

Flora Correspondence.

The fair here was one of the best held in the Province for some time, there being a large number of very fine cattle on the ground, and sales were made very rapidly.

The Queen's Birthday celebration will be held on the 25th May, when a large trade demonstration will be made in Irvine Park, under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute.

At a joint meeting of the Centre Riding, Nichol and Pilkington Societies held at the Dalby House, it was agreed to amalgamate these societies for the year 1874.

Fergus Correspondence.

Mr. Thomas Chalmers, an old and respected resident of Nichol, dropped down dead while engaged in field work, the week before last.

Whooping cough is very prevalent here, and in the surrounding country. Several farmers have commenced sowing their seed but rain is sadly needed to warm the ground.

The new bridge over the Grand River, above Wilson's mills, is now completed, and when the ends are filled in will be in a good condition for traffic.

The Methodist congregation are erecting driving sheds in the rear of their church.

It is said that our village Assessor has been tampering with the voters' lists, and in such a way as to make the Reform vote weak.

Several complaints have been made that the Tavern Inspector was not attending to his duty, in regard to the Saturday night and Sunday liquor law, and the clergy of the village waited upon the Council on Monday evening to impress upon them the duty of seeing that the law is enforced.

Persons at a distance wishing to send news to the Mercury office can do so by leaving it at the bookstore of Wm. L. Smellie, Fergus.

Harriston Correspondence.

Spring has fairly set in at last, it was never looked for so anxiously before, especially by the farmers who had a large spring's work ahead of them.

The heavy frost at night rendering it impossible to do any ploughing. This has thrown farmers considerably behind, but they are now making good use of the time, and should the weather keep favourable it will not be long before the work will be through.

The heavy frost here damaged the fall wheat to a great extent. In many cases it will not be more than half a crop, while in others it will be a total failure; in fact, some of the farmers are already ploughing it up in order to sow other grain.

Business is not bad, considering the season of the year.

There is some building going on. Alexander Irvine is building a residence on King street; Joseph Fisher is also erecting one on the same street.

The work on the new W. M. Church has begun, and is being vigorously pushed.

The T. G. & B. R. Co. here completed their station and painted it, which gives the village an improved appearance.

The Council have decided to submit a by-law to the people to enable them to borrow the sum of \$1,000 to be applied to opening up Margaret street, from Elora street to the railway station, so as to give more easy access to it than there is at present, and make it more convenient for transhipment.

The merchants of Harriston have unanimously agreed to close their places of business at half-past seven, commencing on the first of May and to continue during the summer months, Saturday night excepted.

The show of cattle at the last fair was rather poor, as the farmers are so far behind with work that they had not time to attend; and as it will cost nothing to keep the cattle over till the next fair, there were few sales made.

Dr. W. A. Harvey, a graduate of McGill College, has located here for the practice of his profession. His office is the one lately occupied by Dr. Rutherford, that gentleman being about to remove to St. John's Hospital, London, England.

Dr. Harvey being a clever young man, and having graduated with honors, will doubtless make a successful practitioner.

Robert Haig, Commissioner in B. R., Notary Public, Conveyancer, issuer of Marriage Licenses, etc., has opened an office at High Wright's on Arthur street, opposite the residence of Dr. Oswald where he is prepared at all times to attend to any business that may be entrusted to him.

Goderich Correspondence.

On Friday, May 1st, the Messrs. Ogilby, of Montreal, completed the purchase of the Craire property at the handsome price of \$7,000, Mr. Craire having made a reduction of \$500 from the original price. The mill is to be five stories high, with ten runs of stones and all the necessary machinery for a first-class flouring mill.

The work of erection will commence immediately.

Garafra Correspondence.

On Saturday last an accident occurred to a young son of Cyrus Sargent, eight years of age. He was leading a horse belonging to his father, when the animal became unmanageable and broke away, throwing the little fellow on the ground and injuring him.

He was picked up, and Dr. Tamblin was sent for, under whose attendance the patient is recovering.

Sugar making has been a failure here this season.

The Synod—Ministers and elders attending the Synod, will find at Anderson's bookstore, east side of Wyndham street, the largest and cheapest stock of theological and other books, at liberal discount allowed.



Grand Display of Millinery

GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

GEORGE JEFFREY has much pleasure in informing his numerous friends and the public generally that his Show Room is now open, and is prepared to show

One of the Best Assortments of Millinery and Mantles EVER EXHIBITED IN GUELPH.

As the stock is all new, Ladies will have no trouble in selecting the newest goods at reasonable prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH Direct Importer, Guelph.

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CLAYTON'S (CASH STORE) BANKRUPT STOCK

AT THE LION



AT THE LION

Having bought from the Creditors the whole stock at little over half price, it will be rushed off at the same as room must be had for our heavy weekly arrivals from Britain.

Over \$2000 worth of the Wet Goods from the Thorold Mills sold in ten days. Those who have not yet secured any of them had better do so at once, as three or four days will clear the lot out.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

A LARGE STOCK OF NEW

China, Crockery, and Glassware,

NOW OPENED AT

No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK,

and will be sold Cheap for Cash.

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK,

THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

R. MacGREGOR & Co.

(Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.)

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MADE TO ORDER

This Branch of our Business is receiving our Special attention, and we are getting up Goods second to none in the Dominion.

We Use the Very Best of Material

Employ First-class Workmen ONLY, and guarantee perfect satisfaction to our Customers.

R. MacGregor & Co.

GUELPH, Apr. 25, 1874.

Co-Operative Store.

DIVISION OF PROFITS

We are now paying our Customers 3 cents on the dollar in cash, on their purchases for the past quarter.

SPECIAL CHEAP LINES!

A PRETTY DRESS OF 15 YARDS FOR \$1.50 UNION TWEEDS (purchased at auction) ONLY 35 CENTS PER YARD. A SPLendid LINE OF FELT HATS, ONLY 75 CENTS EACH BOYS LINEN FACE COLLARS FIVE CENTS PER BOX DUNDAS COTTONS 10c. BLEACHED COTTONS 9c. DARK FANCY PRINTS 10c. LIGHT FANCY PRINTS 10c. GOLF SLIPPERS 50c PER PAIR PRUNELLA BOOTS 75c PER PAIR A BOX OF 75 CENT TEA, TEN LBS., FOR SIX DOLLARS.

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, April 10, 1874

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THE

First Lot's New Goods for Spring!

Piles of Plain Lustrous, Lots of Striped Dress Goods,

Fancy Goods The Newest Colors and Patterns.

THE

Print Department

IS CROWDED

With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and at

LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, March 23, 1874

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK

Is now fully assorted in every department.

CLOTHS, HATS AND CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.

Shaw & Murton,

GUELPH, March 21, 1874

MERCHANT TAILORS.

THE "RIGHT HOUSE."

EVER foremost in importing an immense supply of the Cheapest and Best Goods in the Dominion for his tens of thousands of customers, WATKINS, of the "Right House," never was more successful in getting extra good value than while in Great Britain this season. Owing to Messrs. Booth & Co., of Manchester, closing up business, and selling off their entire stock far below cost, he was enabled to buy many lines of Staple Goods at 15 per cent. under manufacturers' prices. The following goods will be found unusually low: Scotch Tweeds, Grey and White Cottons, White and Grey Cotton Sheetings; over fourteen thousand yards of fast coloured prints, in every style, from 10 cents up; Black and Coloured Lustrous, Mourning Goods of every kind; over five thousand six hundred yards of Dress Goods, worth 20 cents, at a York shilling. Dress Goods in every style. Black and Coloured Turquoise, Coloured and Black Yak Laces in great variety; Lace Curtains, Damasks, Carpets, Floor and Table Oil Cloths, Table Damasks, Table Napkins, Towels, Horrocks 32 and 36 inch Cottons at 10 and 12 cents. Piles of Grey Cottons from 5 cents up, 38 inch Heavy Grey Cotton for a York Shilling; Scoured Grey Cotton, extra cheap, from 11 cents upwards; nice Yak Laces at 10 cents. Black Turquoise from 2 1/2 cents up; Black and Coloured Silks, an immense Stock at Wholesale Prices by the dress—75 cents up, by the yard; Table Napkins at 80 cents per doz; Kidderminster Carpets at 60 cents; Tapestry and Brussels at wholesale prices; Floor Oil Cloth at five York shillings. A large stock of the latest styles of Ladies' Costumes from \$1.50 upwards; Carpet Warp in white and colours, unusually low. A very large and carefully selected assortment of the Novelties of the Season, in the Latest Paris Fashions, will be shown in Millinery and Mantles in a few days. Milliners and Country merchants supplied at wholesale.

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A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

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