

**THE LORD AND THE PIPER.**—The stately step of a piper is a proverb in Scotland which reminds us of an anecdote of a certain noble lord who in attendance upon the Queen at Balmoral a few years ago. Having been commissioned by a friend to procure a performer on the pipes, he applied to Her Majesty's piper, a fine stalwart Highlander; and on being asked what kind of article was required, his lordship said in reply, "Just another as yourself." The consequential Celt readily exclaimed, "There are plenty of lords like yourself, but very few sic pipers as me."

It is a source of gratification to us to know that Dr. Briggs, the chiropractor, has met with the patronage in this city that his skill merits. Crows have gathered daily to be relieved from every conceivable form of disease of the feet, which was accomplished without the slightest pain. If any of our readers, who are suffering from corns, bunions, in verted nails, or any disease of the feet, have put off seeing the Doctor, we would say, go at once, and take our word for it, you will thank us for the advice.—Hamilton Times. Dr. Briggs Modern Curative, for Corns, Bunions and Bad Nails, is sold by E. H. Harvey & Co., Guelph, and by all druggists and country merchants in general.

**AN OLD COIN.**—A gentleman stepped into a lager beer saloon in Syracuse the other day, and bought two glasses of the beverage for himself and a friend, and threw down a ten cent silver coin. The waiter never having seen one before, as he had been in the country only two years, thought he was imposed upon, and it was some time before he could be convinced that it was once the currency of the United States, and its value was real. "Mein Gott in Himmel! dis is der specie bayment vat I read so many dings about, und nefer see no time before."

The Montreal Herald opposes the arrangement for the transfer of the North West Territory to the Dominion of Canada, because it considers \$300,000 too much for the bargain. It sarcastically remarks—"Having bought wholesale at that price, we shall think ourselves very lucky to be able to retail out in 100 acre lots to whoever will undertake to cultivate it." The Herald's opinion is shared in by few.

**DELAID.**—In consequence of a freight train being thrown off the track near Baden station, the Grand Trunk mail train east, due here at 9.45 a. m., did not arrive till near noon.

The work on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, between Guelph and Elora, was commenced on Tuesday.

**Special Notices.**  
**HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER.**

Is the best article known to preserve the hair. It will positively restore gray hair to its original and promote its growth. It is an entirely new scientific discovery, combining many of the most powerful and restorative agents in the vegetable kingdom. It makes the hair smooth and glossy, and does not stain the skin. It is recommended and used by the first medical authority. For sale by all druggists. Price \$1. R. P. HALL & Co., Nassau, N. H., proprietors, mar 12 dw

**BACHELOR'S HAIR DYE**  
This splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless, Reliable, instantaneous. No discoloration. No ridiculous tints. Removes the effects of bad dyes. Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by druggists and Perfumers, and properly applied at Bachelor's Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond St. N. Y. dw

**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balm**—Cures Colds, Coughs and Consumption.

**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balm**—Cures Bronchitis, Asthma and Croup.

**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balm**—Imparts strength to the system.

**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balm**—Is pleasant to take.

**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balm**—always gives satisfaction or the money will be refunded. It is recommended by prominent physicians, and while it is pleasant to take and harmless in its nature, it is a powerful remedy for curing all diseases of the Lungs. Sold at all Druggists.

**PERRY DAVIS & SON, Agents,**  
380, St. Paul Street, Montreal.  
A. B. PETRIE and E. HARVEY, Agents for Guelph.  
Feb 22—dw

**Beautiful Hair**  
Natures Crown—You must cultivate.

**GRAY HAIR**  
Is a certain indication of decay at the roots.

**MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S HAIR RESTORER**  
Restores gray hair to its natural color and beauty, and produces luxuriant growth. It gives the hair a beautiful gloss and delightful fragrance.

**Manufactory and Sales Offices—35 Barclay Street and 40 Park Place, N. Y., and 260 High Holborn, London, England.**  
For sale by all Druggists.

**E. HARVEY & CO.,**  
February 1, d3mwy Wholesale Agents

**COMMERCIAL.**  
**Guelph Markets.**  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, April 1, 1869.

Flour 90 lbs	2 00	2 25
Flour 100 lbs	2 00	2 25
Spring Wheat 9 bush	0 84	0 87
Oats 9 bush	0 55	0 55
Peas do	0 72	0 82
Barley do	1 20	1 25
Hay 1 ton	12 00	15 50
Straw	3 00	4 00
Shingles 1/2 cord	1 00	1 50
Wood 1/2 cord	3 00	3 50
Wool	0 24	0 25
Eggs 1/2 dozen	0 18	0 20
Butter (store packed) 1/2 lb	0 17	0 18
do (clear packed) 1/2 lb	0 20	0 25
Groceries each	0 15	0 40
Turkeys each	0 60	1 20
Chickens 1/2 pair	0 40	0 50
Bricks do	0 04	0 05
Potatoes per bag	1 00	1 12
Lard 1/2 lb	1 00	1 25
Apples per bag	0 14	0 15
Lamb 1/2	4 00	4 00
Beef	4 00	4 00
Beef 1/2	0 05	0 12
Pork 1/2	7 00	9 00
Shoe Pelt. each	0 50	1 25
Lambkins	0 50	1 00
Hides	0 60	0 50

**MONTEAL MARKET.**  
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's, report by spec Telegram to "Evening Mercury."  
Montreal, April 1, 1869.

Flour—Extra, \$5.00 to \$5.10; Fancy, \$4.70 to \$4.80; Welland Canal Superfine, \$4.50 to \$4.65; Superior No. 1, Canadian wheat, \$3.25 to \$3.45; Superior No. 1, Western wheat, \$4.95 to \$5.00; No. 2 do, \$4.20 to \$4.30; Bag flour, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Wheat—Canada, Fall, \$1.12 to \$1.14; Spring, \$1.07 to \$1.08; Western, \$1.10 to \$1.11; No. 3 do, \$0.32 to \$0.35; Barley, per 48 lbs \$1.10 to \$1.15; Butter—Laird's, 25c to 25c; packed lard, 22c; Adm. Pork, \$5.50 to \$5.55; pearls \$5.50 to \$5.55; Pork—Mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00; Prime, \$9.00 to \$9.50; Peas, 88c to 90c.

**Money Market.**  
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE  
Guelph, April 1, 1869.

Gold, 137 1/2  
Greenbacks at 74 1/2 to 75; sold at 75 1/2 to 76 1/2.  
Silver bought at 4 1/2; sold at 4.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c to 60c.

**TORONTO MARKETS.**  
Toronto, March 31.  
Fall wheat, \$1.00 to \$0.90; spring wheat, \$0.95 to \$0.87; flour, No. 1 super \$4.00; extra \$4.50; barley \$1.27; peas, 70c to 76c; oats, 52c to 53c.

**HAMILTON MARKETS.**  
Hamilton, March 31.  
Barley, 1 10 to 1 25; peas, 0 65 to 0 80; oats, 50c to 51c; spring wheat, 0 85 to 0 88; white wheat, 0 95 to 1 00; red winter, 0 85 to 0 88.

**STOCK TAKING OVER**  
AT THE  
**BRADFORD HOUSE**  
THE GREAT

**Clearing Sale!**

Will commence on Wednesday, 10th March, and continue for two weeks.

During which time great bargains will be given to make room for our

**EARLY SPRING PURCHASES.**

Intending purchasers must call early, as our Clearing Sale don't last all the year round.

**GREAT BARGAINS**

In Whitney Plush and Seal Jackets at \$1.50. An immense lot Fancy Shawls to be sold very low.

**Our Dress Stock, as usual, must be Cleared Out,**

Regardless of Cost. Millinery Goods at a fearful sacrifice. Trimmings less than half price. Trimmed Hats too low to mention. Large lot Remnants of Dresses—fearful bargains.

**REMNANT PRINTS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.**

In fact nothing in the place will be sold over cost price, as we intend to make extensive alterations on the premises this Spring, and our Importations will be much larger than ever they have been before.

**PHILIP BISH.**

Wynham Street, Guelph, March 9. dw

**SALLY LUND'S**  
A DELICIOUS TEA CAKE AT

**H. BERRY'S.**

**FRESH MADE BISCUITS & CRACKERS**

Pie-crust Biscuits, Lemon Biscuits, Oyster Crackers, Captain Biscuits, Fancy Biscuits. All war anted fresh made by a splendid new machine. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guelph, January 22, 1869. dw

**H. BERRY.**

**GREAT POWERS FUNERALS.**

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

**PREST & HEPBURN**

In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wynham-st.

WE do not believe in hosh and blunsh, but in the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puling and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wynham Street, Guelph, manufacture more

**BOOTS AND SHOES**

And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth. A great deal has been said for and against machine made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which must be admitted is far superior to any machine made goods. We have on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest. Remember that our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

**PREST & HEPBURN.**  
Guelph, 2nd November. dw

**TROTTER & GRAHAM,**

**Undertakers!**  
**MITCHELL & TOVELL**

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

**A TRIUMPHANT OF COFFINS**  
always on hand.

Funeral unfinished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

**JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr.**  
Guelph, December 1 dw

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

**New RUSTIC Accessories.**  
He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

**From the Locket to Life Size**  
Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

**In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.**

Parties requiring a large sized photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait when selves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

**WILLIAM BURGESS.**  
Guelph December 12. dw

**GALLERY OF ART.**  
**R. W. LAIRD,**  
Looking Glass and Picture Frame MANUFACTURER,  
9 King-st. West.

The Trade supplied with Wa-hable, Gilt a Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Lo-ker, Gilt Plates. Country orders promptly attended to.  
Toronto, 1st April 1868 dw

**\$2,000 WORTH of LAMPS**  
AND LAMP TRIMMINGS, AT  
**JOHN HORSMAN'S.**

Lamps for Halls, Parlours, Bed-rooms, Kitchens, Factories, Workshops, Machine Shops, Mills.

Also, CHANDELIERS and BRACKETS for Churches, School Houses, and Sliding Hall Lights.

The Largest, Cheapest, and Best Assorted Stock in Canada.

Just to hand, a consignment of

**Church, School House, and Factory Bells**

SPLENDID TONE, AND CHEAP  
**JOHN HORSMAN,**  
Guelph, 26th January. 124-w Hardware Importer, Guelph

**ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.**

WHOLESALE.

NOW OPENING,

**Another Shipment of Glassware!**

CONSISTING IN PART OF

Tumblers, Goblets, Wines Decanters, Celery Glasses, Butters, Sugars and Creams Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars Preserve Dishes, in great variety Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames Bird Fountains, Bird Seed Boxes, Bird Bath Lamp Chimneys Specia Jars, Japanned Ware, &c. &c. &c.

**R. RAE & CO.**

Guelph, 28th December dw

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company**

HARTFORD CONN.

WOODRIDGE S. GEM TILD. Secretary. | GUY R. PHIPPS, President. | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, V. P. | EDWIN W. BRYANT, Act. Vary. | LUCIAN S. WILCOX, Medical Examiner.

**ORGANIZED IN 1846. CHARTER PERPETUAL**  
The largest Mutual Life Insurance Company, numbering over 55,000 members. A purely Mutual Company—its Assets being exclusively to its members.

**ASSETS, \$21,000,000.**—Acquired by prudent and economical management of twenty-two years without the aid of a single dollar of original capital.

**SURPLUS ASSETS, \$3,361,907.**—All profits divided among the members. Each policy holder is a member. There are no stockholders.

**ITS LARGE DIVIDENDS.**—They have averaged over 50 per cent. annually. Total amount of dividends paid the members since its organization, \$4,397,142.

**ITS SUCCESS UNPARALLELED.**—It has survived at the extraordinary condition where the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Total amount of losses paid by the Company, \$6,888,528.

**ITS RESPONSIBILITY.**—For every \$100 of Liabilities, it has \$154 of Assets.

**LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.**  
Amount insured fiscal year 1867 ..... \$45,647,191.00  
Income received " " " " ..... 7,530,586.19

During its last fiscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its deceased members, nearly \$2,000,000, and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to its accumulated capital. The whole record of this Company has been one of prudent management and prosperous advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its ratio of expenses to income has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.

**ITS LIBERALITY.**—It accommodates the insured by giving credit for part premium, and grants to meet all the contingencies and wants to which Life Insurance is applicable. Its issues policies on a single life from \$100 to \$25,000.

Medical Referees—DR. HEIRD. DANIEL D. SILLIS, General Agent for Canada.

**GEORGE ROBINS, Agent for Guelph.**

Guelph, 28th December dw

**APPLES AND POTATOES**

A LARGE SUPPLY

**AT J. & D. MARTIN'S**

Wynham Street, Guelph, 24th March. dw

**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 as possible 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.**

**HIGINBOTHAM & HARVEY,**  
DRS. CLARKE & TUCK, Medical Referees. Agents for Guelph and vicinity.  
Guelph, 19th February. dw

**Commercial Union Assurance Company,**

CHIEF OFFICES—19 & 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.

CAPITAL, £2,500,000.

**Fire Department.**

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.

Eight 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.  
**FREDERICK COLE, Secretary.**—Inspector of Agencies, T. C. LIVINGSTON, P.L.S., Upper Canada.  
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1869. dw

**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.

**FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT.**

The Trust and Loan Company have funds for investment on the security of first-class town and farm property, and are also prepared to purchase good mortgages. The rate of interest is 8 per cent. No commission charged. The loans are usually for five years, but can be made for shorter or longer terms, and repayable by annual instalments if desired by borrowers. The tariff of legal fees is assimilated to those of the principal banking institutions in Ontario. For further information apply at the Company's office in Kingston, or to DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Guelph

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**

Have also a large amount of

**PRIVATE FUNDS**

On hand for Investment.

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

Debentures, Stocks 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 1825.

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.

**AMARANTH**

Lot 22, in the 10th Concession, 200 acre Lots 17, 18 and 19, 8th Con., 600 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.

**ERAMOSA.**

Part of West-half of 2, in the 3rd Con., four acres with a good stone house and barn on the lot.

Lot No. 22, in 1st Con., of which 130 acres are under the plough; good buildings and an orchard; well watered.

Part of 5, in 1st Con., 90 acres, 70 cleared, 20 building.

East 1/2 in 4th Con., 100 acres, 40 cleared

**ERIN.**

East-half of Lot 8, in the 1st Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared, good frame barn and shed, and part of an acre dwelling house, well watered & fenced.

East-half of Lot 15, Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared, a new frame house and barn; spring creek.

West-half of Lot 22, 3rd Con., 100 acres; 75 are cleared; 25 excellent bush.

**ELORA.**

Valuable Town Stand 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.

**CARFAX.**

West-half of Lot 15, in 15th Con., with 50 acres of Lot 2—a splendid farm, with good outbuildings—100 acres of it are cleared, and adjoins another 100 acres, 85 of which are cleared, in Erin, making it desired a block of 250 acres.

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

**GUELPH TOWNSHIP.**

Valuable Farm on the Eramosa Road, containing 80 acres, 60 cleared, well watered, an orchard. Two story stone house, with cellar basement—frame barn 60 x 30, and other outbuildings. Within a mile of the market house.