

Our Public Works.

We are on the eve of the expenditure of large amounts in the construction of railways, canals, and other public works, which will cause the circulation of vast sums of money through the county, and for several years to come tend to make our broad Dominion one of the most attractive regions in the world for able-bodied men of the labouring and mechanic class. Some idea of the large sums to be expended will be formed from the following list:—

Canadian Pacific R.R.	\$80,000,000
Intercolonial R.R.	3,000,000
Northern Colonization R.R.	3,000,000
North Shore R.R.	3,000,000
Ontario & Quebec R.R.	3,000,000
Levis & Kennebec R.R.	2,000,000
Sheffield & Champlain R.R.	1,000,000
Welland Canal	4,000,000
Booms & Carillon	500,000
Grenville Canal	400,000
Montreal Post office	200,000
Quebec Court House	100,000

\$105,200,000

The total expenditure will foot up to an enormous amount when we take into consideration other works in Ontario, and many private enterprises. The result of this large expenditure is expected to be an extraordinary inflation of business of all kinds, an unusual demand for labor, and in all probability, an increase of wages. A large emigration is looked forward to on this account, and we would strongly advise Canadians who contemplate going to the other side of the line to remain at home and share in the general prosperity. This progress will be felt in all the branches of our commerce and industry. Iron and part of the materials used in the construction of these will be imported from Europe, so that our ocean traffic will be greatly increased. It will be the same for our manufacturers, who will be scarcely able to provide for the consumption of their products. The increase of production will also augment the labour required in manufactures, which will receive a new impulse.

Of these one hundred and five million dollars, to be expended here for some years to come, ninety millions at least will remain in Canada. This period of inflation may, it is probable enough, be followed by one of depression, in which those who have not acted with prudent foresight will come to grief. The reaction, however, may not be so great as anticipated. Most of the public works are intended to increase our trade and commerce, and as they are finished permanent sources of enrichment will be created to take the place of fitful and temporary ones, and labourers and mechanics when done with building the public works, may settle on the fertile lands of the North West which their labors have opened to settlement. In short, by prudence and a wise use of their earnings, all upon whom the golden shower may fall will have it in their power to permanently benefit both themselves and the country. If the money market is a little tight just now, we have something tangible to look forward to. There are good times in store for the industrious people of Canada, and we look to the future with increased faith.

Emerson's Town-ship Council.

This Council met at the Centre Inn on Monday the 3rd inst. Members all present, the Rev. E. Kershaw, Mr. Alex. Johnson, of Arthur, to Miss Jane Gillespie, of Elora. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. \$1. was ordered to be refunded to Peter Miller for a dog charged by mistake to him; \$10 was granted to George Scott for the benefit of Mrs. Jones. A petition from Robert Royce, and fifteen others, for the improvement of the road from Usherwood's tavern to the village of Evershew was ordered to lie on the table until the May meeting of Council. The Treasurer was directed to pay the account of Walker & Co. for printing, \$2.50; also the account of Robert & Son for road-sweepers, \$15. A by-law was introduced to appoint pound-keepers, fence-viewers, and overseers of highways and read a first and second time; third reading deferred until next meeting. A by-law to authorize the Trustees of School Sec. No. 8, to borrow \$1500 to purchase a site and erect a schoolhouse was passed. \$1 was granted to Jas. B. Allan for the support of Elizabeth Cross' child. Moved by Mr. Harris, sec. by Mr. Danfield, and resolved that Henry Strange perform his statute labour under Stephen Naiman, and that Stephen Naiman's best extend from the eastern end of the Rockwood bridge to the line between Lots 7 and 8, fifth line, and that Wm. Tarrish's division extend along the Guelph and Rockwood road to the 5th line. A by-law to authorize the Trustees of School Sec. No. 8, to borrow \$1400 to build a school house was passed. Moved by Mr. D. Rice, sec. by Mr. Harris, that Peter Armstrong and J. M. Collingridge perform their statute labour under Wm. Tolton, and Archibald Smith under John McKelvie, and that John McKelvie's best extend along the line of road on Lot 20, first Con., to the Guelph township line. The Assessors were directed to begin their work on the 23rd day of March, and to commence together along the gravel road. Car. The Council then adjourned to meet at the Centre Inn on Friday the 23rd inst. at 10 o'clock. J. A. DAVISON, Tp. Clerk.

The Latest.—Surely the world is moving. One of the latest and perhaps greatest improvements in surgery is a new method of cutting away formidable tumors in some of the cavities by electricity. Where it is almost impossible to secure bleeding vessels on account of reaching them, for example in detaching a fungous growth far off in the usual nasal cavity, throat, &c., a wire is passed round the base, the battery set in motion, and presto the tumor is separated without loss of blood, the vessels being sealed as it were with a hot iron. Better still, under the lulling effects of chloroform or ether, the patient experiences neither pain nor loss of strength from hemorrhage.

ARREST OF AN ONTARIO EMIGRATION AGENT.—A telegram was received on Wednesday evening by the Hon. A. McKellar, informing him that Mr. J. T. Wagner, a native of Alsace, but lately resident at Windsor, Ont., and who has been engaged as Emigration Agent for Alsace and Lorraine by the Ontario Government has been arrested by order of the Prussian Government, and sent home to Canada.

# GREAT CLEARING SALE!

TWO WEEKS LONGER!

The Great Clearing Sale of Dry Goods and Millinery still continues at

GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

The Great Sale will be continued for Two Weeks Longer, owing to

The unprecedented demand for all kinds of Goods!

And to give those parties who have not had an opportunity to visit the Cheap Sale, one more chance to participate in the Great Bargains!

## ANOTHER LOT OF DRESS GOODS

Another lot of those Dress Goods which have created so much noise in Town, at 12½ and 25 cents the usual price of which elsewhere is 30 and 50 cents.

## REMNANTS, REMNANTS, REMNANTS.

One whole counter will be entirely devoted to Remnants of all kinds of Goods made during the Sale, to be disposed of at an immense sacrifice.

Remember This Fact.—This Extra Clearing Sale will Positively only last Two Weeks.

Intending purchasers should call and secure Bargains at once.

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Bow Bells for February has been laid upon our table by Anderson. With this number is presented a monster supplement of fashions, needlework, full size patterns for cutting out a complete suit of ladies' under linen, a double size Paris fashion plate, and three beautiful designs in Berlin wool. For sale at Anderson's book store, Wyndham street.

### BIRTHS.

SKINNER.—At Guelph, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. G. H. Skinner, of a son. McBRIDE.—In Elora, on the 12th inst., the wife of Capt. Melville, of a daughter. LAMP.—In Elora, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. Laird, of a daughter. CAMERON.—In Fergus, on the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. Hector Cameron, miller, Norfolk Mills, of a daughter.

### MARRIED.

JOHNSON.—GILLESPIE.—On the 5th inst., by the Rev. E. Kershaw, Mr. Alex. Johnson, of Arthur, to Miss Jane Gillespie, of Elora. GILMORE.—BYE.—In Fergus, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. J. G. Laird, Mr. John Gilmore to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Geo. Bye, both of Elora. YOUNG.—WALLACE.—In Pilkington, on the 10th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Joel Briggs, Mr. Young, teacher, Long Island, N. Y., to Miss Lavina Wallace.

### DIED.

DANIELS.—In Galt, on the 8th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Michael Daniels, aged 23 years. HALL.—In Galt, on the 10th inst., Mr. Wm. Hall, aged 57 years. LAWSON.—In Galt, on the 8th inst., Ellen Lawson, sister of the late Mr. James Lawson, aged about 96 years. A native of Teanagar, Scotland.

### BOYS AND GIRLS SLEIGHS.

SKATES, latest styles, BRASS AND TODDY KETTLES, TEA AND COFFEE POTS, LANTERNS, STOVE VARNISH, HARNESS VARNISH, PICTURE VARNISH, FURNITURE VARNISH, CINDER SIFTERS, CRUET STANDS, a large variety, MEAT CUTTERS, MINCING MACHINES, CLOTHES WRINGERS, CASH BOXES, At John Horsman's.

### AUCTION SALE.

Kinnettles Farm, MANSION AND GROUNDS.

On THURSDAY, 20th February next, at 2 o'clock, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph, will be offered for sale by Auction the above properties: The Farm comprises 156 acres, being part of Lot 8, on the North West side of the Grand River, in the Township of Nichol, in the County of Wellington, nearly all cleared and well cultivated. The Mansion is adjacent to the Farm, well built upon a plot of three acres, which are part of said township lot. For further particulars, and conditions of sale, reference is made to Terms Cash—Title good and immediate possession given. LEMON & PETERSON, Auctioneers. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Solicitor. Guelph, Jan. 26, 1873. dlaw-wid

### New Advertisements.

ROCKWELL & HURLBURT'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION, AND Free Exhibition of Trained Horses!

WILL EXHIBIT AT GUELPH, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 18th, and 19th. In front of the Drill Shed at 1 o'clock, each day. Free Lecture by Prof. Rockwell, and a Free Exhibition of their Educated Horses and Dogs at the DRILL SHED, immediately after the street driving. Positively no boys admitted unless accompanied by their parents. FERGUS—Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20 and 21. ELORA—Saturday and Monday, Feb. 22 and 23. 3d-w1

### J. E. McELDERRY

No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

Still a-head! See the Prices: A CHOICE JAVA TEA, very strong and sweet ..... 40c per lb. EXTRA FINE YOUNG HYSOON, new crop ..... 50c per lb. PINE BLACK TEA ..... 50c per lb. EXTRA FINE BLACK TEA, English Breakfast ..... 75c per lb. CHOICE YOUNG HYSOON, best value in town ..... 80c per lb. A fresh lot to hand of our Famous Mixed Tea at ..... 50c per lb.

11 lbs. Good Bright Sugar for \$1. 20lbs. Good Currants for \$1. Good Family Washing Soap. - - 12c per bar.

The above Goods are not in stock, but fresh goods, which are daily arriving at

J. E. McELDERRY, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

Noted for Superior Teas.

THE GARDNER Sewing Machine Company MANUFACTURERS OF THE GARDNER PATENT SEWING MACHINE

THESE MACHINES are in direct attention to the fact that notwithstanding the severe test applied by skilled judges, when in competition with other machines, at the Fair held throughout the Dominion, the

GARDNER PATENT WAS AWARDED 13 Prizes in 1871, 26 Prizes in 1872, WHICH IS A CONVINCING

Proof of the superiority over all others for Family Purposes, and Light Manufacturing Work!

Its simplicity of construction, strength and durability, recommend it to all classes. A complete set of attachments, is very strong, runs light and easy, and does all kinds of work. Instructions in all attachments given free of charge.

Guelph, Feb. 11, 1873. dw3m

COW STRAYED.—Strayed from the premises of the Subscriber, Quebec St., on Friday, the 7th inst., a large milky cow, white and red mixed, with white eye brows, long switch tail. Heavy, and in good condition. Giving milk. Any one returning her to the owner, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery, will be suitably rewarded.

1043 THEODOR FENWICK, Quebec-st.

MRS. W. BOWERS.—Bids to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that she is prepared to do Dress and Mantlemaking, Stamping, Braiding Straw and Felt M linery. Bonnets and Hats made over in the latest styles. Also, Dresses cut and fitted. A large assortment of Ladies and Children's patterns for sale, with instructions. Charges moderate. Apprentices wanted. Residence opposite Knox Church, Guelph. 14-dit

### VALENTINES VALENTINES VALENTINES

A Splendid New Stock, at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

These wanting Valentines should see the

Large and Cheap Stock

AT—

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

DAY SELLS CHEAP.

VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY

FOR SALE.

Written Tenders are invited for the purchase of that new, valuable Block of Buildings on Douglas St., corner of St. George's Square, Guelph, lately erected by William Brownlow, and finished by his Assignees. The Buildings are well and substantially built, are entirely new, and are now ready for occupation. The property will, from its admirable situation, readily rent for business purposes to good tenants. A portion of the property is now under lease, particulars of which will be given on application to the undersigned. The Lot is 55 feet front, running back 167½ to a point. The Buildings are 56x10, three stories high. A good title will be made, and immediate possession given. Terms—All over \$5000 cash upon delivery of deed and possession. \$5000 to remain on mortgage for a term of years at 8 per cent. Tenders to be sent in to John Horsman, Esq., on or before Tuesday, 11th February, at 1000. For further particulars, apply to Messrs. John Horsman, William Day, or to the undersigned. Dated 30th January, 1873. GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Vendor's Solicitors. d2w-w2t

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NEW

MAGAZINES

FOR FEBRUARY

SUNDAY AT HOME

LEISURE HOUR

PEOPLE'S MAGAZINE

GOLDEN HOURS

CANADIAN MONTHLY

ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore.

Remember—Removed to the Stand next to Hugh Walker's Grocery Store.

WYNDHAM STREET.

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER.

Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind—for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid, at the Rag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets. Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," 316 and 218 King Street West. Will receive from 1lb. to 1000lbs. Hamilton Dec. 14, 1872 D. MURPHY, dy

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.—

For sale, the Wanzor, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Enquire at the Mercury Office. nlsdw

### FRESH OYSTERS,

AT PICKARD'S.

Sweet Oranges,

AT PICKARD'S.

Lemons,

AT PICKARD'S.

Dates,

AT PICKARD'S.

Canned Fruits,

Canned Salmon,

Lobsters,

Sardines, &c.

AT PICKARD'S

A general assortment of First-class Family Groceries at

Pickard's Fruit Store,

ALMA BLOCK.

Guelph, Feb. 1st, 1873. do

THE MEDICAL HALL

GUELPH

HIGINBOTHAM'S

PULMONIC

SYRUP

AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY

FOR—

Coughs,

Colds,

Asthma, etc.

and highly recommended by the faculty.

PREPARED ONLY BY

E. HARVEY & Co.,

Dispensing Chemists,

Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.

Guelph, Feb. 7, 1873. dw

NEW

Boot and Shoe Store.

The subscriber begs to announce to the Public that he has opened a first-class Custom Shop, where he is prepared to

MAKE TO ORDER

All kinds of Boots and Shoes on the shortest notice. A neat fit and good leather guaranteed.

Ladies, Misses and Children's Boots and Shoes made in the neatest style.

Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. Give us one trial and you will be sure to call again.

Remember the Shop—Next to McElderry's Grocery Store, Wyndham Street.

D. TRIPP, Guelph, Feb. 6th, 1873. d3m

AUCTION SALE

Homestead, in Guelph,

on

Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873,

at two P.M., at the premises.

Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford-sts., Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (each in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses; also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump. The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit Trees. These premises are in excellent condition, sufficient for a large family, and situated in the most pleasant part of the Town, within five minutes walk of all the Churches and Market. Guelph being widely known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, an opportunity—rarely equalled—is now presented to persons desirous of procuring a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a most agreeable homestead. Terms—One-third cash, and the balance in five years at 7 per cent. interest half yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy. Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. Title good. Intending purchasers are referred to LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors, or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. N.B.—The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon. = dw

Dominion Saloon.

FRESH OYSTERS

IN EVERY STYLE

to be had at this saloon.

The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.

DENIS BUNYAN, Guelph, Sept. 30, 1872