

The Reason Why.
 The reason why the magnificent Retail Grocery Establishments in the Alma Block and on Lower Wyndham Street, belonging to John A. Wood, are so very popular with the intelligent public—
 Because the Goods are all of the best quality.
 Because the Prices are invariably the lowest.
 Because the Clerks are courteous and obliging.
 Because the Stock is the largest to select from.
 Because the goods are always clean.
 Because the Weights and Measures are always correct.
 Because, in fact, the proprietor understands his business, desires to please his customers, makes good use of his capital, and buys for cash in the best markets, and always deals liberally with those who honor his stores with their custom.—
 These and many other weighty reasons have contributed very largely to make the name of John A. Wood, as connected with the Grocery trade of Guelph, so well known, and his stores so very popular.

Guelph Evening Mercury
 MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 29, 1873
 The Agricultural College Difficultly.

Public curiosity has been greatly excited by the extraordinary case in the police court on Saturday. Nothing transpired in court in explanation of the strange proceedings at Morton Lodge; and beyond the surmise that they probably arose from a difficulty between Mr. Stone and the Provincial Government, the general public could glean nothing definite. A further sitting of the court on Saturday afternoon, and the production of Mr. McKellar's letter, did little more than confirm this surmise. It is not often that negotiations for the sale of a farm culminate in a police-court, and when the parties to the negotiation are amongst the most prominent men in Ontario it is all the more strange and regrettable that such an unseemly incident could not have been avoided. The facts of the case are about as follows:—

Our readers are aware that the Ontario Legislature at its last session authorized the Ministry to purchase Mr Stone's farm of Morton Lodge. In pursuance of this, a preliminary agreement of purchase was drawn up in April last, by which Mr. Stone undertook to sell Morton Lodge Farm to the Government for \$75,000; to furnish satisfactory title; to give possession of the house on the 1st May last, and of the farm on the 1st December next. The offer of Mr Stone was only open to the 1st of March last, whereas the House did not give final authority for the purchase until after the date. This enabled Mr Stone to obtain some further concessions from the Government, one of which was that he should retain possession of the farm until the coming December, and have the benefit of this year's crops. Some delay then ensued in procuring a proper title, partly in consequence of documents being required from a person in England; and it is only lately that this obstacle was got over. Then another difficulty arose. The farm was understood to contain 550 acres at the time Mr. Stone offered it for sale; but he had bought it in several parcels, and when an accurate measurement came to be made, the acreage was found to be 583. Mr. Stone put in a claim for compensation for this additional 33 acres; Mr. McKellar replied that the Government bought the whole farm, not a certain number of acres; Mr. Stone would not give way, and the matter again hung fire. As Mr. McKellar was very anxious to commence operations, he conceded this point so far as to grant Mr. Stone 33 acres from the farm, to be taken from what part of it Mr. McKellar thought proper. This was agreed to by Mr. Stone. Shortly afterwards deeds were sent up for signature, specifying the piece of land taken off. Mr. Stone refused to sign them, because the 33 acres had not been taken off in a square block, but in an irregular piece, resembling the letter L. Mr. Stone communicated with Mr. Mowat on the subject, and made an appointment to meet him to-day (Monday) and bring about a settlement. Meanwhile Mr. McKellar was in London at the Provincial Fair, and knew nothing of Mr. Stone's communication with his colleague. On his way home he called at Guelph, and learned of Mr. Stone's rejection of his offer. No doubt impatient of more delay, Mr. McKellar appears to have decided upon stringent measures, and sent up two men from Toronto to take forcible possession of the farm, under the terms of the agreement of April last. Mr. Stone at once had the two agents arrested; and our readers know the rest.

This we believe to be a fairly accurate statement of the matter at issue, and our readers can form their own conclusions upon it. Mr. Stone and his attorney, Mr. Lemon, also Mr. Sturton, M. P., and Mr. Gow, M. P., left for Toronto by the early train this morning; and we sincerely hope, for the sake of the town, that they will bring the matter to an amicable settlement. We withhold further comment till we learn the result of to-day's interview.

The by-law granting aid to the Brantford, Norwich and Port Burrell Railway, to the amount of \$20,000, by the Township of North Norwich, was carried on Saturday by a majority of 32. This makes a total amount of bonuses of \$1,600 per mile towards the construction of the line.

DIED
 HEATH—In England, on the 27th inst., Edward Field Heath, at the advanced age of 81 years.
 The funeral will take place from his late residence, Beeston Hills, Puslinch, on Tuesday, at 2 p.m., to the family burying ground. Two o'clock prompt. Friends will please accept this invitation.

PROMPT PAYMENT.
 In future I intend to render all my accounts Quarterly. I am now making them out to the 1st of October, and shall expect immediate Payment.

JOHN HORSMAN,
 GUELPH.

TOWN HALL.
Hamall's Serenaders
 AND BRASS BAND.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.
Monday, Sept. 29th

18 First-class Artistes!
 Selected, collected, and combined for the present tour in Canada, comprising one of the strongest organizations on the road.
 Everything new and brilliant.
 Doors open at 7 o'clock, commence at 8.
 Cards of admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c.
 HUGH HAMALL, Manager.
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 Guelph, Sept. 24, 1873. d1

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, re-arranged and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.
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THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!

OPENING OF OUR MILLINERY & MANTLE SHOW ROOMS

To-day (Saturday) the 27th inst.

A. O. BUCHAM

Desires to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he will open his Mantle and Millinery Show Rooms

To-day—Saturday—at 10 a.m.,

AND WILL EXHIBIT A LARGE AND SELECT STOCK OF

**NEW PATTERN HATS, NEW PATTERN BONNETS,
 NEW MANTLES, NEW SHAWLS,
 FURS AND FANCY WOOLEN GOODS.**

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

The Agricultural College Difficultly.

We are very glad to learn from a telegram received just before we go to press, that the Agricultural College matters have been amicably adjusted, and that work is to commence at once.

Another of G. W. McMullen's Lies.
 The following letter appears in the Toronto Mail, Aug. 8, 1873.

QUEEN'S HOTEL, TORONTO, 7th Aug. 1873.
 MY DEAR CONFRERE,—I see in this morning's Globe that the special lie furnished by that paper, McMullen, amends his story so as to represent our paper, La Minerve, as having received those \$4,000 from Sir Hugh in the shape of a loan instead of a gift. As in his previous statement McMullen had no hesitation to say that the money was given and not lent to the Minerve, I presume his new imposture will not get any credit among the people of Ontario. However, I am bound to state as the editor and one of the proprietors of La Minerve, that our establishment did not receive any money either by gift or by loan from Sir Hugh Allan or any of his agents, in relation to the Pacific scheme; and that in our case McMullen has been true to our French proverb, "a beau mentir qui vient de loin."

ASHUR DANSEBROT.
 Sir Hugh Allan, in cross examination at Ottawa, Sept. 20, 1873, says:

"I discounted a note for the proprietors of the Minerve, which they agreed to pay in advertising, and I think that was the only transaction I ever had with any newspaper. I think it was four thousand dollars."

In commenting on the foregoing the Globe wants to know something about these advertisements. It has looked through many copies of the Minerve and can't find any of Sir Hugh Allan's advertisements. What a pitiful sham!

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New Advertisements.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

Our Stock is now fully assorted for the Fall and Winter Trade, comprising all the Newest and Most Stylish Goods in the Country.

SHAW & MURTON,
 MERCHANT TAILORS
 Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, Sept. 27, 1873.

JAMES CORMACK,
 TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

No. 1, Wyndham Street,
 Has now on hand a superior stock of

FRENCH SCOTCH ENGLISH
 AND CANADIAN WOOLENS
 Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

FRENCH COATINGS A SPECIALTY THIS SEASON.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS;
 Also, a large and well assorted stock of

Ready-made Clothing at very low prices.
JAMES CORMACK,
 No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.



THE GOLDEN LION

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS!
 Immense Importations! Immense Importations!

The Largest! Most Attractive! Most Fashionable! and the Cheapest Goods ever Imported by any one House in Canada!

The Golden Lion this season will have the most extraordinary Stock of Fancy and Staple Goods ever exhibited.

Over 560 Cases and Bales to Arrive;
 340 Cases and Bales already received.

Containing Silks, Poplins, Fancy Dresses, French Merinos, Shawls, Mantles, Millinery, Furs, Prints, Flannels, Blankets, and an

Immense Stock of Household Furnishings
 ALL TO BE ON EXHIBITION THIS WEEK.
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.
 Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873. dw

ROBERT CRAWFORD,
 PRACTICAL
 Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller
 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of
Hard and Soft Coal
 At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTLER,
 Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dw

OFFICE

DIARIES

ALL KINDS
 FOR 1874
 CHEAP AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

GUELPH
Pianoforte Factory

IN FULL OPERATION

affording an opportunity to intending purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments. All new instruments

Warranted for Six Years;
 Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY
 Prices lower than any imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed. Show Rooms and Office,

WEST MARKET SQUARE,
 GUELPH, ONT.
JOSEPH F. RAINER,
 Proprietor
 Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

OFFICE

DIARIES

FOR 1874
 —AT—

ANDERSON'S

BOOKSTORE.

GO TO THE
RED MILL

Flour and Feed Store,
 Opposite Alma Block,
WYNDHAM STREET,

—FOR—
ROBERTSON BROS.,
 Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873. dwt

FLOUR AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.

MONEY TO LEND.
 In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.
 Apply direct to the undersigned.
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTLER,
 April 24, 1872. dwtf Guelph

DIRECT

IMPORTATIONS

AT
WILLIAM STEWART'S.

Invoices received of the following

NEW FALL GOODS

WHICH WE WILL
 Show in a Few Days

2 cases French Flowers,
 1 case Feathers,
 1 " Ladies New Felt Hats
 1 " Lace Goods,
 1 " Josephine Kid Gloves
 1 " New Ribbons,
 4 cases New Dress Goods,
 1 case Furs,
 2 cases Gent's Hats,
 2 " Braces, Collars & Shirts
 2 " L. W Underclothing
 2 " English & Scot. Tweeds
 8 " Assorted Dry Goods

The above Goods have all been selected personally by Mr. Stewart, so will be found worthy of attention.

Don't buy until you see them

WM. STEWART.
 Guelph, Aug. 26, 1873. cw

GENUINE ENGLISH
BRUNSWICK BLACK

—FOR—
Blacking Stoves, Grates, Stove Pipes,
 and all kinds of Iron work.

This composition is superior to any yet offered to the Public, possessing brilliancy and durability, and thoroughly protecting the articles.

For sale by
JOHN M. BOND & CO.,
 Hardware Importers,
 Guelph, Ontario.

THE
New Confectionery Store

The subscribers, in thanking the public for their patronage since they started business, beg to announce that they have constantly on hand a full assortment of

Confectionery
 Which will be found equal to anything in Guelph.

Biscuits, Nuts and Cakes, of every description always on hand.

BRIDE CAKES MADE TO ORDER
 Hot Coffee at all hours.

WARNER & SUTTON,
 Wynham Street, next door to Petrie's Drug Store.
 Guelph, Sept. 15, 1873. d

ARCADE OF MUSIC,
GUELPH

Intending Visitors to the Central Exhibition, don't go away without calling at our Establishment.

The Great Estey Cottage Organ,
 Peloubet, Pelton & Co's. Organs
 Simmons & Clough's Organs,
 —AND—
The Webster Sewing Machine

ARE ALL TO BE SEEN THERE.

These instruments are conceded by all eminent artists and competent judges to be the best, and have taken the prize wherever they have been on Exhibition.

Warerooms:
 Three doors from the Post Office, opposite the Wellington Hotel.

A. C. OSBORNE,
 Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873. d