

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1869.

The Great Conflagration at the Cape of Good Hope.

A RACE FOR LIFE.

The following is an extract from a letter by Mr. H. B. Darnell, one of the sufferers by the frightful conflagration at the Cape of Good Hope. He says:—My house was situated on an elevation near the head of a small valley widening into the larger valley of the Knysna river, and just opposite to its gorge, where, leaving the mountains and kranzes behind it ceases to be a mountain stream, and pursues a more peaceful but not less romantic course to the ocean as a tidal river. No situation could be more beautiful, as those can testify who have ever looked down upon this valley from the neighboring hills. Early on the morning of the 9th, we perceived there was a great fire raging on the flats above us, but a little to leeward of us. As the morning advanced, denser and denser grew the smoke and brighter the glare of the fire, whilst the thermometer rose higher every minute. The wind, too, increased in violence. Presently above the smoke, I saw the liquid fire pouring over the great wooden kranzes, and below it, in the fields, a great stream of fire surging along in the dry grass with inconceivable rapidity. Then I knew it was all up with Westford-Knysna, and rushing into house, got out my household, who stood ready, and directed my wife, who alone retained any presence of mind, to fly with them through the garden and down to the dam. Had it not been for her courage and endurance I should never have got them to a place of safety. It is not an enviable billet at any time to be the sole guardian of thirteen women and children: but to conduct them, wholly distracted and all pulling different ways, over a burning waste for nearly a mile, with the thermometer approaching boiling point, is an experience of responsible government such as I trust the colony may never be called upon to pass through. I tarried a minute behind, but was almost a minute too long. Instantaneously the whole of the buildings on the place were in a blaze, and at the same moment fire appeared all round, as well as above and below us. It was not merely sparks or flakes of fire that were flying so freely, but firebrands. We had hardly got through the garden and into the road, when the fire was half-way down, rampaging amongst the pumpkins and the fruit trees. The fiery wind was so violent that it was only by making all cling together that they could be got along at all. Half their clothing was blown away. But it would take me too long to tell how it took us nearly two hours to get to the only house left by a miracle on the place. The inhabitants had taken refuge on the pontoon upon the river. Soon after we reached the house the wind changed suddenly to the westward, and there was an end of the hurricane of fire we had passed through. Since writing the above, I have visited the scene of this unparalleled disaster. No destruction can be more complete, nor can it be imagined without being seen. It was not such a fire as steals in the middle of the night upon a house surrounded with trees, and, after blazing and crackling for a few hours, lets the morning sun find out the ruin through the thick green leaves glittering with dew. This was a clean sweep of every thing—houses, trees, gardens, orchards, forest, all gone—the labor and the pleasure of sixteen years swept away in a few minutes. Not a green thing in sight except some rushes in the dam. Not a thing which the fire has not passed over or through except an old spade and a couple of field gates in situ. All the rest black—dust and ashes, dust and ashes. Not only the natural beauties of the place, and they were great, have disappeared, but in every feature seem to be changed. One might as well be on the barest Karroo place as on the banks of the Knysna. I took a walk along the river banks. Plenty of bushbucks roamed alive, and I daresay an elephant or two, but not a sign of life except an old baboon crooning over the desolation, and not another sound except the crackling of the mighty trees as they fell hissing into the water, and I turned away with a heavy heart, probably for the last time, from the blighted and blasted scene.

The Tax on Books.

We notice from many of our exchanges that petitions praying for the abolition of the five per cent. customs duty on imported books, lie for signature at various stores in certain towns and villages. The circular sets forth, we believe, that the object is to remove a "tax on knowledge." The "disinterested" leaders in this movement are some half-dozen or more book importers, who consider that the five per cent. duty would be much better in their pockets than the treasury chests of the Dominion, and therefore they have come to the conclusion that it is a "tax on knowledge." Why the fact is that imported books are already so cheap that not half the value is placed upon them by people who talk about the "tax on knowledge" that there should be—and if the petty duty were taken off they would not be sold a bit cheaper than they are now. When bibles, testaments and religious works, are to be had for a mere trifle comparatively, and the standard works of British authors for less than one half the sum they brought about a dozen years ago, the talk about taxing knowledge is very superficial, and based on no solid grievance. There is another aspect in which this question should be regarded, viz: that even with this five per cent. duty on books, importers have a great advantage over the manufacturers in this country, as a duty of 15 per cent. is imposed on paper, type, ink and book-binders' materials—a difference of 10 per cent. in favor of the foreign dealer. Something has to be taxed; and with two "elephants" on our hands in the shape of an Intercolonial Railway and a North-west Territory, it is a very unpropitious season to level down Customs duties. The stand taken by the book importers and printers of Toronto, is one which will strike all disinterested people as being very just. They have petitioned that either all duties on book-making materials shall be abolished, or that one uniform rate of duty be applied to both. Either way will be satisfactory to most people.

The most method of churning in Ch... at the milk in a skin—usually a...—the it to a donkey, mount a boy on him with rowels to his spurs about the length of the animal's ears, and then run him about four miles.

A private letter to the Montreal Gazette, from Halifax, states that the Antis are in a great state of discomfort in consequence of their failure in the Hanis election. They spent a fabulous amount of money in their attempt to defeat Mr. Lowe.

BOY WANTED.

Wanted, a stout, active, intelligent boy, possessing a good education, to learn the Grocery business. Apply personally at Messrs E. O'Donnell & Co's Grocery, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 4th May. dtf.

MONEY FOUND.

Found between the Bank of Commerce and F. Garland's Hat Store, this morning, a small sum of money in silver. The owner on proving property and paying for this advertisement can have the money by applying to E. CARROLL & Co. Guelph, May 3. d3

W. M. MERRITT, BARRISTER-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office—No. 4, Day's Block, Guelph. Guelph, 4th May. dtw-wly

KAUFFMAN & COOPER, Architects and Civil Engineers.

OFFICE—Over Bank of Commerce, Golden Lion Block, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 4th May. do1m

THORNTON

Near the Post Office, Wyndham-st.

IS BUSY SELLING WALL PAPER AT VERY LOW PRICES.

Guelph, May 4. dtw

AUCTION SALE OF Household Furniture.

To be sold by public auction, On Friday next, 7th of May on the premises of Mr. M. McConnel, St. George's Square, back of the English Church, Guelph, a quantity of Household Furniture, comprising chairs, tables, bedsteads, bedding, washstands and toilet sets, stoves, dishes, clocks, and a variety of other articles. Terms cash, and no reserve.—Sale at 1 o'clock. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer Guelph, 4th May. d3

TOWN OF GUELPH. COURT OF REVISION

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock, On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May, and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening, until the Court shall be closed. N.B.—No appeals will be received after the 14th May, except in accordance with the Statute.

Town Clerk's Office, JOHN HARVEY, Guelph, 4th May, 1869. dtw

UNFAILING EYE PRESERVERS.



LAZARUS, MORRIS & CO'S CELEBRATED

Perfected Spectacles! AND EYE GLASSES.

The large and increasing sales of these PERFECTED GLASSES is a sure proof of their superiority. We were satisfied that they would be appreciated here as elsewhere, and that the reality of the advantages offered to wearers of our beautiful lenses, viz: the ease and comfort, the assured and readily ascertained improvement of the sight, and the brilliant assistance they give in all cases, were in themselves so apparent on trial, that the result could not be otherwise than it has, in the almost general adoption of our Celebrated Perfected Spectacles by the residents of this locality. With a full knowledge of the value of the assertion, we claim that they are the most perfect optical aids ever manufactured. To those needing Spectacles, we attend at all times an opportunity of procuring the best and most desirable.

D. SAVAGE, Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician, Agent for the well-known Waltham Watches, Guelph. Has always on hand a full assortment, suitable for every difficulty. We take occasion to notify the public that we employ no pedlers, and to caution them against those pretending to have our goods for sale. Guelph, 4th May. dtw

\$1616. \$1616.00.

For sale, that very desirable property known as the Hoffernan Estate, Situated on Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph. The property is now rented for \$1616.00 per annum. Offers will be received for the whole or in lots up to 1st June next. The property is free from all incumbrances. For further particulars apply to JOHN HARRIS, Jr. Executor. Guelph, May 1, 1869. dtw

BAZAAR.

A BAZAAR TO AID IN PAYING OFF THE DEBT OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH will be held by the LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION, in the TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MAY 5th & 6th, 1869, When a variety of USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, &c. will be offered for sale at very moderate prices. Dinner and Tea will also be served on both days. Dinner from 12 till 3, and tea from 5 till 8. Entertainment Tickets for dinner or tea 25 cents, to be had at the bookstores or at the door. Guelph, April 22. w2 dt

FACTORY FOR SALE. OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph. Can be November 19, 1868. dtw

NEW & FASHIONABLE GOODS.

JOHN R. PORTE, Practical Watchmaker, late of the Sheffield House, Toronto—the largest and most fashionable House in the Dominion, begs to intimate to the people of Guelph and the vicinity that he has received and opened at his store,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

A large and choice assortment of the following Goods, adapted for the present season: GOLD & SILVER WATCHES,

CHAINS, GUARDS, &c. FINE COLOURED AND BRIGHT GOLD BROOCHES AND EAR-RINGS, FINE COLOURED AND BRIGHT GOLD COLLAR BUTTONS, STUDBS, AND SOLITAIRE.

JET AND BOG OAK, RUBBER AND IVORY JEWELLERY.

Spectacles—A large assortment of Parisian, Rock Crystal, and common Spectacles.

Electro-Plated Ware—Spoons, Forks, Butter Coolers, Butter Knives, Castors, Cake Baskets, Salvers, Toast Racks, —all of the very best plate and newest patterns. JOSEPH RODGERS' & SONS' TABLE CUTLERY. PAPER MACHE—steel and iron. TRAYS—best quality.

VASES—Lustre and Bohemian Glass and other vases. CLOCKS—in great variety and at all prices. Croquet Sets, Lacrosse and Balls.

REPAIRING DONE PROMPTLY AND AT LOW PRICES. ENGRAVING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION ATTENDED TO. Remember the name and place— JOHN R. PORTE, Guelph, April 30. dtw Next door to Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham-St.

FRASER'S 25 Cent SALE.

THE FIRST TIME ANYTHING OF THE KIND HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED IN GUELPH.

The floor above my store is crammed with thousands of PACKETS of various Goods which will be sold at

25 CENTS EACH PACKET

No customer being allowed to purchase more than one packet of the same lot. The sale will commence at 9 o'clock

On Saturday, the 1st day of May,

And will continue until the whole is disposed of. Parties coming early will have the best choice, which is well worth having, as many of the packets cost over \$2.00.

To prevent overcrowding at this TWENTY-FIVE CENT SALE, only a limited number will be admitted to the first lot at one time.

This Twenty-Five Cent Sale is strictly cash. G. B. FRASER. Guelph, April 30.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE Farm Stock, Horses, Farming Implements, &c. AT HESPELER.

Mr. George T. Strickland has received instructions from JACOB HESPELER, Esq., to sell by Public Auction on his farm, adjoining the Village of Hespler, ON THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 1869

The following valuable property, viz: 10 good working horses, 10 milch cows, (Dairian grade), 19 head young cattle, 100 sheep, 3 very excellent thoroughbred Durham bull 4 years old, 8 number waggons, 7 sleighs, 1 hay lifter, 8 sets of harness, 1 circular saw (for wood) with horse power attached, 1 threshing machine, 1 miller, 2 huggers, 1 potato plough, 2 ploughs, 1 gang plough, 1 garden engine, buffalo robes, 1 reaper and mower combined. Late make, nearly new, 1 road scraper, chains, 1 hay rake with wheels, 1 fence, post-hole drill, lot of cow chains, forks, hay racks, single harness, collars. Also, a lot of

Furniture belonging to the Farm House, and a lot of Blacksmith's Tools, and other lots too numerous to mention.

The Auctioneer would respectfully call the attention of farmers and others to this Sale, as the whole will positively be sold without reserve, as Mr. Hespler has leased the farm.—Sale at 10 o'clock a.m., sharp.

TERMS—\$1000 and under, Cash, above that sum 6 months' credit on approved security. G. T. STRICKLAND, Auctioneer. May 3. dtw

SLEEMAN'S ALE!

500 DOZEN

Of Sleeman's celebrated Ale, in PINTS AND QUARTS

The quality of this Ale is equal to any now imported, and sold for much less than imported Ale.

GEO. WILKINSON Guelph, 20th April. dtw

FRIDAY EVENING, 7th OF MAY, WITHOUT FAIL.

G. A. D. C. Last APPEARANCE.

The great Hit of the Season. WHITE HORSE OF THE PEPPERS! And TURN HIM OUT.

Admission—Only 25 Cents. T. H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager. May 3. dtw

WAGGON FOR SALE.

For sale, a Single Spring Wagon. Appl at the Express Office. Guelph, 27th April. dtw

SEED POTATOES

Go to HIRSCH & KENNEDY'S Produce Store, 4 West Market Square, Guelph, April 1869. dtw

MONEY, MONEY IS WANTED

AT THE GOLDEN LION GUELPH.



HOGG & CHANCE

Are going to offer their entire Stock of DRY GOODS CLOTHING MILLINERY

Just imported direct from Britain at a trifle over cost prices.

Great Bargains may be looked for. Call at once with your Money and get extraordinary value. Now is the time.

No Credit is given. Small profits and money down is the order of the day. Guelph, April 24. dtw

HOGG & CHANCE.

Pure & Genuine

Old Port Wine, Pale and Dark Sherries, Canadian Grape Wine.

Martell's Brandy, Hay's Scotch Whiskey, Dunville's Irish Whisky.

Blood's Porter, Guinness' Porter, O'Keefe's Porter.

Bass's Ale, Jeffrey's Ale, Molson's Ale, O'Keefe's Ale.

IN WOOD AND BOTTLE, AT

JNO. RISK'S, No. 1, Day's Block.

Guelph, April 28. dtw

DAY'S No. 2. BLOCK

GROCERIES

PRICE CURRENT:

Prime Young Hyson. 63c

Very Choice, better than is usually sold at One Dollar, strongly recommended.... 75c

Finest Imported Roman Crop 75c

Fine Congou 50c

Finest Souchong 75c

Pure Java Coffee—ground every morning.. 25c

Bright Muscovado Sugar, 10 lbs. for \$1 00

Finest New York Broken Loaf, or Powered, per lb. 15c

Choice Smoking Tobacco 20c

Very Choice Tobacco 25c

Extra Choice, generally sold at 50c. 30c

Honey Dew, for Chewing 30c

Finest New Currants 5c

Finest New Valencia Raisins 8c

Finest New Layer Raisins 10c

Best quality Rice, 20 lbs. for \$1 00

Choice Figs 8c

E. CARROLL & CO.

IMPORTERS.

Guelph, April 1869. dtw Wyndham Street Cao

IS THE PLACE FOR CUTBERT'S GOLD WATCHES! A LOT JUST TO HAND. Guelph, May 3