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PUBLISHERS AND PROPRIETORS.

The EVENING MERCURY

CONTAINING the latest News by Telegraph up to the hour of going to press, is published at 5 o'clock every afternoon (Sunday excepted), and mailed to all parts of the country by the evening mails on the following

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Copies may also be had of the News boys on the streets, price one penny. Town subscribers are supplied at their residences by our own carriers.

In addition to the Telegraphic News given in the Evening Mercury will be found a vast amount of Local News, interesting articles on all the leading topics of the day. Special care will be taken to give COMMERCE, MARKET REPORTS, Every Business Man should read it.

"The Weekly Mercury"

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPER IN THE DOMINION, containing 40 columns of reading matter. Special care is devoted to THE WEEKLY MERCURY, and care is taken that none but the best and most select reading appears in its columns. It is the **Greatest Family Paper of Ontario**; and the improved additions to its subscriptions list within the last two years, and the demand still increasing, is a certain guarantee that our assertion is correct. Our facilities now for getting up a First Class WEEKLY are unrivalled by even the metropolitan press, and we are determined not to relax our efforts.

Lectures containing money, property registered, will be at our risk.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Business men will find THE EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY to be unrivalled advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are far in advance of any others in North Western Canada, and is the only means by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser.

Advertising rates are very moderate, and may be learned on application at the Office.

Book and Job Printing,

Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.

McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.
Office: --- Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.
October 29, 1867. day-4f.

Sewing Machine for Sale

FOR sale, a superior Family SEWING MACHINE. Apply at this office. day-4f.

AUCTION SALE.

THE undersigned is instructed by Mr GEO. A. BRUCE to sell by Public Auction,

Cutters and Sleighs.

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On the Market Square, on Fair Day

(5th February) at 12 o'clock noon, and number of new and second-hand Cutters and Sleighs, single and double.
Terms cash, or credit on furnishing approved and receipt notes at nine months.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer
Guelph, 29th January, 1868. day-4f.

JOHN A. WOOD

INCERSOLL FACTORY

CHEESE!

Goderich SALT

AT THE
LOWEST RATES,
Wholesale and Retail
WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

THE RED MILL.

THE subscribers having put a steam engine in the Mill, farmers wishing to grind their Corn may have their corn ground the same day.
Grinding done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at the Old Store, over the Railway Station.
GEORGE BALKWILL,
Guelph, 14th December, 1867. day-2m

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of MILL FEED, Chopped Peas, Shellings, Shorts, Bran.

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes, Guelph, 28th August, 1867. day-4f.

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, & C.

S. B. FREEMAN, G. C. G. FREEMAN.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December, 1867. day-4f.

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Local News.

To Advertisers & Correspondents

We have respectfully to request advertisers and correspondents to furnish us as early as possible in the week with manuscript intended for publication. From all parts of the country we receive numerous communications only a short time before going to press. To secure insertion of advertisements or communications the same week in which they are sent, they must be mailed in time to reach the office by Wednesday morning at latest. Attention to the above on the part of our correspondents will ensure the early publication of their favours. In consequence of the very large increase to our subscription list within the past two months, we are compelled to go to press two hours earlier with the WEEKLY MERCURY in order to meet the early mails.

A branch of the Merchants' Bank of Montreal has been opened in Stratford.

FIRE IN BRANTFORD.

A fire occurred on Monday-night, by which three brick stores on Colborne street were destroyed. The parties who have suffered by the fire are J. J. Hawkins, grocer; W. M. Jackson, news depot, and J. Humberch, flour and feed store. The fire originated in Jackson's news depot, and destroyed the adjacent buildings.

Destitute people are coming from the United States in search of employment in Canada. Six arrived in Hamilton, Sunday night, having come on foot from Suspension Bridge, and after being accommodated with lodgings at the police Station, a portion continued the route for Chatham, where they were in hopes of securing employment at cutting cord wood.

SACRED CONCERT.

The choir of the Congregational Church, assisted by a number of the most talented vocalists of the Town, will give a sacred concert in the new Church on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst. The selections are from Handel, Haydn, Beethoven and Mozart, among the best composers the world has ever known. Such a concert will be something new to Guelph, and we are sure will draw a large audience. See advertisement.

Life of Jefferson Davis.

SOME two or three weeks ago we inserted an advertisement announcing the publication in a short time of a life of Jefferson Davis, and stated at the same time that from the well known ability of the author, and the material at his disposal, the work would be comprehensive and reliable. Mr. John Worsfold has been appointed agent for Guelph Town and Township and Erin Township, and is now engaged soliciting subscribers. We have no doubt he will get a great many, for the position Davis held during the war invests that portion of his life with more than ordinary interest. The book will be well printed, and handsomely bound. Price bound in half calf \$2.50, in morocco \$3.50. It will be ready for delivery in the early part of the summer.

Wardens Elected.

Waterloo, Chas. Hendry, Esq., Reeve of Woodville; Wentworth, R. R. Waddell, Esq., Reeve of Barton; York, W. A. Wallis, Esq., Reeve of Etobicoke; Ontario, J. B. Bickell, Esq., of Brocklin; Lincoln, J. C. Hykert, Esq., M. P. P. Bruce, James Broelback, Esq., Reeve of Brant; Lennox and Addington, S. W. Warner, Esq., re-elected; Carleton, John Holmes, Esq., M. P., re-elected; Middlesex, Mr. Thomas Moyle, Reeve of Metcalfe; Leeds and Grenville, Mr. John Johnson, Reeve of Oxford; Halton, Mr. A. Campbell, Reeve of Nassagaweya, re-elected; Hastings, A. F. Wood; Huron, Robert Gibbons, M. P. P.; Brant, S. D. Malcolm; Prince Edward, S. Sprague; Kent, John Duck; Norfolk, D. Matthews; Perth, T. Steiny; Simcoe, John Keen; Grey, Samuel J. Lane; Wellington, David Killens; Oxford, Samuel Towie; Frontenac, D. D. Calkin; Peterborough, S. S. Peck; Northumberland and Durham, John Fisher; Lanark, J. Doran; Renfrew, J. Fisher.

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NEWS ITEMS.

The Toronto sportsmen are not very well satisfied with Sir Henry Smith's Game Bill. The *British Gazette* says there is great suffering, and even starvation among the poor people of that district.

It was incidentally mentioned during a recent debate, that the cheese-manufacture of Ontario has become in importance only to the lumbering interests of the Province.

Six hundred answers to an advertisement for a dry goods clerk, were received in New York in one day last week. This is a pretty good indication of the scarcity of employment.

Remittances from Irish Americans to their friends at home, which dwindled down almost to nothing during the American war, are now increasing to a very considerable amount.

It is said there is but one member of the Local Legislature of Quebec who does not understand the French language. He must be the British "Gazette" says there is great suffering, and even starvation among the poor people of that district.

LITERARY ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR.

During the past year there have appeared 4,144 new books and new editions, which may be thus classified: Religious books and pamphlets, 849; minor works of fiction and children's books, 535; novels, 419; annals and serials (volumes only), 257; travels, topography, 212; English philology and education, 210; European and classical theology and translations, 193; historical and biographical, 183; political and questions of the day, 143; history, 132; medical and surgical, 121; law, 101; trade and commerce, 63; agriculture, horticulture, &c., 62; illustrated works (Christmas books), 62; art, architecture, &c., 52; naval, military, and engineering, 42; miscellaneous, not classified, 652; total, 4,144. Last year the total was 4,204.

The Bookshelf.

A house on runners passed through Guelph, a few days since, in which was a stove, a table, a bed, and other necessary articles of furniture, the house affording accommodation to a family who were bound for a point 100 miles north in the pine woods.

The Berlin correspondent of the *London Times* says that 225,000 men have been sent to the western provinces of Russia within the last twelve months. Vast as this number is, their being dispersed over so great a tract of country diminishes the importance which would otherwise attach to military operations of such magnitude.

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THE BEST YET.—Owing to the recent valuable discoveries reported in Marmorra, this Township is attracting considerable attention from miners and capitalists. At several of the shafts opened last summer and fall, work has been continued during the winter, with most encouraging prospects. The richest discovery reported in Marmorra is that on lot 17, in the 11th concession, made by Mr. Powell, the first discoverer of gold in the Richardson farm. While exploring through that section late in the fall, they came across a lead of quartz on a hill on this lot, and breaking off a piece with a hammer, gold was observed distinctly visible to the eye in the rock. A little further exploration developed extraordinary richness, the rock being generally impregnated with the precious metal. The quartz in which the gold has been found, is nearly white with a reddish cast, and from its appearance, and the character and size of the vein, it promises to be one of the richest discoveries in the gold-district.

COAL OIL.

Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horman's.

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil JOHN HORMAN.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Cork, Feb. 4.—One of the gates of this city was undermined last night and then blown up. At the same time all the telegraph wires leading to the city were cut. Prompt action of the police prevented any further demonstrations. Two brothers, named Barry, have been arrested on the charge of robbing one of the gunshops recently of a large quantity of powder.—A man named Fitzpatrick was also arrested on suspicion of having something to do with the explosion last night. One of the police found a bottle of Greek fire in his pocket. Telegraphic communication has generally been restored.

Vienna, Feb. 4.—It is reported that the Pope is willing to resume negotiations with the Imperial Government for a revision of the Concordat.

The *Deutsche*, a semi-official journal, says that Great Britain has requested the European powers to stop removing fugitives from Canada.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The debate in the Corps Legislatif on the bill for regulation of the press, was continued to-day. Minister Rouher made a long speech, in which he urged upon the members the passage of the proposed law. He said he was unwilling to oppose liberal tendencies, but the empire and the people today demanded that some restraint be imposed upon the press. The clause of the bill abolishing the preliminary license to publish was adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

London, 4.—The last despatches from Abyssinia represent prospects of the expedition favorable. The army was well equipped, and the advance under General Napier had reached the neighborhood of Antala.

It is reported that the Italian Finance Minister will place 400,000,000 lire of the Italian Loan in this market to be negotiated.

Florence, 4.—Garibaldi has written eloquent letters to Admiral Farragut, congratulating the United States on encouraging, by the presence of an American fleet, the national aspirations of Italy.—The *Franchise* newspaper today announced the negotiations for a new Convention on the Roman question are going on between the French and Italian governments, but Menabrea prefers the September treaty.

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THE BEST YET.—Owing to the recent valuable discoveries reported in Marmorra, this Township is attracting considerable attention from miners and capitalists. At several of the shafts opened last summer and fall, work has been continued during the winter, with most encouraging prospects. The richest discovery reported in Marmorra is that on lot 17, in the 11th concession, made by Mr. Powell, the first discoverer of gold in the Richardson farm. While exploring through that section late in the fall, they came across a lead of quartz on a hill on this lot, and breaking off a piece with a hammer, gold was observed distinctly visible to the eye in the rock. A little further exploration developed extraordinary richness, the rock being generally impregnated with the precious metal. The quartz in which the gold has been found, is nearly white with a reddish cast, and from its appearance, and the character and size of the vein, it promises to be one of the richest discoveries in the gold-district.

COAL OIL.

Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horman's.

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil JOHN HORMAN.