

Local and Other Items.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has adjourned.

Two barns, one belonging to the Bible Christians, and the other to Mr. B. Leathorn, London, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. Loss about \$1200.

A petition from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in favour of a prohibitory liquor law, was presented in Parliament on Thursday.

The Hon. E. B. Wood is rapidly recovering from his late illness, and his medical adviser expects to entirely cure the paralysis in his legs, with which Mr. Wood has been afflicted for a year or two, and which was brought on by over exertion.

A WESTERN paper speaks of the house-cleaning season as that when divine woman has her own way at the house, while the 'old man' takes his solemn retreat from the top of the flour barrel, and sleeping, enjoys the freedom of the interval between his bedroom and the front fence. It is a season of meditation, whitewash and calm, unimpassioned profanity.

A London letter says: "Mr. Gladstone tells his private acquaintances that he regrets he has given so many years to politics. 'How little,' said he the other day to an admirer, 'do politics affect the life of a nation! One single good book influences people a vast deal more.' The result of such reasoning is that the right honourable gentleman proposes to devote himself more exclusively to literature, and I hear that the Contemporary Review is to enjoy the benefit of his literary toil."

A new way of proposing marriage is reported, and we give the facts for the benefit of those interested. A gentleman attended a fair in New York, recently, and fell in love (as gentlemen sometimes do) with a demoiselle in the floral temple. He bought a \$10 basket of flowers, and handing her a \$50 bill, said, "If you don't give me the exact change, I'll marry you." The blushing maid handed him back \$30 (she was probably confused), and he remarked, "I thought so." Cards will be out early next week.

THE STRIKE ON THE WELLAND CANAL.—The St. Catharines News says:—The strike still continues, and the men have not all returned to work as was expected. On Wednesday morning, although Messrs. John Brown, and Cairns, Morse, Hart & Co. had raised their wages to \$1.38 per day, the laborers refused to work, and drove off the teams and teamsters, and also threatened to break the machines employed in excavation, if work was not stopped. The machines had accordingly to be removed and all work is now suspended.

ROSES.—There was something pathetic in the position of the German florist, who, in the bitterness of his heart exclaimed: "I have so much trouble with the ladies, they come to buy mine roses, they want them hardy, they want them double, they want them fragrant, they want them nice gouter, they want them everydays in one rose. I hope I am not yet you calls one uncallant man, but I have somethings to say to do, ladies, 'Madame I never often see ladies dat 'as beautiful, dat 'as rich, dat 'as good 'temper, dat 'as young, dat 'as clever, dat 'as perfection in one ladies. I see her much now."

It was not only a sacred rite and custom of the semi-civilization mound-builders, but is still practised by the Hydash Indians of Washington Territory. This tribe, having recently lost one of their number, prepared a funeral pyre of wood, on which the body was placed. An aged female stood near with a bottle of liquid, supposed to be whisky, from which she filled a glass at intervals, and threw the contents on the flames, "for which she would give utterance to dismal death-song. This burning of the dead is only practised by the Hydash when away from home, and to prevent the body from falling into the hands of hostile tribes.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.—The House of Commons, in private session on Thursday, discussed the question of paying the indemnity and mileage allowance of members who attended the prorogation of the House on the 13th of August last. It is understood that the best authorities were in favor of the legality of these payments, and that the Government will bring down a sum in the supplementary estimate accordingly. The sums due will, it is assumed, be payable to all gentlemen who attended the House on that memorable occasion, although some of them are not members of the new Parliament.

THE threatened horrors of the Indian Famine promises to be more than equalled in Asia Minor. Unfortunately, the Turkish Government cannot borrow money by the million to feed starving people—and probably would not if it could—like the British rulers of India. In the town of Angora alone—the ancient Ankyra where Paul preached to the Galatians—the deaths are said to number 100 daily. For a city whose population cannot exceed 50,000, this is a fearful rate of mortality to start with. The cause of the famine is probably the same as in Bengal—the failure of the early harvest from drought. As the telegram adds that the Tigris is now swollen from heavy rains, the latter harvest will probably be abundant. During the three months to come, however, there is time enough for the ghastly ravages of the last Persian famine to be repeated in Asiatic Turkey.

FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.—If a tallow candle be placed in a gun and shot at a door it will go through without sustaining any injury; and if a musket ball be fired into water, it will not only rebound, but be flattened as if fired against a substance. A musket ball may be fired through a pane of glass, making a hole the size of the ball, without cracking the glass; if the glass be suspended by a thread it will make no difference, and the thread will not even vibrate. In the Arctic regions when the thermometers below zero, persons can converse more than a mile distant. Dr. Jamison asserts that he heard every word of a sermon at the distance of two miles. A mother has been distinctly heard talking to her child on a still day across water a mile wide.

JOURNALISTIC FEAT—OR FEET?—A despatch from New York says:—A foot race of ten miles from Thirty-eight st. to Jerome Park, took place this morning between James Gordon Bennett of the Herald, and John Whipple, resulting in Bennett's winning, in 1 hour, 46 minutes and 55 seconds. The wager was \$3,000 a side. Large sums of money changed hands on the result.

A lawyer in Bucyrus, Ohio, stated at a temperance meeting that, having seen his father killed by the carelessness of a drunken man, he took a solemn oath never to drink again. "Since that time," he continued, "I have never broken my oath, at least not very much."

# Grand Display of Millinery


—AT—  
**GEORGE JEFFREY'S.**

GEORGE JEFFREY has much pleasure in informing his numerous friends and the public generally that his Show Room is now open, and is prepared to show  
**One of the Best Assortments of Millinery and Mantles**  
**EVER EXHIBITED IN GUELPH.**

As the stock is all new, Ladies will have no trouble in selecting the newest goods at reasonable prices.  
**GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH**  
Direct Importer, Guelph.

Wanted, in addition to our lately increased staff, 6 first-class Salesmen. None need apply but pushing, thorough-going men, who can get through an immense amount of work.

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—OF—  
**CLAYTON'S (CASH STORE) BANKRUPT STOCK**  
**AT THE LION**  **AT THE LION**

Having bought from the Creditors the whole stock at little over half price, it will be rushed off at the same as room must be had for our heavy weekly arrivals from Britain.  
Over \$2000 worth of the Wet Goods from the Thorold Mills sold in ten days. Those who have not yet secured any of them had better do so at once, as three or four days will clear the lot out.  
**Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.**

**A LARGE STOCK OF NEW**  
**China, Crockery,**  
**and Glassware,**  
NOW OPENED AT  
**No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK,**  
and will be sold Cheap for Cash.  
**J. E. McELDERRY**  
**2 DAY'S BLOCK,**  
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

**R. MacGREGOR & Co.**  
(Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.)  
**BOOTS AND SHOES**  
MADE TO ORDER  
This Branch of our Business is receiving our Special attention, and we are getting up Goods second to none in the Dominion.  
*We Use the Very Best of Material*  
Employ First-class Workmen ONLY, and guarantee perfect satisfaction to our Customers.  
**R. MacGregor & Co.**  
GUELPH, Apr. 25, 1874.

**Co-Operative Store.**  
**DIVISION OF PROFITS**  
We are now paying our Customers 3 cents on the dollar in cash, on their purchases for the past quarter.  
**SPECIAL CHEAP LINES!**  
A PRETTY DRESS OF 15 YARDS FOR \$1.50  
UNION TWEEDS (purchased at auction) ONLY 35 CTS PER YARD.  
A SPLENDID LINE OF FELT HATS, ONLY 75 CENTS EACH  
BOYS LINEN FACE COLLARS FIVE CENTS PER BOX  
DUNDAS COTTONS 10c. BLEACHED COTTONS 9c.  
DARK FANCY PRINTS 10c. LIGHT FANCY PRINTS 10c.  
CALF SLIPPERS 50c PER PAIR. PRUNELLA BOOTS 75c PER PAIR  
A BOX OF 75 CENT TEA, TEN LBS., FOR SIX DOLLARS.  
**CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.**  
**J. C. MACKLIN & C.**  
GUELPH, April 10, 1874

**William Stewart**  
HAS  
NOW OPENED  
THE  
First Lot of New Goods  
for Spring!  
Piles of Plain Lustres,  
Lots of Striped Dress Goods,  
Fancy Goods  
The Newest Colors and Patterns.  
THE  
Print Department  
IS CROWDED  
With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and Fat  
LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR  
**WM. STEWART.**  
Guelph, March 23, 1874

**GUELPH CLOTH HALL.**  
**SHAW & MURTON**  
**OUR SPRING STOCK**  
Is now fully assorted in every department.  
**CLOTHS,**  
**HATS AND CAPS,**  
**GENTS' FURNISHINGS**  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING.**  
We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.  
**Shaw & Murton,**  
GUELPH, March 21, 1874  
MERCHANT TAILORS.

**THE "RIGHT HOUSE."**  
EVERY foremost in importing an immense supply of the Cheapest and Best Goods in the Dominion for his tens of thousands of customers, WATKINS, of the "Right House," never was more successful in getting extra good value than while in Great Britain this season. Owing to Messrs. Booth & Co., of Manchester, closing up business, and selling off their entire stock far below cost, he was enabled to buy many lines of Staple Goods at 15 per cent under manufacturers' prices. The following goods will be found unusually low: Scotch Tweeds, Grey and White Cottons, White and Grey Cotton Sheetings; over fourteen thousand yards of fast colour dyes, in every style, from 10 cents up; Black and Coloured Lustres, Mourning Goods of every kind; over five thousand six hundred yards of Damasks, Carpets, Floor and Table Oil Cloths, Table Damasks, Table Napkins, Towels, Horrocks 32 and 36 inch Cottons at 10 and 12 cents. Piles of Grey Cottons from 5 cents up, 33 inch Heavy Grey Cotton for a York Shilling; Secured Grey Cotton, extra cheap, from 11 cents upwards; nice Yak Laces at 10 cents; Black Turquoise from 62 cents up; Black and Coloured Silks, an immense stock at Wholesale Prices by the dress—75 cents up, by the yard; Table Napkins at 80 cents per doz; Kidderminster Carpets at 60 cents; Tapestry and Brussels at wholesale prices; Floor Oil Cloth at five York shillings. A large stock of the latest styles of Ladies' Costumes from \$1.50 upwards; Carpet Warp in white and colours, unusually low. A very large and carefully selected assortment of the Novelties of the Season, in the Latest Paris Fashions, will be shown in Millinery and Mantles in a few days. Milliners and Country merchants supplied at wholesale.  
Several Milliners and Mantle Makers wanted immediately.  
TERMS POSITIVELY CASH.  
**THOMAS C. WATKINS,**  
James-st., 5 doors north of King-st, Hamilton.

**JUST COME IN!**  
**GUELPH TEA DEPOT**  
**E. O'DONNELL & Co.**  
Are putting up to-day  
320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb.  
600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.  
95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb.  
120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c, for 50c.  
A few packages of Black Tea for 35c per lb.  
10 hogsheads of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1.  
50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.  
**A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.**  
**Terms—Strictly Cash.**  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO**

**HART & SPIERS,**  
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph.  
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Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, etc. etc. neatly and correctly prepared.  
Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagance charges.  
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