

London as a material guarantee, or that the Prince of Wales should be sent to Washington, and placed in the hands of the federal authorities, as a hostage for England's good behaviour in future. The policy of England on this subject is no longer an open question. America has formally recorded her resolution that there shall be no settlement of the Alabama claims short of that England shall surrender at discretion, and submit to any punishment which the United States Senate in its supremacy over the affairs of the world may choose to inflict. In other words he has decided that the Alabama claims shall not be amicably settled, whatever may ensue. The interval of the present day is long, between national hatred and contumacious. It is useless to ignore, and dangerous to forget, that the feeling in America is one of intense and unmitigated hatred towards Great Britain, and that a war with England would be regarded as a natural luxury, but expensive.

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE MACDONNELL STREET
MONDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1869.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY AND OUR RAILWAY DEBT.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held this forenoon for the purpose of bringing under the notice of the Government the injustice which they would be doing to Guelph in passing the compromise bill relating to the Great Western Railway without making some allowance to the Town of Guelph for the amount she spent in the construction of the Galt and Guelph Railway. This road which was built by the £20,000 borrowed by Guelph from the Municipal Loan Fund, along with monies contributed by other Municipalities, which was handed over to the Great Western Company who we suppose will, in 1872, take full possession of it. It is only right, therefore, that the Government in settling with the Great Western should wipe out the railway indebtedness of Guelph, or keep off as much from the Great Western in settling with them as would compensate the Galt and Guelph Railway Company for their transfer of the road to the Great Western Company. A deputation goes to Ottawa this afternoon, to confer with Mr. Sturton on the subject, who we have no doubt, will do all he can with the Government to carry out the wishes of the Council.

The Pacific Railway.

The greatest land enterprise of this continent has been brought to a successful completion, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are united in material bonds. People can as yet but form a dim conception of the magnitude of this undertaking, the effects of which have been but dimly foreshadowed and require some months of realization. It will prove a mighty auxiliary in the way of opening up a yet all but unexplored western world for settlement, and affording accommodation for the transit to the seacoast of the vast amount of produce which will be sent over its rails for exportation—the idea being that it will be a successful competitor for the European trade with that other mighty undertaking just commenced, the new route by way of the Suez canal. Our neighbours are a most enterprising and skilful people; and for the speedy and thorough manner in which they have worked out this last railway scheme, they deserve both congratulation and praise.

CONVENTION OF BANKERS.—A meeting of Presidents and Cashiers of Dominion banks took place on Saturday evening in the Senate buildings, Ottawa. They are unanimous in the determination to resist any further interference with the bank circulation, believing that it would result in disaster to the commerce of the country as well as the banks. We believe the banks are willing to accept some modification of their charters, to give additional security to note holders and depositors, to be accomplished by enforcing double liability through a simple machinery. We are also inclined to believe that in the event of any loss of capital by a bank, the banks are willing to have the same made good by assessment of stockholders. There was some talk to limit the circulation of the banks below the present scale. Other matters were discussed, calculated to make the present system, if possible, more perfect. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Rose, and correspond with him in reference to his Banking Policy, and with regard to the renewal of the bank charters, viz:—Messrs. Lewin, Hagu, Jack, Stephenson, Gibbs and Simpson.

THE CUBAN REVOLT.—The progress of the Cuban Revolution can be more plainly shown by the following statistics: The districts in open revolution at the beginning of February contained, by the census of 1861, a population of 264,520 persons, divided as follows: 126,368 whites, 86,374 free persons of color, and 51,778 slaves. The districts which have revolted since the 1st of February last (including those of the Cinco Villas and Colon—the latter being but a few hours' ride from Havana) contained at the same date a population of 172,567 whites, 42,444 free persons of color and 69,207 slaves. This makes a total of 548,738, which must have increased since 1861 to at least 600,000 persons. In area this territory covers two-thirds of the island. Within the same there are 147 cities, towns, and villages of which not quite one-half remain in the hands of the Spaniards.

THE CORN TRADE.—The *Mark Lane Express* says,—Sowing of spring corn and planting of potatoes have made satisfactory progress, and we are by no means apprehensive in anything. The wheat in many places has less of promise than it had, but it has often looked worse at a later period, and done well. So there is no immediate cause for alarm, though confidence has abated. Weekly supplies at the market show a falling off, which indicates some reluctance on the part of farmers to force their remaining stocks off at reduced rates. It must be remembered, too, that old English wheat is always wanted, and if we should get a bad blooming time and thin ears, the old will be like gold dust. One good crop is certainly not an accumulation, or anything near it. Last year we were swept out.

Hops.—The Dundas *Advertiser* is full of the notice just issued by the municipal authorities that all hops remaining in the country within the corporation limits are to be impounded. Cannot we do the same in Guelph?

SHAVING AND BLACKING.—It isn't much trouble for Beecher to say good things. Here is one from a recent sermon: "Some men will not shave on Sunday, and yet they spend all the week in 'shaving' their fellow-men; and many fools think it very wicked to black their boots on Sunday morning, yet they do not hesitate to black their neighbor's reputation on week days."

BIRTHS.

McDONNELL.—In Arthur, on the 28th ult., the wife of Allan McDonnell, of a son.

DIED.

Holt.—December 21st, 1868, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Smith, Rosemont, Toronto, Ont., Mr. Robert Holt, aged 93 years. Deceased was formerly of Somersetshire, England, and father of Mrs. Philip Hemstreet of Michigan, formerly of Acton.

CAMERON.—O'TOOLE.—At Guelph, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. Mr. Archibald, Mr. Albert Alex. Cameron, of Toronto, to Maria, youngest daughter of the late Timothy O'Toole, of Guelph.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

COULSON HOUSE,
GUELPH, May 2, 1869
The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning:—H J Stinson, Hamilton; John McDonnell, Kingston; William Clark, Montreal; W R Ross, Hamilton; A W Smith Toronto; W H Haight, New York; Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Scotland; A McBride, Elora; George Demsey, Montreal; D G French, York; Miss Bain, Elora; Samuel A Dunbar, Monmouth; Mr. & Mrs. E Martin; Thomas Heuvelen, Montreal; R B O Donoghue, Elora.

New Advertisements.

MONEY FOUND.

Found between the Bank of Commerce and P. Garland's Hat Store, this morning, a small sum of money in silver. The owner on proving property and paying for this advertisement can have the money by applying to E. CARROLL & Co. Guelph, May 3. ds

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

Farm Stock, Horses, Farming Implements, &c.
AT HESPELER
Mr. George T. Strickland has received instructions from JACOB HESPELER, Esq., to sell by Public Auction on his farm, adjoining the Village of Hespeler,
The following valuable property, viz: 10 good working horses, 10 1/2 cow, (Durham grade), 19 fine young calves, 10 sheep, 1 very excellent thorough-bred Durham bull 4 years old, 5 summer waggons, 7 sleighs, 1 hay lifter, 3 sets of harness, 1 circular saw (for wood) with horse power attached, 1 threshing machine, 1 roller, 2 buggies, 1 potato plough, 2 ploughs, 1 gang plough, 1 garden engine, bull-dog rollers, 1 reaper and mower combined—Lutz's make, nearly new, 1 road scraper, chains, 1 hay rake with wheel, 1 fence-post-hole drill, lot of cow chains, forks, hay racks, single harness, collars. Also, a lot of
Furniture belonging to the Farm House, and a lot of Blacksmith's Tools,
and other lots too numerous to mention.
The Auctioneer would respectfully call the attention of farmers and others to this Sale, as the whole will positively be sold without reserve, as Mr. Hespeler has leased the farm—Sale at 10 o'clock a.m., sharp.
TERMS: \$10 and under, Cash, above that sum 6 months' credit on approved security.
G. T. STRICKLAND, Auctioneer
May 3. ds1w1

ON THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 1869

The following valuable property, viz: 10 good working horses, 10 1/2 cow, (Durham grade), 19 fine young calves, 10 sheep, 1 very excellent thorough-bred Durham bull 4 years old, 5 summer waggons, 7 sleighs, 1 hay lifter, 3 sets of harness, 1 circular saw (for wood) with horse power attached, 1 threshing machine, 1 roller, 2 buggies, 1 potato plough, 2 ploughs, 1 gang plough, 1 garden engine, bull-dog rollers, 1 reaper and mower combined—Lutz's make, nearly new, 1 road scraper, chains, 1 hay rake with wheel, 1 fence-post-hole drill, lot of cow chains, forks, hay racks, single harness, collars. Also, a lot of
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STUBBART'S IS THE PLACE FOR GOLD WATCHES! A LOT JUST TO HAND.

\$1616. \$1616.00.

For sale, that very desirable property known as the
Hoffmann Estate, Situated on Wyndham Street,
In the Town of Guelph. The property is now rented for \$1616.00 per annum.
Offers will be received for the whole or in lots up to 1st June next. The property is free from incumbrances. For further particulars apply to
JOHN HARRIS, Jr.,
Executor.
Guelph, May 1, 1869. ds1w1

DOMINION STORE.

Fire Crackers

FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY!

Wholesale and Retail
AT MRS. ROBINSON'S
Dominion Store, Upper Wyndham St.
Guelph, 25th April. ds

1869. SPRING. 1869.

NEW & FASHIONABLE GOODS.

JOHN R. PORTE,

Practical Watchmaker, late of the Sheffield House, Toronto—the largest and most fashionable House in the Dominion, begs to intimate to the people of Guelph and the vicinity that he has received and opened at his store,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

GOLD & SILVER WATCHES,

CHAINS, GUARDS, & FINE COLOURED AND BRIGHT GOLD BROOCHES AND EAR-RINGS, FINE COLOURED AND BRIGHT GOLD COLLAR BUTTONS, STUDS, AND SOLITAIRE.

JET AND BOG OAK, RUBBER AND IVORY JEWELLERY.

Spectacles.—A large assortment of Parisian, Rock Crystal, and common Spectacles.

Electro-Plated Ware—Spoons, Forks, Butter Coolers, Butter Knives, Castors, Cake Baskets, Silvers, Toilet Sets, —all of the very best plate and newest patterns. JOSEPH RODGERS' & SONS' TABLE CUTLERY, PAPER MACHÉ—steel and iron. TRAYS—best quality.

VASES—Inlaid and Bohemian Glass and other vases. CLOCKS—in great variety and at all prices. Croquet Sets, Lacrosse and Balls.

REPAIRING DONE PROMPTLY AND AT LOW PRICES. ENGRAVING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION ATTENDED TO.

Remember the name and place—
JOHN R. PORTE,
Guelph, April 30. ds Next door to Barry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham-St.

FRASER'S

25 Cent SALE.

THE FIRST TIME ANYTHING OF THE KIND HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED IN GUELPH.

The floor above my store is crammed with thousands of **PACKETS** of various Goods which will be sold at

25 CENTS EACH PACKET

No customer being allowed to purchase more than one packet of the same lot. The sale will commence at 9 o'clock

On Saturday, the 1st day of May,

And will continue until the whole is disposed of. Parties coming early will have the best choice, which is well worth having, as many of the packets cost over \$2.00.

To prevent over-crowding at this **TWENTY-FIVE CENT SALE**, only a limited number will be admitted to the first lot at one time.

This Twenty-Five Cent Sale is strictly cash.
Guelph, April 30. **G. B. FRASER.**

SHARPE'S SEED STORE.

C. & A. SHARPE

Call attention to their stock of SEEDS, the growth of 1868, consisting of

MANGEL WURTZEL SEED!

LONG RED, very large Solid variety suitable for deep soils.
LONG YELLOW, for deep soils, grows very large and keeps well.
YELLOW GLOBE, very heavy cropper for shallow soils.
RED GLOBE, for shallow soils, keeps well and very solid.
SHARPE'S INTERMEDIATE, recently introduced by H & F Sharpe, and proved to be the best variety of Mangel now both as regards crop, solidity and keeping; is of oval shape, and grows well on other deep or shallow soil.

CARROT SEED.

EARLY SCARLET HORN, short, for shallow soil, when sown thick is very prolific.
LONG RED ALTRIGHAM, very large and solid, good for deep soil.
LONG ORANGE, for table use, and superior for field culture where the soil is deep.
SCARLET INTERMEDIATE, grows very thick and is one of the heaviest croppers; does well on shallow soil.
WHITE BELGIAN, a large variety for field culture, grows very abundant on deep soil.

ALL VARIETIES OF FIELD, GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME AND RAW BONE DUST.

Catalogues sent free to any address on application.
C. & A. SHARPE, Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, April 28. ds1w

FRIDAY EVENING, 7th OF MAY, WITHOUT FAIL.

G. A. D. C.

Last APPEARANCE.

The great Hit of the Season.

WHITE HORSE OF THE PEPPERS!

And TURN HIM OUT.
Admission—Only 25 Cents.
T. H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager.

YOUNG LADIES' JOURNAL FOR MAY, received at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

LONDON JOURNAL FOR MAY, at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

LEISURE HOUR FOR MAY, at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

SUNDAY AT HOME FOR MAY, at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

CASSELL'S POPULAR EDUCATOR FOR May received at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NEW ENGLISH WALL PAPER received at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

WINDOW BLINDS RECEIVED at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

SATIN PAPER FOR BLINDS AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NEW AMERICAN PAPER HANGING received at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

A LARGE STOCK OF PAPER HANGINGS will be sold very cheap, at DAY'S BOOKSTORE, opposite the Market.

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A SUPERB STOCK OF STAND ARD and SUPERIOR LOCKS at DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

WAGON FOR SALE.
For sale, a single Ring Wagon, April 28th, 1869.
Guelph, 27th April. ds

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AT THE GOLDEN LION

GUELPH.



HOGG & CHANCE

Are going to offer their entire stock of

DRY GOODS

CLOTHING

MILLINERY

Just imported direct from Britain at a trifle over cost prices.

Great Bargains may be looked for—Call at once with your Money and get extraordinary value. Now is the time.

No Credit is given. Small profits and money down is the order of the day.

Guelph, April 24. ds **HOGG & CHANCE.**

Pure & Genuine

Old Port Wine,

Pale and Dark Sherries, Canadian Grape Wine.

Martell's Brandy,

Hay's Scotch Whisky, Dunville's Irish Whisky.

Blood's Porter,

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Bass's Ale,

Jeffrey's Ale, Molson's Ale, O'Keefe's Ale.

IN WOOD AND BOTTLE, AT

JNO. RISK'S, No. 1, Day's Block.

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PRICE CURRENT:

Prime Young Hyson	63c
Very Choice, better than is usually sold at One Dollar, strongly recommended	75c
Finest Imported Roman Crop	75c
Fine Congou	50c
Finest Souchong	75c
Pure Java Coffee—ground every morning	25c
Bright Muscovado Sugar, 10 lbs. for	\$1 00
Finest New York Broken Loaf, or Powered, per lb.	15c
Choice Smoking Tobacco	20c
Very Choice Tobacco	25c
Extra Choice, generally sold at 50c.	20c
Honey Dew, for Chewing	30c
Finest New Currants	5c
Finest New Valentia Raisins	8c
Finest New Layer Raisins	10c
Best quality Rice, 20 lbs. for	\$1 00
Choice Figs	8c

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Guelph, April, 1869. ds