

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET  
FRIDAY EV'G. MARCH 27, 1868.  
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

The Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th of June, 1868, has been received. The tardiness of its appearance calls forth the apology that its previous publication was impossible, no session of Parliament having been held from August, 1866, until December, 1867. We are further informed that we may expect, before long, to be favored with the report for the year ending June 30th, 1867, which will contain a summary of the operations of the Department during the two years.

A Blue Book is generally considered the very opposite of entertaining, but we must say that we have been interested and even amused by that now under consideration. The total income of the Department for the year ending June 30th, 1866, was \$901,150 98c: the total expenditure was \$857,298.33; the total expense connected with the conveying of the mails, which included making and repairing mail bags, was \$439,464.41, and the balance which remained to the credit of the department at the close of the year was \$43,852.65. Considering that a large number of new post offices were opened, and new mail routes established in consequence; and further, that many of these, as well as some which were previously in operation, would not near meet expenses, this is a very fair balance, and might have gone far towards determining the Government to remit altogether the postage on newspapers, instead of merely modifying the provisions of the law regarding it.

The portion of the Report which is of most interest to us is, of course, that which has reference to our own town and neighbourhood, and we have therefore culled from the volume some statistics regarding the principal post offices in this county, and the part they take in making up the whole report. First with respect to the amount paid for carrying the mails we find that in the year of which we are writing the contractor for the conveyance of the mail by stage between Guelph and Hamilton was bound to make six trips per week, and his twelvemonths' fee was \$570. For carrying the mail between Guelph and Ospringe, three times a week, for one year the sum paid was \$140, between Guelph and Owen Sound daily for a year \$2,155, and between Guelph and Walkerton daily for nine months \$1,312.50. The reason why the period is nine months and not a year appears to be, that during three months the direct route was not from Guelph but from Elora.—Again we find that the carriage of the mails from Elora to Hollin, six times a week, for two months cost the Department \$99.55, from Elora to Pentland twice a week for the year \$42.50, and to Walkerton daily for three months \$350. The cost of mail conveyance between Fergus and Garafraxa each alternate week day for the year was \$127.45; from Fergus to Guelph daily for nine months \$102.75; from Fergus to Mimosa, by the way of Speedside twice a week for six months \$81; from Fergus to Speedside direct, semi-weekly, for three months \$21.25, and for the succeeding quarter of a year \$20. It is evident there had been competition, and that the original contractor had underbitten himself, or some one else had tendered lower. The daily mail between Georgetown and Reading was conveyed for twelve months for \$320.

Turning further over in the report we find an account of the increases that have been made to contract prices, for different reasons, but chiefly because the contractor has been obliged to deviate from his route in order to supply some newly established post office. On the opposite page are set forth the fines that have been imposed for non-compliance with the strict rules and regulations imposed on Her Majesty's mail carriers. The total amount of the fines is \$95, and the highest sum of which any person has been mulcted is \$10. The reasons given for the infliction of the penalty are numerous, and in some instances rather amusing. Sometimes the couriers have forgotten to change the mails at certain post offices on their route; one unfortunate got drunk, his employer was fined, but the fine was afterwards remitted and the bibulously inclined carrier was dismissed. We are told of two others who also became intoxicated while on duty, but as the Department retained the fines we may infer that their employers retained them. Only two fines were remitted, one amounting to \$6; the other to \$5.

During the year sixty-four post-offices were established; some of these were old ones re-opened, but the majority were new. The following were opened in this County: Coningsby, Cotswold, Dorking, (re-opened) Manfred, Ostie (spelled in the Report. Ous-

of offices closed in the two Canadas was nineteen; and the reasons assigned for their discontinuance are invariably, that upon the resignation or dismissal (as the case may be) of the postmaster no suitable person could be found to take his place.

The total number of registered letters that went astray, had the contents or part thereof stolen, or met with some misfortune was forty-one; and those unregistered, but said to contain money which lost their way or were pillaged amounted to one hundred and two. No traces of the latter could be discovered; a few of the postmasters, who could not account satisfactorily for the manner in which they disposed of some of the registered letters that passed through their hands were obliged to make good the contents, and they were compelled to do the same thing with regard to those they had been requested to register and neglected.

Postmasters in country places, and even in some of the larger villages and towns, will not get wealthy in a sudden by the amounts they receive as commission on the business done through their offices. We have culled out the statements of the remuneration received by a few of them, and they are as follows: The commission on the business transacted in the Guelph post office as shown by this report was \$2,164.49. This, although not a heavy sum is much larger than has accrued to the postmaster in any of the adjacent towns. Stratford made \$1,530.62; Berlin \$659.58, and Galt \$1,035.43. The difference is partly attributable to the larger population of Guelph, but chiefly to the greater amount of business correspondence that is done in proportion to the number of the inhabitants. The amounts made by some of the post offices in this county are set down as follows: Elora \$480.92, Fergus \$485.76, Erin \$215.10, Gourock \$13.95, Marden \$24.74, Ponsonby \$26.56, Coningsby (for six months) \$4.96, Goldstone \$16.39, Garafraxa \$64.77, Hillsburg \$139.55, Glenallan \$87.11, Arthur \$123, Arkell \$18.23, Aberfoyle \$38.83, Morrilton \$75.34, Barnet \$10.53, Eden Mills \$35.09, Creekbank \$14.83, Crieff \$10.93, Eramosa \$18.29, Cumnock \$22.67, Drayton \$78.51, Kenilworth \$36.59, Luther \$6.63, Manfred (six months) \$2.44, Mimosa \$15.72, Monck \$3.85, Orangeville \$436.50, Ospringe \$26.20, Ostie (six months) \$4.86, Parker \$11.70, Puslinch \$30.93, Rockwood \$133.04, Win-\$17.92, Sturton \$17.93, and Wynford (now Salem) \$87.44.

The report contains some other matters of local, and many more of general importance, but we must defer notice of them until another occasion.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY;—The Canadian News, published in London, says:—"We see by the last Canadian papers there is a rumor that Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who now controls the Hudson River, Harlem, and New York Central Railroads, has offered to lease the Great Western of Canada and to guarantee to the proprietors a yearly rental of 10 per cent. on the actual outlay of the road. Some such arrangement was proposed a few years back, but the proprietors of the Great Western then preferred retaining its ownership, and doubtless they will continue to do so. It is unnecessary to state that there is not the remotest chance of the talked-of Southern competing line being constructed within the next quarter of a century. There is not much fear of money being found in this country to make rival lines to the Grand Trunk and Great Western railways. Of that we feel quite assured."

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO REV. J. M. KING, M. A.—The students engaged in the Preparatory Course of Knox College, on Thursday waited upon the Rev. Mr. King, of Toronto, who has, during this session been lecturing upon Classics and Metaphysics in connection with that institution, and presented him with an address, beautifully engrossed upon vellum, as a mark of their appreciation of his kindness in supplying the want of a regular professor in the literary course.

BIRD CAGES.  
Just received a variety of Bird Cages, a better assortment than ever before offered in Guelph.  
JOHN HORSMAN.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.  
ALL persons having claims against the Guelph Packing Company are requested to send them to the undersigned by mail for adjustment.  
EDWARD HARRISON.  
Box 131, Guelph P. O.  
Guelph, 26th March, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE subscriber having purchased from the Executors of his late partner, Mr. Henderson, his share of the business, begs to notify his friends and the public that he will continue to carry on the business in all its branches at the old stand, Wyndham Street, Guelph, and would solicit a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed on the late firm.  
G. B. FRASER

ALL outstanding accounts to be paid in bankable currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 12th of April, any remaining unpaid then will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 30 days after date.  
Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

Select Boarding and Day School.

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH proposes (D.V.) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 20th April.  
Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

Servant Girl Wanted.

A GIRL capable of doing general housework. Apply to  
MRS. SLEEMAN, Waterloo Road.  
Guelph, March 21, 1868.

Board Wanted.

By a married couple in a private family where no other Boarders are kept. Address C. C. A. Mechanics Office.  
Guelph, March 19th, 1868.

Newsboys Wanted.

TO SELL the "Evening Mercury." Boys selling at present after school hours are making on an average \$1.50 per week. Apply at the office.  
Guelph, March 10th, 1868.

Law Clerk Wanted.

WANTED, a steady intelligent Lad as Clerk in a Law Office. Apply to  
PALMER & LILLIE,  
Guelph, March 25, 1868.

School Teacher Wanted.

WANTED for School Section No. 1, Township of Erin, a 1st class male teacher, to commence immediately.  
ALEX. SCOTT,  
DONALD McKECHNIE,  
MALCOLM McLACHLAN,  
Erin, 9th March, 1868.

NEW BOOKS!

Spiritual Wives,  
By William Hepsworth.  
Massacre of St. Bartholomew  
By Henry White.  
The Irish in America,  
By John Francis Maguire, M. P.  
NORWOOD,  
By Henry Ward Beecher.  
Five Hundred Pounds,  
A NOVEL. By A. Barrister  
DR. SMITH'S Smaller History of England.

At Day's Bookstore,  
Opposite the Market, Guelph.  
Guelph, March 27, 1868.

FURNITURE VARNISH!

Furniture Polish,  
Brunswick Black,  
Varnish and Paint Brushes!

PAINTS AND OILS  
At Apothecaries' Hall!

A. B. PETRIE  
Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

WALL PAPER!  
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FOR Extra BARGAINS  
In WALL PAPER &c.

SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE!  
Next door to H. Walker's Grocery.  
Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

TOLLET SOAPS!

JUST received, a large consignment of English and other Toilet Soaps.  
At Apothecaries' Hall,  
Market Square, Guelph.

Mechanics' Institute  
TOWN HALL, GUELPH.

RE-UNION READINGS  
—BY—  
MR. WM. T. URQUHART,  
OF HAMILTON,

From popular authors, interspersed with  
GLEE SINGING!  
By Amateurs, in the Town Hall,  
On Friday, March 27th inst.

Admission 12 cents. Doors open at 7:30.  
Readings to commence at 8.  
Guelph, 24th March, 1868.

NOTICE.  
HAVING sold out my stock at "Bradford House" and Book accounts to Mr. Philip Bish, all parties indebted to me on book account will pay the amount to Mr. Bish.  
GEORGE JEFFREY,  
Guelph, 5th March, 1867.

WITH reference to the above, I have much pleasure in stating that I have purchased the whole stock in trade, also the book accounts, &c., of Mr. Geo. Jeffrey. The business will be carried on as formerly in all its branches, trusting for a continuance of that patronage which was so liberally bestowed on my predecessor. For further particulars see future advertisement.  
P. BISH

N.B.—All accounts not satisfactorily settled will be placed in first court for collection.  
Guelph, March 5th, 1868.

Try those Splendid New Figs  
AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX.  
Oranges and Lemons?

Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.  
Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at  
Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

H. BERRY'S.  
JUST OPENING  
AT THE  
BRITANNIA HOUSE

A Splendid Assortment of  
SPRING FURNISHINGS  
2 & 3 PLY CARPETS,  
Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.  
Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.  
HEFFERNAN BROS.  
Guelph, 25th March, 1868.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their  
Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at  
32 Yonge-st., Toronto.  
Toronto, 26th March, 1868.

GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,  
Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen,  
Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods  
In the Dominion. A large assortment of

Home and Foreign Woollens!  
AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.  
They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production.—  
Terms Liberal.  
17 Lylster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lylster Mills YARNS and BATTING.  
Toronto 26th March, 1868.

ESTABLISHED 1849.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO  
TORONTO,  
Have now a very

Large and Complete Stock!  
To which, throughout the Season,  
ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WEEKLY

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.  
Nos. 21 and 23, Wellington Street, and Nos. 25 and 30, Front Street, TORONTO.  
No. 105 King Street, Manchester, England.  
Toronto, 25th March, 1868.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland.  
ISAAC BUCHANAN,  
ANDREW BINNY,  
PETER T. BUCHANAN.  
Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868.

1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS, 1868.

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their  
SPRING IMPORTATIONS  
—OF—  
BRITISH AND FOREIGN

DRY GOODS,  
And have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.  
BUCHANAN & COMPANY.  
Hamilton, 19th March, 1868.

Toronto Advertisement  
W. & D. DINEEN

BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of  
HATS, CAPS AND FURS  
Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st.,  
Wholesale and Retail.  
TORONTO.  
Toronto, 20th March, 1868.

BILTON  
IMPORTER OF  
MEDITERRANEAN  
FRUITS!

ORANGES, LEMONS,  
COCOA NUTS, PEA NUTS,  
BANANAS,  
PINE APPLES, &c.  
No. 123 King-st. East, and No. 188 Yonge Street,  
TORONTO,  
HAS THIS DAY received another car-load of first-class  
ORANGES, LEMONS  
and COCOA NUTS,  
to which he invites particular attention.  
Price per 10 boxes \$4.50 per box  
per single box \$5.00.

Having made arrangements for having his business promptly attended to in his absence, he intends attending Fruit Sales in Britain and New York personally during the next two months, thus securing the best Fruits in good order, and all orders will be filled at the very

LOWEST PRICES!

ALL KINDS OF  
FINE-WORKS

supplied for private and public exhibitions, and particular attention paid to the shipping of all kinds of foreign and domestic  
Fruits, Oysters,  
Salt Water Fish,  
Game, &c.,

AT BILTON'S  
Sole Agent for MALLORY'S world-renowned Baltimore OYSTERS.  
W. BILTON.  
Toronto, 24th March, 1868.

R. J. JEANNERET,  
From England,  
(Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph 1868.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER  
AND JEWELER,  
DAYS' BLOCK,  
Opposite the Market, Guelph.

FOR sale cheap, SETH THOMAS' CLOCKS, by the best maker in America. Also, Perspective Tinted SPECTACLES.  
Guelph, 19th March, 1868.

Free Lecture!  
In Old Masonic Hall. Entrance next door to Co-operative Store.

MR. J. EVANS  
Will deliver a Lecture (D. V.) in the OLD MASONIC HALL,  
On Sunday Next, 29th Instant,  
At half-past two o'clock p. m.

SUBJECT:  
The Destiny of the British Empire.  
The Daughter of Tyre and the Tarshish of the latter days, as revealed in the Bible.—Her work in the restoration of the Jews, and her subjection to the Kingdom of Israel in the age to come shown by the Prophets.

REFERENCES.—Isaiah 17th chapter, from 12th verse to 2nd verse of 18th chapter; 60th chapter, 9th verse; 60th chapter, 10th verse. Ezekiel 26th chapter, 18th verse. Psalm 46th chapter, 12th verse; 72nd chapter, 10th and 11th verses. Isaiah 2nd chapter, 16th to 18th verses. Psalm 48th chapter, 7th verse.

The public are cordially invited to attend with Bible in hand.  
Erin, 29th March, 1868.

POTATOES!  
Potatoes of all Kinds  
Wholesale and Retail,

AT WEBSTER'S  
Grain and Flour Store,  
West Market Square, Guelph.  
Guelph, March 20, 1868.

DOMINION HOTEL  
GEORGE BLACK

BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST.  
A few doors above Hightham's Drug Store and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience.  
Guelph, March 6, 1868.