

A METEOR. - A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fleecy cloud, a meteor ball, very luminous, of a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and to the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into one immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows: - "If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callosities, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Brigg's Curative. It will effect a certain cure, in incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for British Possessions.

WHOLESALE ONLY.
Merchants desiring to assort their GROCERY LIQUOR Stock for Christmas and the Holidays, will do well to take quotations from the subscriber before buying.

Just receiving, a large lot of FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES, which will be offered LOWER than the market, in quantities to suit the COUNTRY TRADE.

JOHN L. LEWIS.
Guelph, Nov. 18. daw tf

COMMERCIAL.
Guelph Markets
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH. December 16, 1868.

This week we note a slight improvement in the market. The rise in the price of wheat does not, however, appear to be the result of a corresponding rise in the city markets. The receipts here are small and the mills must be kept working. This is the simple solution of the mystery. The Montreal market is reported steady, with Spring wheat at \$1.14, and flour scarcely changed. The Toronto market continues as it has been all season very dull. Fall wheat is offered at \$1.15 without buyers and Spring wheat is no higher than in Guelph. There appears to be a considerable quantity of grain in store here, yet not near so much as it might be expected there would be at such a mart. In nearly all the grain the Corn Exchange reports "nothing doing." We have said that the receipts in Guelph are light, and the wheat is all used by the mills. A fair proportion is Fall wheat, but of a secondary quality. Spring wheat has gone up five cents per bushel within the last few days, so that fair samples now bring \$1. Oats and peas are sparingly supplied and still maintain old prices. Hay has undergone no change. Wood is down, which is consolatory to everybody. The supply has been larger during the past week or two than at any time within the last two years and even wood, that most arbitrary of all articles offered on the market, had at last yielded to the ordinary laws of commerce. Eggs are up almost out of sight. Butter remains much as it was, with no inclination to rise, indeed, it is about as high here as in Montreal. There are a few potatoes and a few apples still offered; the former keep at the old figure, the latter have advanced. There is a heavy business done in pork. From 500 to 600 hogs are brought to market daily. The price keeps up well. Hides are easier, and no other changes have occurred.

Flour, 100 lbs	2 50	2 75
Fall Wheat, 10 bush	1 10	1 15
Spring Wheat, 10 bush	0 95	1 09
Oats, 10 bush	0 22	0 25
Peas, do	0 80	0 85
Barley, do	1 10	1 20
Hay, 10 ton	10 00	12 00
Straw	3 00	4 00
Shingles, 1000	1 00	1 50
Wood, 1000	3 00	3 50
Wood, 1000	0 24	0 25
Eggs, 10 dozen	0 20	0 23
Butter, (stone packed) 10 lb	0 18	0 19
do (airy packed) 10 lb	0 20	0 22
Geese, each	0 30	0 37
Turkeys, each	0 87	0 75
Chickens, 1/2 pair	0 20	0 25
Ducks, do	0 25	0 35
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	1 25
Apples, 1/2 bag	1 00	1 25
Lamb, 10 lb	0 04	0 05
Beef, 10 lb	0 04	0 05
Pork, 100 lbs	6 00	7 50
Salt, 10 lb	0 05	0 12
Sheep Pelts, each	0 50	1 00
Lard, 10 lb	0 50	1 00
Hides	5 50	6 00

Money Market.
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, GUELPH, Dec. 18, 1868.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
Harkness, Livingstone & Co.'s report by special telegraph to "Evening Mercury," Montreal, December 16, 1868.

Flour - Extra, \$5 10 to \$5 20; Family, \$5 10 to \$5 15; Medium Canada, \$3 75 to \$3 85; Superior No. 1, Canada, \$3 50 to \$3 65; Superior No. 1 Western, \$3 50 to \$3 65; No. 2, \$3 30 to \$3 40; Old Hour, \$2 60 to \$2 70; Wheat - Canada, Fall, \$1 12 to \$1 15; Spring, \$1 14 to \$1 15; Western, \$1 05 to \$1 10; Oats, per 32 lbs, 47c to 50c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1 20 to \$1 30; Butter - dairy, 25c to 30c; eggs, packed 10c to 20c; Ashes - Pot, \$5 00 to \$5 65; Beans, \$14 00 to \$15 00; Peas, \$6 00 to \$6 50.

TORONTO MARKETS.
Toronto, Dec. 15. Spring wheat, \$1 10 to \$1 15; Fall wheat, \$1 00 to \$1 05; Flour, No. 1 super, \$4 65; extra, \$5 25; barley \$1 25; peas, \$6 to \$6 40; oats, \$5 to \$5 10.

GULF MARKETS.
December 1. Fall wheat, \$1 15 to \$1 20. Spring wheat, \$0 90 to \$0 95. Barley, \$1 05 to \$1 15. Oats, 47c to 50c. Peas, \$6 to \$6 40. Butter 22c to 24c; Eggs 15c to 16c; Potatoes, per bag, 70c to 75c; Pork \$7 00 to \$7 25; Hay \$11 00 to \$12 00.

NOTICE.
SILVER CREEK BREWERY.
Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged.
Guelph, Nov. 20
GEO. SLEMAN
daw tf

GUELPH TANNERY FOR SALE.
That available property situated in the Town of Guelph, consisting of Tannery, Dwelling House, and Office, all Stone, also, Wash Stables, and a large quantity of Hides, and 10 Leaches, and is run by Steam. The house is

IN THOROUGH REPAIR
The main building could be advantageously turned into a Brewery, Foundry, or Woollen Factory. The whole property will be sold upon liberal terms.
Apply at the Tannery, or to BEARDMORE & CO., 6 Wellington Street West, Toronto, December 4th. daw w2t

DOMINION HOTEL, GUELPH.
JOHN BENYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNEL'S ST., a few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Saddlery. 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. The best of officers and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodations for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates
Guelph, July 13th. daw

JAMATOLOGIA.

WANTED,
Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.
Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.
Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.
Customers to buy out of the Largest and Cheapest stocks of

BOOTS AND SHOES
TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.

JOHN CRIDIFORD
Invites inspection to his stock of NEW FALL GOODS, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.
Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, No. 41, Wyndham-st., Guelph. FOR CASH ONLY.

JOHN CRIDIFORD.
Guelph, September 26th dw

BUSINESS STILL GOOD
AT THE

BRADFORD HOUSE
DRESS GOODS!
Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.

JACKETS! JACKETS!
Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Seal-skin Jackets, Whitney, -Black and Coloured. Petersburg, -Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of

FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.
Table Linen and Sheetings.

The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

MILLINERY!
For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH
Wyndham St. et. Guelph, November 2

E. O'DONNELL & CO.
GUELPH, ONT.

TEAS.
O'D. & CO
TEAS.

Ping Suey Tea, BEST \$1.00 Best Oolong, 75c.
Best Moyune, 87 1/2 Best Japan, 65
Choice Young Hyson, 80 Best Black, 68
Young Hyson Teas, 50c.

Good Plug Chewing Tobacco at 20c per lb.
SILVER TAKEN AT PAR.
At E. O'DONNELL & CO'S.
Wyndham Street, Guelph. October 20th. dw

GREAT POWERS
Are always neutral in small squabbles.

PREST & HEPBURN
In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wyndham-st.

WE do not believe in both and banking, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict in the hands of the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puffing and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wyndham Street, Guelph, manufacture more

BOOTS AND SHOES
And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth.
A great deal has been said for and against machine-made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that very well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which cannot be admitted as far superior to any machine-made Goods. We have now on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest.
Remember that all our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

PREST & HEPBURN.
Guelph, 2nd November. dw

CUTTERS
THE ELEGANT has now on hand a stock of these ELEGANT and SUBSTANTIAL CUTTERS
Which have taken prizes wherever exhibited, to be sold at LOW PRICES for cash or short credit.
J. B. ARMSTRONG.
Guelph, Nov. 19. wo tf

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.
LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queenstown or Liverpool.
FARE FROM HAMILTON First Cabin - - - \$87, gold value Sterling - - - 29, "

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S PANTS, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGHT ROUES, &c.
The highest price paid for HAW FURS.
F. GARLAND.
Market Square, Guelph, 3rd Nov. 1868.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
GENERAL AGENTS,
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH,
Agents for investing Money for the TRUST and LOAN COMPANY OF UPPER CANADA, AND THE CANADA PERMANENT BUILDING and SAVINGS SOCIETIES OF TORONTO.

THESE Companies afford every facility to the borrower, and give him the privilege of either retaining the principal for a term of years or paying it off by instalments extending over any term of years up to 15.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Have also a large amount of PRIVATE FUNDS On hand for Investment.

Money Invested and interest collected Mortgages bought subject to examination of title, and valuation of property offered.

Debentures, Stocks and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK Are Agents for the Royal Insurance Co'y OF ENGLAND. CAPITAL - - \$10,000,000.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK are Agents for the STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, Established - - - in 1825.

The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses in Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSIA.
For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosia, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered, the speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot - - - There is a two-story frame house 20x40 feet, a stone kitchen story and a-half high 21x22, back kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x40 each, long for me shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosia to Fergus, and is distant from that village 3 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter (post-paid) to

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, or to DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph

BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE.
Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on

Wednesday, 6th January, 1869 At one o'clock, p. m.

Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street Guelph, on which there is a two-story house - part brick, part stone - containing nine rooms, with good cellar, woodshed, hard and soft water; stable, cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: One-tenth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Possession on the 7th March, 1869. Title indisputable.

For further particulars apply to DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Agents for the Vendor.

Guelph, Dec. 16.

TROTTER & GRAHAM,
DENTISTS!
GUELPH and BRAMPTON
LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY,
Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.
Office, over Higinbotham's Drugstore
Guelph, 2nd August, 1868. daw

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,
Market Square, GUELPH.
The Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has fitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR
will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the table with the delicacies of the season - In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS and GAME,
Etc Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Winsty

THE UNRIVALLED
MASON & HAMLIN
CABINET AND METROPOLITAN ORGANS,
Have Just ARRIVED at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE.

They are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than Three Hundred prominent American artists, and a great many European musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These Organs are provided with all the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS, including the

Mason & Hamlin Improved Vox Humana, or Fan Tremolo, which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effect, including a remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the nearest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the MASON & HAMLIN Company are now so great that they can afford to undertake to furnish, not only the best, but also the Lowest Priced Organs made. Every instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1000 and upwards.

Illustrated Catalogues with full description and prices of the various styles of Instruments sent free to any applicant. **Canvassing Agents Wanted.**
W. WARNER CLARKE,
Guelph, Dec. 13. daw tf Market Square, Guelph

Bills 104 NEW GOODS Silver 100.
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FRUIT. FRUIT. FRUIT
CROP 1868
Layer Raisins Seedless Raisins Currants Turkey Figs
Bunch Muscatel do. Valencia do. Prunes Havaera Oranges
Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

NUTS - Soft Shelled Almonds, Shelled Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts. Orange Marmalade and Confectionery, Sardines, English Potted Salmon, Potted Meats, Fresh Lobsters (in the shell and canned).

HERMETICALLY SEALED GOODS-Peaches, Strawberries, Blackberries, Tomatoes and Green Peas.
APPLES. APPLES.
One hundred barrels choice hand-picked Fruit, in fine Rhode Island Green, Golden Russett, Red Water and Spitzenbergh

BISCUITS-Soda, Nethy, Bio-nic Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Ginger Nuts.
FISH, FISH-New Finnan Haddies, Smoked Salmon, Bloaters, White Fish, Salmon Trout, Cod Fish, Haddock, Sealed Herring, Labrador and Lake Herring, Pickled Cod Fish.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS
Buy Platt & Co's Baltimore Oysters. Expect a few days, Oysters in the shell.

NEW TEAS, Sugars, Coffees, Tobaccos, and General Groceries.
LIQUORS-Fine Old Rye, Malt and Common Whiskies, Sleeman's Ale, Bass' Pale Ale, Guinness' Porter (old, and in splendid order.)

CROCKERY-A large assortment, complete in every department.
GLASSWARE (Plain and Cut)-Tumblers, Wines, Goblets, Decanters, Spoon Holders, Butter Coolers, Fruit Dishes, Preserve Plates, Sugar and Creams, Water Bottles, Salt, &c. **FINE HEAVY PLATED CRUETS.**

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS' PRESENTS
A large stock in Gift China Mugs, Tea, with a variety of mottoes, Children's Toy Tea Sets.

The foregoing Goods will be found on inspection and trial to be fresh and good, and to form a large and complete assortment, the prices of which will be low, if not lower, than the largest and biggest puffing house in the trade.
Guelph, 30th November. dw **GEORGE WILKINSON.**

FALL STOCK.
JAMES CORMACK,
MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

HAS now the pleasure to announce the arrival of his Fall Stock, which you will find one of the Largest and Best Assorted in the Province, comprising the CHOICEST GOODS OF THE SEASON, in Overcoatings, Undercoatings, Trouserings and Fancy Vestings.
I would call special attention to the very Large and Superior Stock of Ready-Made Clothing. This Department, which is so well-known to the public as being Better Cut and Better Made than the most of such Goods. Besides having an Immense Stock to choose from, you can get better served at the very lowest prices to be found.

In the Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods it is unusually large and attractive, embracing everything NEW, NOVEL, PEAIN and COMFORTABLE, and would invite the attention of the public to No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Guelph, 8th September, 24th. dw

JACKSON & HALLETT,
GROCCERS,
NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

We have ALWAYS ON HAND as below, which will be sold as CHEAP as quality will allow
Hyson, Japan, Congu and Gunpowder Teas,
Which for Strength and Flavour is not to be surpassed

McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal. Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal
Fruit and Fish. Cigars, Pickles, &c.

NEW LAYER RAISINS, 5000 VERY FINE OLD HAVANAS, 1500 CHOICE MANILLA CHEROTS, 20000 PRICE OF WALES, GROSSE AND BLACKWELL'S PICKLES, PICCADILLY ONIONS, MIXED SAUCES, ANCHOVIES, SARDINES, LOBSTERS, &c. TOBACCOS - Celebrated Brands Smoking and Chewing.

Genuine MARTELL'S and HENNESSEY'S BRANDIES, in wood and bottle. **SHERRIES,** PORTS, GINS, RUMS, &c. Wholesale and Retail. **Hiram Walker's WINDSOR OLD RYE WHISKY** and **WINDSOR OLD MALT WHISKY.** ALSO'S ALE, BASS' ALE, BLOOD'S PORTER LONDON PORTER.

Goods Delivered in all Parts of the Town with Promptness
D. JACKSON. J. HALLETT.
Guelph, November 16th, 1868. dw

JOHN R. PORTE,
From the Sheffield House, Toronto,

WOULD intimate to the inhabitants of GUELPH and SURROUNDING COUNTRY, that he has opened a store
Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street,
Where he will keep on hand a large assortment of

WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELLERY,
FANCY GOODS, &c.
Repairing done in all its branches. Satisfaction Warranted
Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 29, 1868. awif