

Editorial Items.  
NEWS FROM INDIA.—The English Governor General in India, Lord Mayo, has received a visit from Shere Ali, the ruler of Afghanistan. The visit is considered in India an important event, and Shere Ali was therefore received with great splendour. Afghanistan is the battle-ground of Russian and English diplomacy, and it is a common expectation that, when the smaller Central Asiatic States shall have been absorbed by either Russia or England, they may become the battle-field for the hostile armies of the two great competitors for the leading control in Asiatic politics. There Ali is an outspoken partisan of England; and his complete success in terminating the civil war which had devastated Afghanistan since the death of his renowned father, Dost Mohammed, has of course been received in British India with great satisfaction.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO THE NILE.—The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Luxor on the 16th ult., where they visited the Temple and also the Valley of Kings. Some amusement was afforded by crowds of Arab children that kept up with the party, offering all kinds of antiquities for sale, and loudly vociferating for "backsheesh." Lunch was taken in the tomb of Ramesses IX. A visit was paid to the Temple of Karnak by torchlight, the effect of which was heightened by numbers of sailors and Arabs being placed with torches and rockets in every available crevice of the ruins. The whole fleet got aground at Silihi, near the first cataract, and all the steamers had to be lightened. Colonel Stanton's steamer had to be left behind.

WINE IN CALIFORNIA.—California papers represent that wine drinking and consequent intoxication on the Pacific coast is increasing to an alarming extent. Common wine is as abundant as milk, and often more freely drunk. In some counties wine is sold at thirty cents a gallon, while milk costs fifty cents, and in other counties their price is the same. Even women and children use wine as a beverage to such an extent as to cause grave apprehensions for the social morality of the people. As a consequence the use of whiskey and brandy is rapidly on the increase, and the blessing of cheap wine which Californians congratulated themselves upon, bids fair to prove an unmitigated curse to them.

TORONTO AND NIPISSING RAILWAY.—The Globe says that the By-law granting \$10,000 bonus from the township of Scott, in aid of the Nipissing Railway, was carried on Friday by a majority of fifty-two. There now only remains to vote the township of Whitechurch, \$15,000, and the township of Carden \$12,000. The exact amount voted is \$399,000; and when the Carden and Whitechurch by-laws are carried, the grand total will be \$426,000 for the Nipissing Railway.

TENURE OF OFFICE BILL.—The Times special says:—The friends of repealing the Tenure-of-Office Act are greatly mortified at the compromise effected. It is found that the Senate retains all the power it had. All the Senate has to do to restore a suspended officer, is to fail to report on a nomination; and the suspended officer will have to be reinstated. It is understood that Attorney-Gen. Hoare is of opinion the Bill ought not to become a law.

WALKERTON VOLUNTEER COMPANY.—The Walkerton company of volunteers has been accepted. For some reason, probably lateness in returning the roll, it was not gazetted, and it was stated that the Government had received the required number. A correspondence took place between the military authorities and Lt.-Col. Sproat, concerning the omission, and we are glad to see that he succeeded in getting the company accepted. A Drill Shed is about to be erected in Walkerton.

LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE.—The Quebec Legislature, it is said, will be prorogued on Friday next, the Ministry not having been able to weather the storm. They have agreed, however, to increase the indemnity of members to \$600 per session. This was opposed by Mr. Joly, the leader of the Opposition, and it was proposed that the sum be fixed at \$450; but the ministerial proposition proved the most acceptable by a vote of 14 to 29.

Delegates from South America have arrived in Paris for the purpose of soliciting the Academy of Science to appoint a commission of savants to inquire into the causes of the frightful earthquakes which have of late caused such destruction of life and property. Unfortunately the idea has appeared so chimerical that the petition has been rejected.

A Nashville druggist has invented a rat paint made of preparation of phosphorus. You first catch the rat and then you paint him. After dark he looks like a ball of fire, and going among his fellow rats, they get scared to death at the "light of his countenance," and vacate the premises, the "bright, particular" rat following and hurrying up the rear.

"J. R. A." desires some one in authority to give, if he can, a reason why dogs should be permitted to run about the streets with so much freedom, and would like to know whether they legally enjoy any greater immunity than pigs or cattle. He thinks the authorities or the legislature should take the matter in hand.

A conductor in a discussion as to speed said he ran his train so fast that telegraph poles on the side of the track looked like a fine tooth comb.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.**  
**COULSON HOUSE,**  
GUELPH, APRIL 3, 1869

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning:  
Wm J Foster, Bradford; C S J Phillips, Montreal; Wm Stewart, Harwick; James Struthers, Appleton; Jacob Wilson, Montreal; J R Hamilton, Teviotdale; Mrs Johnston, Rothsay; Mr Boomer, Ferguson; Anthony Copp, Hamilton; Thos H Graydon, St. Catharines; Rev T M Campbell, Hollis; Wm W Edwards, Garatras; D McLaren, Georgetown; T Barnum, Toronto; John A Borland, Montreal; Wm T Ames, New York; J B Smith and daughter, Marlinton; John Gilbert, Belleville; Robert Gordon, Montreal.

NEURALGIA, or TO-DOL-GRUEX, is one of the most painful affections to which the human family is subject. It more commonly occurs in the nerves of the face, though it is met with in different parts of the head, in the breast, hip-joint, and in other parts of the body and limbs. Its attack is usually sudden, and the paroxysm of pain varies in its duration. The pain is agonising, excruciating, and shooting along the nerves like a shock of electricity, frequently feeling as if red hot wire were thrust into the parts, and after the pain passes away, a numbness remains for awhile. At these times, instead of attacking suddenly, it comes with a slight heat, or sense of itching or numbness, which augments in severity more or less rapidly. The pain increases from time to time until it becomes almost insupportable. Dr. Briggs's Elevation is a positive remedy. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., Guelph, and druggists and country merchants everywhere.

**Special Notices.**  
**DYSPEPSIA.**  
There is no disease which experience has so amply proved to be remediable by the

**PERUVIAN SYRUP.**  
(a protected solution of the Protoxide of Iron), as Dyspepsia. The most inveterate forms of this disease have been completely cured by this medicine, as ample testimony of some of our first citizens proves.

From the venerable Archdeacon Scott, D. D.  
Dunham, C. E.—I am an inveterate Dyspeptic of more than 25 years standing. I have been so wonderfully benefited in the three short weeks during which I have used the Peruvian Syrup, that I can scarcely persuade myself of the reality. Persons who have known me are astonished at the change. I am widely known, and can but recommend to others that which has done so much for me.

Another clergyman writes as follows:—My voyage to Europe has been indefinitely postponed. I have discovered the "Fontaine of Health" on this side of the Atlantic. Three bottles of Peruvian Syrup have rescued me from the fangs of the most Dyspeptic.

A pamphlet of 32 pages containing a history of this remarkable remedy, with a treatise on "Iron as a medicine," will be sent free to any address. The genuine has "Peruvian Syrup" blown in the glass.  
J. P. DINSMORE, Proprietor,  
36 Dey Street, New York.  
Apr 2—4w

**HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER.**  
Is the best article known to preserve the hair. It will positively restore gray hair to its original color and promote its growth. It is an entirely new scientific discovery, combining many of the most powerful and restorative agents in the vegetable kingdom. It makes the hair smooth and glossy, and does not stain the skin. It is recommended and used by the first medical authority. For sale by all druggists. Price \$1. R. P. HALL & Co., Nassau, N. Y., proprietors, mar 12 dwim

**LET US HAVE PEACE.**  
The Music to be performed at

**The Grand National Jubilee,**  
To be held in Boston in June, 1869, comprising Fifteen Choruses from Oratorios and Masses. Just published and ready for sale. Price 50 cents. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. Oliver Ditson & Co., Publishers, 477 Washington Street, Boston. Chas. H. Dittson & Co., 711 Broadway, N. Y. dw

**BACHELOR'S HAIR DYE**  
This splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless, Reliable, Instantaneous. No disappointment. No rigorous trials. Remediates the effects of "Dyes." Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers, and properly applied at Bachelor's Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond-St. N. Y. dw

**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balsam**  
Cures Colds, Coughs and Consumption.  
**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balsam**  
Cures Bronchitis, Asthma and Croup.  
**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balsam**  
Imparts strength to the system.  
**Allen's Celebrated Lung Balsam**  
Is the best to use.

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is a way to satisfaction or the money will be refunded. It is recommended by prominent physicians, and while it is pleasant to take and harmless in its nature, it is a powerful remedy for curing all diseases of the Lungs. Sold by all Druggists.

**PERRY DAVIS & SON, Agents,**  
380, St. Paul Street, Montreal.  
Feb 23—4w3m

**Mrs. S. A. ALLEN'S HAIR RESTORER**  
Restores gray hair to its natural color and beauty, and produces luxuriant growth. It gives the hair a beautiful gloss and delightful fragrance.  
Manufactory and Sales Offices—35 Barclay Street and 40 Park Place, N. Y., and 206 High Holborn, London, England.  
For sale by all Druggists.  
E. HARVEY & CO.,  
February 1 dwmwy Wholesale Agents

**COMMERCIAL.**  
**Guelph Markets.**  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, April 3, 1869.

Flour #100 lbs	2 00	2 25
Fall Wheat # bush	0 93	0 98
Spring Wheat # bush	0 90	0 91
Oats # bush	0 55	0 56
Peas # bush	0 75	0 76
Barley do	1 15	1 25
Hay # ton	16 00	15 50
Straw	3 00	4 00
Shingles # square	1 00	1 50
Wood # cord	0 30	0 35
Wood # cord	0 24	0 25
Eggs # dozen	0 18	0 20
Butter (store packed) # lb	0 17	0 25
do (daily packed) # lb	0 20	0 25
Geese, each	0 35	0 40
Turkeys each	0 60	1 20
Chickens, # pair	0 25	0 20
Ducks, do	0 40	0 50
Potatoes per bag	1 00	1 12
Apples, # bag	1 00	1 25
Lamb # lb	0 04	0 05
Beef # lb	4 00	7 00
Beef # lb	0 05	0 12
Pork # 100 lbs	7 00	9 00
Sheep # pair	0 50	1 25
Lambkins	0 50	1 00
Hides	6 00	6 50

**MONTEAL MARKET.**  
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's report by spec Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'  
MONTREAL, April 3, 1869.

Flour—Extra, \$5 00 to \$5 10; Fancy, \$4 70 to \$4 80; Welland Canal Superior, \$4 44 to \$4 45; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, \$4 52 to \$4 65; Superior No. 1 Western wheat, \$4 95 to \$5 00; No. 2 do, \$4 20 to \$4 30; Best flour, \$2 25 to \$2 27; Wheat—Canada Fall, \$1 12 to \$1 14; Spring, \$1 07 to \$1 08; Western, \$1 10 to \$1 11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 45c to 46c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1 10 to \$1 15; Butter—dairy 20c to 25c store packed 19c to 22c; Ashes—Port \$5 50 to \$5 55; Peas—\$2 50 to \$2 55; Pork, \$9 00 to \$9 50; Peas, 85c to 90c.

**Money Market.**  
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE  
Guelph, April 3, 1869

Gold, 131.  
Greenbacks bought at 74 to 75; sold at 75 to 76.  
Silver bought at 4 1/2; sold at 5.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c to 60c

**TORONTO MARKETS.**  
Toronto, April 2.  
Fall wheat, \$1 00 to \$1 00; spring wheat, \$0 96 to \$0 97; flour, No. 1 super \$4 00; No. 2 do \$3 50; barley \$1 15; peas, 76c to 78c; oats, 51c to 52c.

**HAMILTON MARKETS.**  
Hamilton, April 2.  
Barley, 1 10 to 1 25; peas, 65c to 0 80; oats, 50c to 51c; spring wheat, 0 85 to 0 87; white wheat, 0 95 to 1 09; red winter, 0 85 to 0 88.

**Commercial Union Assurance Company,**  
CHIEF OFFICES—19 & 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.  
CAPITAL, £2,500,000.  
Fire Department.  
THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and Invested Funds.  
PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

**Life Department.**  
Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks.  
Eighty per cent, of the Profits of the whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders.  
Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.  
By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.

Offices—385 and 387 St. Paul Street, Montreal.  
MORLAND, WATSON & CO.,  
General Agents for Canada.  
FREDERICK COLE, Secretary.—Inspector of Agencies, T. C. LEVINGS, P.L.S., Upper Canada  
Trotter & Graham,  
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1869. dw Agents for G. elph.

**SALE BY AUCTION.**  
**AND STATIONERY**  
**Fancy Goods!**  
**AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.**  
**THIS EVENING.**  
Same to commence at seven o'clock. NO RESERVE.  
W. WARNER CLARKE,  
Guelph, March 24, daw dw Market Square, Guelph.

**SALLY LUND'S**  
A DELICIOUS TEA CAKE AT  
**H. BERRY'S.**

**FRESH MADE BISCUITS & CRACKERS**  
Picnic Biscuits, Lemon Biscuits, Oyster Crackers, Captain Biscuits, Fancy Biscuits. All warranted fresh made by a splendid new machine. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.  
J. elph, January 22, 1869. daw  
**H. BERRY.**

**Lumber & Wood Yard**  
**CHARLES HEATH**  
Has opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on  
Quebec St. West of English Church,  
Where a number of trucks can be had on call and on hand.

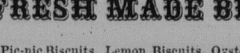
**CORDWOOD**  
For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.  
Also for sale, Flour and Feed delivered in any part of the Town according to order.  
All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to.  
Guelph, March 14  
**CHARLES HEATH**

**MONTREAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.**  
**QUELPH AGENCY.**  
**CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.**  
**GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.**

**CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool \$85 and \$90.**  
**ST. RAGE, do do \$32.00**  
**CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$75.50.**  
**INTERMEDIATE do \$47.00.**  
**STEERAGE do do \$31.00.**  
Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passages certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, etc.—rooms every information apply to  
**GEO. A. OXNARD,**  
Agent G. T. R. Guelph  
Guelph, April 1, 1868 daw

**CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.**  
LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queenstown or Liverpool.  
**FARE FROM HAMILTON First Cabin, - - \$87, gold value**  
**Second - - - - - 29.**  
Berths not secured until paid for. For further particulars apply to  
**CHARLES T. JONES & CO.,**  
Exchange Brokers, Hamilton  
Agents for the Erie and New York Railway.  
Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value  
Hamilton 1st June, 1868

**ARCHIBALD McKEAND,**  
(Successor to John W. Murton),  
**Banking and Exchange OFFICE,**  
No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.  
BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.  
Agency for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.  
Tickets via the Michigan Central R.R. and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R.R. for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports.  
Agent for the Ketchum & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.  
Guelph, Dec. 1. daw ly

**TROTTER & GRAHAM,**  
  
**DENTISTS!**  
**GUELPH AND BRAMPTON**  
LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY  
Successors in right to Trotter  
Office over Higinbotham's Drugstore  
Guelph, nd August, 868. dw

**BILLIARDS**  
GREAT EXCITEMENT.  
Billiard Hall—Refitted  
New Style Tables  
Exhibition Twice a Week  
**AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.**  
Guelph, 23rd February dw

**ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.**  
**WHOLESALE.**  
NOW OPENING,  
**Another Shipment of Glassware!**  
CONSISTING IN PART OF  
Tumblers, Goblets, Wines  
Decanters, Celery Glasses  
Butters, Sugars and Creams  
Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars  
Preserve Dishes, in great variety  
Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames  
Bird Fountains,  
Bird Seed Boxes, Bird Baths  
Lamp Chimneys  
Specia Jars, Japanned Ware.  
&c. &c. &c.

**R. RAE & CO.**  
Guelph, 28th December  
IMPORTERS. dw

**CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.**  
**FARMERS,**  
Buy your Clover and Timothy at

**HUGH WALKER'S**  
Good Seed at a Small Price.

**HUGH WALKER,**  
Guelph, March 24 dw Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.

**The ETNA Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.**  
ASSETS OVER \$10,000,000.

More than fifteen thousand Policies were issued during the year, insuring nearly FORTY-FIVE MILLIONS. It insures from \$500 to \$20,000 on a single life.

THE ENTIRE PROFITS DIVIDED AMONG THE POLICY HOLDERS ANNUALLY.  
Furnishes Insurance combining all of the advantages offered by other Companies. Unsurpassed Management and Financial Security.

New Cash Tables with ANNUAL DIVIDENDS, on the Contribution Plan.  
Dividends as large and Policies become self-sustaining as soon as any other Company, while the rates are more favorable.

**JOHN GARVIN,** General Agent for Western Canada. OFFICE—TORONTO, Ont.  
**HIGINBOTHAM & HARVEY,**  
Agents for Guelph and vicinity.  
Guelph, 10th February. dw

**JAMES MASSIE & CO.** having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the Alma Block and Day's Block, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, No. 1, Day's Block, so successfully carried on under my management.

By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.  
Guelph, 16th March. dw  
**JOHN RISK.**

**STOCK TAKING OVER**  
AT THE  
**BRADFORD HOUSE**  
THE GREAT  
**Clearing Sale!**  
Will commence on Wednesday, 10th March, and continue for two weeks.  
During which time great bargains will be given to make room for our  
**EARLY SPRING PURCHASES.**  
Intending purchasers must call early, as our Clearing Sale don't last all the year round.  
**GREAT BARGAINS**  
In Whitney Plush and Seal Jackets at \$1.50. An immense lot of Fancy at half-price. The balance of Shawls to be sold very low.  
**Our Dress Stock, as usual, must be Cleared Out,**  
Regardless of Cost. Millinery Goods at a fearful sacrifice. Trimmed Bonnets less than half price. Trimmed Hats too low to mention. Large lot Remnants of Dress Goods—fearful bargains.  
In fact nothing in the place will be sold over cost price, as we intend to make extensive alterations on the premises this Spring, and our Importations will be much larger than ever they have been before.  
**PHILIP BISH.**  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, March 9. dw

**Imperial Fire Insurance Company**  
OF LONDON.  
(Established 1803.)  
HEAD OFFICES—1 Old Broad Street, a Pall Mall, London.  
GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA 24 St. S. crummet Street, Montreal.  
Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve Fund  
**£1,965,000 STERLING**  
Funds invested in Canada—\$105,000  
INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid with out reference to the Board in London. No charge made for policies or endorsements.  
RISTROT, Enos, General Agents, 24 St. Sacrament Street, Jones Downworth, Inspector.  
**JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph.**  
Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

**THE ONTARIO MUTUAL Life Insurance Comp'y.**  
HEAD OFFICE, - - WATERLOO, ONT.  
A comparison of our rates with the rates of any Company either doing or purposing to do a legitimate business respectfully invited.  
Every Information given  
To intending Insurers.  
Medical Examiners—Drs. Howitt and Keating.  
**HENRY L. DRAKE, Agent.**  
Box D, Guelph, P.O. mar 12. dw

**HAMILTON DYE WORKS,**  
Two doors from the Royal Hotel  
Established 1856.  
Silks, Satins, Merinos, Danmarks, Moreen Table Covers, &c., &c., dyed and finished. British and Foreign Shawls cleaned and pressed. Kid Gloves cleaned. Shawls cleaned, dyed and curled.  
**JAMES CONNER,** Hamilton.  
Orders left at J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham-st, will receive prompt attention. For price list and further information apply to  
**J. HUNTER,**  
Guelph, 8th Feb dw Agent for Guelph

**A RARE CHANCE.**  
A Six Year's Lease and Furniture of a First-class Hotel in the Town of Guelph for sale.  
To be sold by private sale, a six year's lease and furniture of one of the best Hotels in the Town of Guelph. The subscriber being about to leave Canada, wishes to dispose of the above. For further particulars apply to  
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