

FANCY.

At

JOHN A. WOOD'S,

Guelph November 21st. dw

JOB LOTS,

At 75c. and 50c. worth double the money, at

A. O. BUCHANAN'S.

HEAD OFFICES.—1 Old Broad Street, and 10 Fall Mall, London.

GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA.—24 St. Sacramento Street, Montreal.

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserved Fund

£1,965,000 SEERLING.

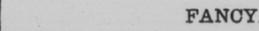
Funds invested in Canada—\$105,000

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid without reference to the Board in London. No charge made for policies or endorsements.

Riverton Bros., General Agents, 24 St. Sacramento Street, John Dotsworth, Inspector.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph, Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

TROTTER'S



Canadian Dentifrice

IS recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleansing, beautifying and preserving the teeth:—D. W. H. 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. Catherine; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott—Toronto.

Price 25c. per box. For sale by all Drug-Gists, June 22. daw 6m

NEW AND PRETTY PIANO MUSIC FOR BEGINNERS.

Fingers and suitable for pupils who have taken but one or two quarters' lessons.

CRYSTAL GEMS,

A collection of easy and brilliant Polkas, Waltzes, Marches, &c., composed and arranged by C. KREUZ.

1, Fairy Footsteps, Waltz. 2, Snowflake Polka. 3, Charming Schottische. 4, Rumping Galop. 5, Silver Star Quickstep. 6, Fairy Mazurka. 7, Soldier Boy's March. 8, Mabel Waltz. 9, Sweet Kiss Polka. 10, Rosy Cheeks, Schottische. 11, Run-away Galop. 12, Hilda Waltz. 13, Fairy Tale Polka. 14, Sunbeam Schottische. 15, Whirlwind Galop. 16, Leap Year Quickstep. 17, Whispering Love Max. 18, Tambour March. 19, Belgravia Waltz. 20, Silver Shower Polka. 21, My Darling Schottische. 22, First Impression Waltz. 23, Fast Boys Galop. 24, Cornflower Waltz. Price 30 cents each. Sent, post-paid, on receipt of the price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 71 Broadway, New York. dw

CHEAP PHOTOGRAPHS

W. BURGESS,

Christmas Presents.

he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly

REDUCED PRICES.

Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once.

PICTURES!

of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art.

W. BURGESS,

100 INGERSOLL FACTORY,

50 SMALL DAIRY,

PARSON'S STILTON,

REESOR'S STILTON.

Kentish Filberts, English Walnuts,

Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts,

Soft and Hard Shelled Almonds,

New Turkey Figs, Desert Raisins,

French Prunes.

At

JOHN A. WOOD'S,

Guelph November 21st. dw

F. M. WILSON,

Banking, Exchange & Passage

OFFICE,

No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

American Money and Silver Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold.

Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, Londonderry and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania, Havre, &c., via Leith.

Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mail Line Steamship Company to California.

Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

LOOK OUT FOR THE

28 UNBROKEN 23

Mason & Hamlin Organs

Expected in a few days at

CLARK'S MUSIC STORE

They won the First-class Medal at the recent World's Exposition in Paris. They are not only the Best, but also the

Lowest Priced Instruments

which can be produced in America.

AGENTS WANTED.

W. WARNER CLARK,

Market Square, Guelph, Guelph, Dec. 3. daw 1f

MONTREAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

QUELPH AGENCY.

CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.

GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.

CABIN.—Guelph to Liverpool, \$85.50 and \$93.50 STEERAGE, do do \$32.00

CABIN.—Guelph to Glasgow, \$73.50.

INTERMEDIATE, do \$47.00.

STEERAGE, do do \$31.00.

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, state-rooms and every information apply to

GEO. A. OXNARD,

Agent, G. T. R., Guelph, Guelph, April 1, 1868. daw

CANADIAN ALMANAC

FOR 1869,

Only 12½ Cents, at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.

Guelph, Nov. 27. daw 1f

GUELPH

TANNERY FOR SALE.

That available property situate in the Town of Guelph, consisting of Tannery, Dwelling House, and Office,—all Stone; also, Wooden Stables. The Tannery has 70 Vats and 10 Leaches, and is run by Steam. The house is

IN THOROUGH REPAIR

The main building could be advantageously turned into a Brewery, Foundry, or Woollen Factory. The whole property will be sold upon liberal terms.

Apply at the Tannery, or to—BEARDMORE & CO., 6 Wellington Street West, Toronto. d1wF-2t

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

THURSDAY EV'NG, DEC. 10, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

A young artist of Toronto, Mr. Forbes, was among the cabin passengers on the Hibernia.

A military funeral took place in the village of Ayr on Sunday last. Nearly 1000 people attended.

A lady living in Yorkville, near Toronto, gave birth to four children on Monday last. They are all living and thriving.

Scotland did well in the recent elections. Out of sixty representatives by it only three are Tories, and of the three one is Liberal in his tendencies.

A returned Californian found the baby he had left at home a young miss of five summers. One day he offended her, and she irefully exclaimed, 'I wish you had never married into the family.'

The Canadian News of the 19th ult., says: Sir George E. Cartier, Bart., and the Hon. Mr. McDougall, C.E. Canadian Ministers, now on an official visit to London, have been elected honorary members of the Reform Club in London.

A correspondent writes:—"The ladies of Ancaster village and vicinity gave a grand sleigh-drive and ball to their gentlemen friends—the ball was held in McPhee's Hall, Alexandria—on Thursday, Dec. 3. It was a perfect success. The ladies paid all expenses."

The County Council at present sitting in Hamilton, have resolved to memorialize the Executive for the unconditional pardon of Camp, whose death sentence has lately been commuted to imprisonment for life. The common opinion seems to be that the charge of rape was a trumped up one.

On Tuesday morning the examining warehouse in Montreal was fired by an incendiary. A million dollars' worth of goods, including fifty puncheons of high-wines, were stored in it. The progress of the fire was arrested before an explosion took place. The incendiary was arrested a short time after, and a rumble of gold watches which he had stolen from the building were found in his possession.

NEW STYLE OF VERDICT.—A despatch from Albany on the 7th inst. says: The jury in the Cole-Hiscock case came into court this morning, and stated that they found the prisoner to be sane at the moment before and the moment after the killing, but were in doubt as to his sanity at the instant of the homicide. The Judge said they must give the prisoner the benefit of the doubt, and thus instructed they endorsed a verdict of acquittal.

Mr. Wm. McCabe and Mr. John Grey went out hunting deer on Monday morning, near Newbury Creek, County of Middlesex, and had separated for about twenty minutes, when a deplorable accident occurred. McCabe imagined that he saw a deer hiding in a thicket of brushwood, and fired, when the shouts of a human being were heard. McCabe immediately ran to the spot, when to his dismay he saw his fellow-hunter bleeding, the shot having entered his abdomen. The recovery of the unfortunate man is not looked for. He is a farmer, with a wife and family.

It seems that nothing short of a Republic will satisfy Spain. Lately we have been reading almost daily of irruptions made by some of those who favour such a form of government into meetings of those inclined towards a monarchy.—It will be well if the Spaniards do not work out for themselves a worse despotism than that of Isabella, if worse be possible. But it is ever the way. Men long crushed by tyranny can apparently no more refrain from excesses on the removal of the yoke, than a dog from mad gambols when his chain has been loosed. It will be well if the history of Spain next year bear not a strong resemblance to that of Mexico a short time since.

THE DOMINION PIGEON MATCH.—This grand contest for the distinction of the champion shot of the Dominion was commenced at Leslieville, near Toronto, although the weather was anything but favourable to the affair. The prizes are: 1st, a silver cup and \$50; 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$30; 4th, \$20. The following is the list of competitors:—H. Couzens, Windsor; W. Wilson, Markham; H. Miller, Markham; W. Stuart, Niagara; J. Glenn, London; W. Lake, Newcastle; J. Watt, Toronto; J. Taylor, Toronto; W. Burton, Markham; B. Dalton, Hamilton; B. Warren, Newcastle; W. Loane, Toronto; H. Vernon, J. F. Brown. Twenty-one birds were to be fired at, on Tuesday the competitors fired at fourteen of the number. At that stage of the contest Burton stood best, having missed only one bird. Dalton, of Hamilton, was second best, he having brought down twelve birds consecutively, but scored only eleven, one of the birds falling outside the limits. The match was resumed on Wednesday, when together with a silver cup and a purse of \$50, was carried off by Mr. Wm. Burton, of the Township of Markham. The other purses were won by the following gentlemen: Mr. Dalton, \$40; Mr. Taylor, \$30; and Mr. Loane, \$20.

The Guelph Township Council.

The Council met on Monday, the 30th, pursuant to adjournment. Wm. White-law, Esq., Reeve in the Chair. Present—Messrs. Benham, Darby and Hobson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. Hobson seconded by Mr. Benham, That the members of this Council would express their deep sorrow and regret at the melancholy and unexpected decease of the late Robert Campbell, for many years a member of this Council, and for the past four years Deputy Reeve. And we feel by his death this Municipality has lost an honest and upright public servant, and his numerous acquaintances a courteous and kind hearted friend. We would offer our sincere sympathy and condolence to his bereaved widow and members of his family in the severe affliction that has befallen them, and that the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Campbell. The clerk read a communication from the Clerk of the township of Pilkington, transmitting a copy of resolution passed at a meeting of Council of that Township, relating to an account of \$31.50 rendered to that Municipality, as being the half of the amount paid for opening and improving a portion of the boundary road between the Townships of Guelph and Pilkington. The Benevolent Committee reported they had received the sum of \$30 on charitable purposes. The clerk presented certificates from the following Justices of the Peace relating to parties having sheep destroyed by dogs:—1. From Thos. W. Saunders and Chas. Davidson, certifying that Jos. W. Smart had six sheep killed by dogs, estimated loss \$12. 2nd. From Wm. Phin and H. H. Swinford, in behalf of Pat. Keleher, and Jas. Morgan—Keleher having two sheep killed, valued at \$10.00 and Morgan three, valued \$16. 3rd. From John Rennie and John Kirkland, that Wm. Chipchase had four killed, valued \$8. On motion made by Mr. Benham, seconded by Mr. Hobson, the Reeve was authorized to issue his order on the Treasurer for the above sums to the parties applying for remuneration. Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Darby, That the time for the collector to make his final return to the Treasurer of the taxes to be levied for this year be extended to the 1st day of February next. Carried. The Road and Bridge Committee for the south-west side of the Township, reported that they have sold the timber on the different road allowances for the following sums, viz. between Guelph and Waterloo for \$20.90; between Amos's corner for \$85, and between Divisions E and B, Paisley-road to Mitchell's Hill for \$18. Jas. Chamberlain was present, asking to be refunded \$1 dog tax, as one of his dogs had been killed shortly after the assessment—granted. The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid:—From J. Hobson, P. L. S., for surveying and assistance on the line of road between McConachis West, \$14.25. On the Township line between Guelph and Waterloo, Waterloo Council being half the amount, \$7.374. T. W. Cooper for taking levels for bridge and preparing plans and specifications for bridge and culvert—drawing up contracts and bonds for works and marking sketch of culvert—inspecting works on bridge and culvert and making measurement, \$43.50. Surveying and assistance in Div. B, \$8.50. Gowdy & Stewart for lumber—repairing roads, \$19.65. D. Guthrie, Solicitor, \$29.75. J. Amos, 125 loads of gravel, \$5. J. Laidlaw, 228 do, \$9. A. McCorkindale, Clerk,—postage, pens and Statutes, \$2.25. The Reeve presented the following report to the Township Council.—Gentlemen,—I beg leave to lay before you a statement of the amount of orders issued by me on the Treasurer for roads and bridges, upon the certificate of the Committee, who let out the contracts, that the work was duly performed. To G. Blatchford, building culvert on Waterloo-road, \$16.50; to Metcalf & Kennedy, building culvert and filling at Leslie's bridge, \$67; to John Lillie, for gravelling crossway, west end, \$46; to John Coghlan, for half amount for right of way to Victoria Bridge, the Town paying the other half, \$25; to Joseph Blair, work done on Guelph and Pilkington line, \$43.20; to Geo. B. Metcalf, building bridge over creek at Shortreed's, \$36; to G. H. Carter, building bridge and approaches at Shortreed's, \$876; to John Hawes, building culvert on Pilkington line, \$8.50; to Thos. Flinn, removing drift timber from bridge, \$9; to John Bolton, gravel for repairing roads, \$5; to John Ellis, do, do, \$7; to Michael Metcalf, do, do, \$4.12; to John McColl, repairing Union Hill, \$5; to John Hinds, for spikes for Union Bridge, \$6; to John Hinds, for repairing road scrapers, \$8; to James Barclay, for repairing Victoria Bridge, \$29.10; to Duncan Kennedy, for building culvert at Eyle's creek, \$16.50; to ditto at Sandland's creek, \$14.50; to ditto at Jackson's creek, \$29; to Sam. Barber, for building culvert and gravelling, \$20; to Thos. Nisbet, for repairing bridge, \$3; to Robt. Matthews, do, \$1.25; to Joseph Atkinson, for building culvert, Nichol line, \$9.25; to Geo. Shortreed, for making approach to cross river at bridge, \$2.50; to Geo. Barber, for repairing culvert, \$2. Total, \$287.92. In addition to the above there is due to Mr. George Harvey the sum of \$25 for a gravel pit for the use of pathmasters in repairing roads. All of which is respectfully submitted, (Signed) Wm. White-law, Reeve.—On motion made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hobson, the report was received and adopted. Mr. Darby with leave granted introduced a By-law for appointing a place for holding the nomination, election of Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and councillors, which went through its several readings and passed. On motion by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hobson, the Reeve was authorized to issue his order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$4 in favor of the R. O. for holding special election for Deputy Reeve. Moved by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hobson, that the Reeve be authorized to give his order on the Treasurer in favour of A. W. Bluth for \$24 for rent of Council room, also in favor of the councillors for \$5 each for attendance on roads and bridges, and \$16 each as provided per By-law for attendance at council and in favor of other officers as provided by by-law. Carried. On motion made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Benham, that the thanks of this Council be now tendered to Wm. White-law, Esq., Reeve, for the courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this Council, and for the very efficient and vigilant manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and the same be engrossed on the minutes of this Council. The Reeve thanked the mem-

bers for the kind expression of their approval of him as Chairman of the Council during the past year, and remarked how harmonious and satisfactory they had worked together throughout the year now drawing to a close, and sincerely hoped the same harmony and good feeling would continue to exist at each future meeting of Council. On the Reeve resuming the Chair it was then moved and seconded to adjourn, to meet on Monday the 21st inst., at 11, a. m.

A. McCORKINDALE, Clerk.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Dec. 9th.—The Daily Telegraph says Mr. Gladstone's cabinet is ready to consider any proposals made by the United States in the Alabama claims. The Telegraph adds, the competence of Lord Clarendon to carry out negotiations is undoubted. The concessions which were made by Lord Stanley are an earnest of the spirit animating the English politicians in dealing with this question. All that can be honorably granted will be. The Americans can accept no less, and desire no more.

MADRID, Dec. 9.—The Gazette of this city says the report of the suppression of armed republican demonstrations at Cadiz a few days ago, was premature. At last accounts the insurgents were still in arms, and were attempting to make terms with the Government troops under a flag of truce.

VIENNA, Dec. 9.—The Emperor, Francis Joseph has issued a decree addressed to the army, in which he says:—"The country wants peace and we must maintain it. I am satisfied with the laws recently adopted for the reorganization of the army throughout the empire. Austria and Hungary are now equally interested in the grandeur and security of the empire. It is my wish that the army, navy and landwehr may ever remain truly united."

BERLIN, Dec. 9th.—Count Bismarck, in the Prussian House of Deputies to-day, assented to a proposal to carry the expenses of the foreign affairs of North Germany to the budget after 1870. In answer to a proposition that Prussia should follow the Liberal example of Austria, he asserted that the Prussian people had enjoyed all the liberties now inaugurated by Austria for over twenty years.

PESTH, Dec. 9th.—The Hungarian Parliament closed its session to-day.

MADRID, Dec. 9th.—Mr. Monge has been appointed Commandant, at Havana, Communication with Cadiz is interrupted. Many families are about to leave there. The insurgents demand an armistice, which will probably be granted, and they are allowed to evacuate the city. The hotel de ville and many adjoining houses are now held by the insurgents.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9th.—The following additional particulars of the loss of the Hibernia have been received:—"The principal cause of the disaster was the breaking of the screw shaft inside the the screw pipe. The screw got loose and damaged the stern post and pipe, causing a fearful leak, through