PROVIDENTIAL.—The Milton Champion says that a very serious accident of the Great Western we prevented on Friday last. The Rev. Mr. Kay, of Milton, was going by the afternoon train to Toronto, and having to wait for some time, he was persuaded by Mr. Burger, who had business in Oakville, to accompany him a short way over the track from Bronte to Oakville, a distance of four miles. On proceeding about a mile and a quarter, within a few feet of the Little Credit Bridge, they found a rail badly breken in two places, so that portions were elevated above the track. On making the discovery, they separated, Mr. Burger hastening to Oakville, and Mr. Kay returning at full speed to Bronte to intercept the trains each way. The telegraph was promptly put into requisition and all accident prevented, the trackmen, who had found all right a few hours before, laying down a sound rail in place of the broken one.

The Meanerst Man in George Town.

to the broken one.

THE MEANEST MAN IN GEORGETOWN.

A correspondent in the Halton Herald says that there is a man in that village who has frequently beasted that by the time he was forty years of age he would be the richest man in the village; and among the many acts of meanness which he has perpetrated is one so far beneath the dignity of a gentleman that many of our readers will scarcely believe it; yet the correspondent vouches for its correctness, and is prepared to prove it. At the residence of Mr. B.— there is an a cellent well of water, a luxury many of his neighbors do not possess; and in seasons. of scarcity said neighbors have been in the habit of drawing water from Mr. B.'s well, which was inexhaustille. So far so good, but imagine the amazement of the parties that had taken the water on learning that they were charged three dollars each! And the money has actually been paid over.

RECIPROCITY.—If negotiations are entered the search of the paid over.

RECIPROCITY.—If negotiations are entered into in the proper spirit between Canada and the United States, there will be no real difficulty about coal or any other item. If the protectionist theories that now blind the mental vision of so many of the statesmen of the Republic are allowed to drop for a season, they will then see not only the advantages, but the justice, of a liberal reciprocity. Such a treaty would usher in an era of good feeling that would make political differences impossible, and would put an end to the demoralizing practice of smuggling, now so universal on the Canadian frontier. When two countries are so closely united geographically as the Dominion and the United States, friendship is far better policy that hostility, and the benefits to be derived from free commercial intercourse would again prove that "peace hath its victories no less renowned than war.

Votes in Great Britan.—The total-

less renowned than war.

VOTES IN GREAT BRITAIN.—The totalvote in Great Britain at the last election
was 1,278,534, divided between the two
parties as follows: Liberals, 755,371;
Conservative, 523,163. The aggregate
population is about 28,000,000. The average is, therefore, less than one voter to
every twenty-one inhabitants. In the
United States the voters are to the whole
number of inhabitants about as one to six
and three-fourths. The English Liberals
therefore have something to do yet in the
way of reform.

HOTEL ARRIVALS,

COULSON HOUSE. GUELPH, March 30, 1869

Guelph, March 30, 1869

The following are the arrivals at the Colson House up to 10:30 this morning: John R. Vert, Hamilton; John Matheson, Woodstock; J. B. Gillespie, Galt; Thos. Kirby, Galt; R. H. Holmes, Savannah, Ga.; George Kay, Montreal; D. Caspenter, Toronto; Geo, Dempsey, Montreal; James S. Kirkendale, Elora; C. Scharbach, Pleasantville, Pa.; L. Everhard, Massillon, Obio; Dr. J. Brigges, New York; C. H. Wright, Toronto; William Powis, Hamilton; B. Farow, Elora; F. A. W. Gordon, Fergus; W. Petrie, Fergus; Mr. Peoples, Montreal; John Rankin, Dundas; Mm. Casey, Dundas; Emery Mills, Dundas; Albert Revell, Dundas; William Denoon, Montreal; Miss A. Lowther, Arthur.

COMMERCIAL

Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE March 30,

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Money Market.

Jackson's Exchange Offi Guelph, March 30, 1869

Gold, 1511. Greenbacksbo't at741 to751, sold at751c to 761c. Silver bought at 4 dis7; sold at 3. Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 00

TORONTO MARKETS. Fall wheat, \$1 00 to \$0 00; spring wheat, \$0 90 to \$0 55; flour, No. 1 super \$4 00; extra \$5 30; barley \$1 27; peas, 72c to 73c; oats, 50c to 50c.

HAMILTON MARKETS

HAMILTON, March 29.

Barley, 1 10 to 1 25; peas, 0 65 to 0 50; oats, 50c to 51c; spring wheat, 0 85 to 0 88; white wheat, 0 95 to 1 00; red winter, 0 85 to 0 8;

MONTEAL MARKET. *

ood, Livingstone & Co's, report by spec Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury,' MONTREAL, March 30 1869.

Flour—tavourably influenced by British advices; limited sales of strong supers at \$4.50 to \$4.70; other grades unchanged. Grain—no reported sales; rates nominally unchanged. Provisions—Pork quiet, but fard dull and drooping; butter unsaleable. Ashes—quiet at unchanged rates.

STOCK TAKING OVER

BRADFORD HOUSE JOHN

THE GREAT

Clearing Sal

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

Our Dress Stock, as usual, must be Cleared Out, Another Shipment of Glassware!

REMNANT PRINTS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

In fact nothing in the place will be sold over cost price, as we intend to make extensive alteration in the premises this Spring, and our Importations will be much larger than ever they have been

PHILIP BISH

Wyndham Street, Guelph, March 9.

SALLY LUND'S

A DELICIOUS TEA CAKE AT

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FRESH MADE BISCUITS & CRACKERS

Pic-nic Biscuits, Lemon Biscuits, Oyster Crackers, Captain Biscuits, Fancy Biscuits. All wanted fresh made by a splendid new machine. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

H. BERRY

FUNERALS

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WILLIAM BROWNLOW

FUNERALS

Lumber & Wood Yard

CHARLES HEATH

Where unbarof thends can be had not at an easers.

UURDWOOD

Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL

full ASSOR CMENT of COFFIN

SPECIAL NOTICE

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size

Guelph December 12. WILLIAM BURGESS.

R. W. LAIRD,

Looking Glass and Picture Frame

Dec. 29, 1868

UNDERTAKER,
n rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL
las Streek: House in rear of Mr. F. V
ore, and fronting the Fair Ground,
scriber intimates that he is prepared t

WM. BROWNLOW

CHARLES HEATH

GREAT POWERS Are always neutral in small squabbles

SO IT IS WITH

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

WE do not 'elleve in bosh and bunkum, but deal w. a facts, and leave the verdict it the least of the least people of Wellington We a prepared to prove, and we positively affirm notwithstanding all the pulling and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wyndham Street, Gnelph, manufactured with the least people with the le

BOOTS AND SHOES

Guelph, 2nd November. & HEPBURN.

TROTTER & GRAHAM.



GUELPH and BRAMPTON LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY

Office, over Higinbotham's Drugstore Guelph, nd August, 868. dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. R. CAMPBELL.

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In Large Photographs with Frames he intend, offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays. DOMINION SALOON

Guelph, 17th October

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregationa Church

Plate Country orders pro Teronto, Est April 1868

\$2,000 WORTH of LAMPS DAVIDSON & CHADWICK

AND LAMP TRIMMINGS, AT

Lamps for Halls, Parlours, Bed-rooms, Kitchens, Factories, Workshops, Machine Shops, Mills.

Also, CHANDELIERS and BRACKETS for Churches, School Houses, and Sliding Hall Lights.

Church, School House, and Factory Bells

JOHN HORSMAN.

BLOCK, GUELPH.

WHOLESALE.

NOW OPENING.

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, Japannet Ware.

IMPORTERS.



TWANKAYS, YOUNG HYSONS, IMPERIALS,__

GUNPOWDERS,

Colr'd & Uncol'red JAPANS CONGOUS, SOUCHONGS, PEKOES.

100 Hhd's Choice Barbadoes and Cuba Sugars,

REFORD & DILLON

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company HARTFORD CONN.

Duebe St. West of English Church. WOODBELGE S. OLMSTED, Secretary. | GUY R. PHELES, President. | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, V. Pre EDWIN W. BRYANT, Actuary. | LUCIAN S. WILCON, Medical Examiner.

CHARTER PERPETUAL

ASSETS, \$21,000,000-Acquired by prudent and econ without the att of a stagle dollar of original ceptual.

All orders from Town or Country will be holder is a member. There are no Stockholders.

Each policy holder is a member. There are no Stockholders.

Inder is a memoer. Increase no concennence.

ITS LARGE DIVIDENDS.—They have averaged over 50 percent, annually. Total amoun of dividends paid the members since its organization, 84, 397,142.

ITS SUCCESS UNPARALLELED.—It has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Total amount the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Tota of losses paid by the Company, 86,868,528.

ITS RESPONSIBILITY.—For every \$100 of Liabilities, it has \$154 of Assets.

LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS. Amount insured fiscal year 1867 Income received " " " iscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its desarty \$2,005,000, and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to apital. The whole record of this Company has been one of pradent management advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its ratio one has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.

of expenses to meome has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.

ITS LIBERALITY.—It accommodates the insured by giving credit for part premium, and grants insurance to meet all the contingencies and wants to which Lafe Insurance is applicable. Its issues policies on a single life from \$100 to \$25,000.

Amounted deposited with Receiver General of Canada, \$140,000.

GEORGE ROBINS, Agent for Guelph.

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 subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NE OPERATING ROOM at roosside able expense, introduced in the law of the law, as well as THE ENTIRE PROFITS DIVIDED AMONG THE POLICY HOLDERS ANNUALLY. New RUSTIC Accessories.

New Cash Tables with ANNUAL DIVIDENDS, on the Contribution Plan.

HIGINBOTHAM & HARVEY,

Commercial Union Assurance Company, CHIEF OFFICES-10 & 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.

HE 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 cly, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed ital and Invested Finds. OF CLAMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gent'emer eleyengaged in commerce, will take a fiberal and business like view of all questions coming before

FREDERICK COLE, Secretary. - Inspector of Agencies, T. C. Livingston, P.L.S., Upper Canada

GENERAL AGENTS,

TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH

Agents for avesting 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 of paying it off by instalments extending over any term of cars up to 15.

FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Guelph

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK. Have also a large amount of

PRIVATE FUNDS

Money Invested and interest collected Debentures, Stocks and Securities

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,

The STANDARD takes risks at very reasona ble rates, and Policy holders are secured by the wever large sum of accumulated and invested Finds, 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 n the Co

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

AMARANTH

South-half of Lot 15, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 60 of which are in a high state of cultivation, and well fenced, watered by a creek crossing the earth of the fam; a two story house and good barn on the lot. lot.

ERAMOSA.

Part of West-half of 2, in the 3rd Con., four acres with a good stone house and log stable.

Lot No. 22, in 1st Con., of which 130 acres ar under the plough; good buildings and an orchard; well watered.

Part of 5, in 1st Com., 90 acres, 70 cleared, goo

West-half of .Lot 8, in the lst Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared ERIN.

So cleared, good frame barn and shed, and parting and frame dwelling house; well watered & feneed. East-half of Lot ... 10 ... 100 acres, 75 are cleared; new frame houseand barn; spring creek. West-half of Lot 32, 8th Con., 100 acres; 75 are cleared; 25 excellent bitsh.

ELORA.
Valuable Tavern Stand forsale in th
Village of Elora, at present leased to RobertCook
being lots 5 and 6, corner of Victoria and Walnut
Streets, with stabling for 40 horses.

CARAFRAXA. West-half of Lot 1, in 15th Con, with 50 acres of the 2—a splendid farm, with good outbuild-ings-100 acres of it are cleared, and adjoins ano-ther 100 acres, 85 of which are cleared, in Erin, making if desired a block of 250 acres.

Lot 11, in 13th Con., 100 acres; 60 acres cleans and grant farm buildings. CUELPH TOWNSHIP.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

Mater Privilege and Mill Site, con aming 13 acres, composed of the north parts o cots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Lots 5 and 6, fiolity's Sur-ey, on the Waterloo road. Lots 4, 15, 10, 22, 23, 25, 39, 31, 35, 36, 40, 41 9, 50, 51, in Webster's Survey, lying between trange Street and the river Speed.

Lot 4, on the north side of Pearl Street, withat ouble frame house. Lot 155, corner of Gordon and Wellington-St.

Lots 1043 and 1044, Cambridge Street, on whice erected a frame plastered dwelling house. Four Quarry Lots, being Nos. 21, 22, 42 at 43 on the Waterloo Road. Two storey brick house on Queen Street, with table and sheds, at prese occupied by Mr. J.P.

Park Lots in St. Andrew's Church Glebe ontaining from 1 to 5 acres each. Nos. 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 36, 37, 38 and 39, front g on the Woolwich Road, and 26, 27, 28, 29 30 2, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 43 in rear r) lots each, in one block

Also, lot 15, five acres, a beautiful lot, we fenc-Lot 388, Market Street, next to Mr. Hefferns sidence.

LUTHER.

ited, \$50,000 of County Debentures, smale e—those having several years to run pre-

omptationion will be given to all prepaid

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