

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONELL STREET
SATURDAY EV'NG, FEB. 6, 1869.

THE MERCURY STEAM PRESS.

On the first of July, 1862, the present proprietors of the MERCURY entered into possession of the office and assumed the management of the paper. Although not without experience, they felt the responsibility of their possession, and entered upon their duties with some misgivings, yet with an earnest desire to make the MERCURY one of the best local newspapers in the Province, and also cherishing the hope that in proportion to their exertions would be the support received from the public. Nor have they been disappointed. They began with the very small list of 318 subscribers, but from the day they entered the office a steady—might say, an unprecedented increase—took place, thereby enabling them to make many improvements in the appearance of the paper, and to increase the amount of reading matter. At the same time advertisements also began to increase until the space allotted for them was far too limited.

So rapidly, indeed, had the circulation risen, and so pressing were the demands for more space, that in December, 1863, they were obliged to purchase and put in operation a power press. Immediately after the MERCURY was enlarged to its present size, and took its place as the largest paper published in Canada, outside of Toronto. Meantime, the work in the job department kept steadily increasing. The old hand press on which was formerly printed the paper and almost all kinds of job work, and which with the exception of another small press was the only one in the office, was found inadequate for the work, and a large Gordon press was purchased in order to enable us to accommodate our customers. By-and-bye another smaller Gordon press was added to our stock, and since that day to the present they have been kept constantly at work. The style and quality of the work done at the MERCURY office may be said to have revolutionized job printing in Guelph. Other offices copied our styles and founts as we brought them out, but the work done at this office still keeps ahead of all turned out by competitors, and nearly all of the finer, fancy kinds of printing, which in former days was sent to Toronto and Hamilton, have for several years been executed at this office.

From 1862 till 1867 the business kept steadily increasing until at last our old premises, which at first were too large for our needs, could not accommodate our machinery and other material. So the MERCURY Building was erected, and on the 1st of July, 1867, we took possession of our new and capacious office, and on the 20th of the same month was issued the first number of the DAILY MERCURY. From the first it was a success, and the circulation has continued steadily to increase, and is since the beginning of the present year larger than ever. But the increase in the circulation of the WEEKLY MERCURY for 1867-8 is, we believe, without precedent among country journals, and we confidently anticipate that before the present winter is over, it will reach 4,000 copies. Compared with the 318 with which we started, this is, indeed, a most gratifying proof that our efforts in getting up a good, readable, and handsome sheet have been most liberally appreciated. It circulates far and wide through this and the adjacent counties, and is as welcome a weekly visitor to many an industrious home on the shores of the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron as to the thousands of families in this and adjoining counties.

The work of printing so many copies of the paper weekly was found to be more than manual labour could well accomplish. Besides, the growing necessity for steam power to keep pace with the increased amount of job work continually coming in, at last forced us to make a new move, and so, about a month ago, we purchased, and have now in operation a steam engine for running our presses. This marks a new era in the history of printing in Guelph, for the engine now used in the MERCURY office is the first which has ever been successfully used in the town. By its aid we are now enabled to meet every demand, whether in the accession of subscribers, or in the increased amount of job printing, and we are also enabled to cheapen the latter to a figure which it has not yet reached in Guelph.

We have thus briefly traced our advance from a very small beginning to our present status—not in any boastful spirit, but rather with the feeling of thankfulness that our labours have been so liberally appreciated by the public, and of encouragement to greater efforts in the future. For we do not mean now to stand still or rest on our laurels. As we have taken the lead we mean to keep

it—to make the MERCURY still more worthy the support of the public, and by constantly improving and adding new type and other material to our job department to turn out a style and quality of work which cannot be matched outside the larger cities, and at lower prices than are usually charged there. Our machinery, our presses, our appliances, our accommodation enable us to do this, and we are determined to give our patrons and the public the benefit of these. Thankful for the large measure of support we have received in the past, we trust that by fair dealing, renewed energy, and close and constant application to our duties, we will be the recipients of a still more extended patronage in the future.

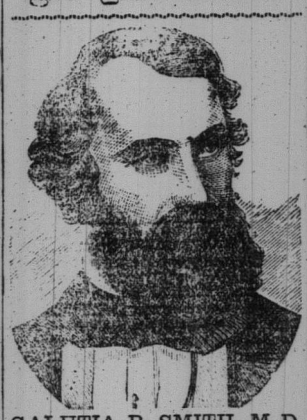
BIRTHS.

KINNEY—On the 28th ult., the wife of Jesse Kinney, Esq., of Glenora, of a daughter.
CHRISTIAN—In Elmira, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. John Christian of a son.
MARSHALL—At Drayton, on the 24th ult., the wife of Mr. Stephen Marshall of a son.
FOX—At Drayton, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. Martin Fox of a son.
SWAN—In Maryborough, on the 30th ult., the wife of Mr. Thos. Swan of a son.
DALRY—At the Dalby House, Elora, on the 31st ult., the wife of Mr. F. Dalby, of a daughter.
BAIRD—At Elora, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. John Bairst, jun., of a daughter.
MONTGOMERY—At Drayton, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. J. W. Montgomery of a son.
POTTER—In Elora, on Tuesday evening last, the wife of D. M. Potter, Esq., of a daughter.
McMICKING—In Elora, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr. W. P. McMicking of a daughter.

DIED.

CALLAGHAN—On the 28th ult., of consumption, Mina, daughter of the late Mr. Christopher Callaghan, of Morrison, aged 16 years.
DALLY—In Harrison, on the 27th ult., Mr. Thos. Dally, aged 71 years. Deceased was one of the first settlers in Harrison.

New Advertisements.



GALUTIA B. SMITH, M.D.

WORTH
\$100,000,000!

Dr. SMITH'S Electric Oil cures
SALT RHEUM
RHEUMATISM
PARALYSIS
NEURALGIA
DEAFNESS

Dr. SMITH'S Electric OIL cures
FELON, Wounds, Burns, BRUISES,
SORES, Tetters, Falling out of the
Hair
All Inflammatory PAIN, Sick Head ACHE,
in 20 MINUTES.

Only cure for
PILES.

This Electric Oil, made by Dr. SMITH, of Philadelphia, is the most soothing of all known medical appliances, and may be relied on, especially for

DEAFNESS.

DR. GALUTIA B. SMITH, who wrote the Chelera articles for the Chicago papers, is the well-known inventor of "Sugar-Coated Pills," twenty-five years ago—the first ever made.

Send me 100 Gross more Electric Oil. It is selling well.
W. W. ROBERTS,
Wholesale Druggist, Indianapolis, Ind.

I want the Agency of this Oil in Maine for ten years.
E. H. HAY,
Wholesale Druggist, Portland.

From the largest Drug House in Boston:
We have sold a large quantity of Dr. Smith's Electric Oil, and it is spoken of only with unqualified praise. Good report from every bottle.
WEEKS & POTTER,
Wholesale Druggists, No. 134, Washington Street, Boston.

From the best doctor where the Governor of New York lives:
I have used Dr. Smith's Electric Oil, and find it the best medicine I ever used for deafness.
GEO. L. WHITEFORD, M.D.

I was deaf three years; tried everything. One bottle of Dr. Smith's Electric Oil cured me up.
J. C. BENJAMIN, Bookseller.

From the largest Druggist in the Oil Regions:
Petroleum Centre, Pa., Oct 5th.—We have sold in one day more than \$50 worth of Dr. Smith's Electric Oil.
A. D. MILLER & CO., Druggists.

The OIL is unlike any other combination, and it is very soothing and pleasant, even in the mouth of a child. Sold by all Druggists.
February 6, 1869. d6t

STORE AND HOUSE

Wanted to rent in a good business stand. Address full particulars to B.B. Aberfoyle P.O. 11411d

MELODEON FOR SALE.

A first-class Melodeon (one of Bell, Wood & Co.'s) for sale. Apply at this office.
Feb. 6, 1869. d3t

NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice, that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted in his name by any person, except on his own personal or written authority.
M. SHEWAN,
Arcade, Toronto, Feb. 6, '69. Bookseller.

RAG CARPET WEAVING.

The subscriber is prepared to do all kinds of Rag Carpet Weaving. All orders left at his shop will be promptly filled.
JAMES MITCHELL,
Feb 4 Stidw Opp. Red Mill, Waterloo Road

TWO HOURS AT HOME.

Town Hall, Guelph, on Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 8 and 10.

KENNEDY'S SONGS OF SCOTLAND

In addition to a choice selection of Songs, Mr. Kennedy will recite on Monday "WATTY AND MEG," or, "HOW TO CURE A SCOLDING WIFE."

PIANOFORTE. - - MISS KENNEDY

Admission 25c., reserved 50c. Tickets can be had at the stores. Doors open at seven. Concert to commence at eight.
Guelph, 25th January. 4dw2

TOWN OF GUELPH.

Tenders will be received at this office until SATURDAY EVENING the 13th inst., for supplying the Corporation with

Coal Oil for the current year.

TERMS—Price at per gallon, to be measured on delivery.
JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office,
Guelph, 2nd February, 1869. d6

VALENTINES!

VALENTINES, VALENTINES.

The attention of the public generally is called to a very Large assortment just received from

the cities. Such elegant emblems of love and affection could not possibly be obtained except at this Store. The price being low they

are within the reach of all. In design they are pronounced to be really elegant. Now is the time for those wishing to manifest their endless affection to examine the very extensive stock.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
Guelph, Feb. 5.

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 hush and bunkum, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict to 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 every 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 must be admitted is 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

ARCHIBALD McKEAND.

(Successor to John W. Murton).

Banking and Exchange OFFICE.

No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, Insurance Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.
5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.
Agent 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 Kershaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.
Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR R. CAMPBELL.

OFFICE next door to the Advertiser Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

References:—Dr. Clarke & Orton, Mc-Guire, Herold and McGregor and Cowan, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan, an & Phillips, Toronto; Dr. Elliott and McVern, Dentists, Toronto. Teeth extracted without pain.
Guelph, 13th Jan. 1869 dw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865

In the matter of George Leslie, late of the village of Acton, an insolvent.
The creditors of the insolvent are notified to meet at my office, No. 88 Front Street, Toronto, on the 17th day of February instant, at one o'clock p.m., for the public examination of the insolvent, and the ordering of his estate generally. And the said insolvent is hereby notified to attend the said meeting.
Dated at Toronto, the 2nd second day of February, 1869. 121d
THOMAS CLARKSON,
Official Assignee.

BOYS WANTED.

Four steady boys wanted to sell the EVENING MERCURY. Apply at this office.

ESSENCES AND SPICES.

PUREST AND BEST ESSENCES AND SPICES.

At J. & D. MARTIN'S.

STILTON CHEESE!

PURE AND GENUINE,

At J. & D. MARTIN'S.

Sale of Cloths and Clothing!

STILL GOING ON.

A. THOMSON & CO.

WOULD intimate that as their Mr. Thomson is retiring from business, the whole of their stock must be sold and the business wound up. To facilitate this, they have determined to

Commence a Clearing Sale on Monday, 21st Dec.,

When they will offer their immense stock of

Cloths and Clothing, Shirts, Drawers, Hats, Caps, &c.

AT COST AND UNDER. As this is a rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at auction prices, they would recommend all to take advantage of the great bargains which shall be given. There will positively be no credit given during this sale. All indebted to the firm are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts at once.

A. THOMSON & CO

Guelph, 5th February dw

1869. BY SPECIAL REQUEST. OF B. FRASER. ALWAYS desirous to please the public, responds to their request by commencing another GREAT GIFT SALE! ON SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY. \$40,000 WORTH OF DRY GOODS. 1st Prize, two pairs Blankets, \$10 | 5th Prize, Black Cloth Jacket \$2.50 | 2nd " A Large Counterpane, 5 | 6th " Cash 1.00

THE ABOVE GOODS ARE NOW ON EXHIBITION. Persons competing for Prizes will have their names entered in a book at the Public Office, for the purpose of drawing the First Prize, and the names of the other competitors will be drawn in the same manner. This sale will continue until the FIRST OF MARCH, in order to give parties far and near an equal chance of competing for the prizes. All parties visiting Guelph are invited to come and see, and partake of the great bargains. Goods will be sold cheaply, to save measuring and entering, before Stock-taking in March. I call on the public and the following Card of Thanks to testify that I kept my promise during my Christmas Gift Sale, and I will as strictly adhere to it now: CARD OF THANKS—I beg publicly to thank Mr. G. B. FRASER, Merchant, Guelph, for the present of a handsome Silk Dress, made to my wife, in accordance with his offer of such a gift to the largest purchaser at his recent Great Gift Sale. G. B. FRASER, Merchant, Guelph, 23rd January, 1869.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE AUCTION SALE

Of Dry Goods, Clothing, &c.,

AT THE RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Will close to-morrow, Saturday Evening.

INTENDING PURCHASERS

will please take note, and avail themselves of the bargains to be secured on this occasion.

Guelph, February 5. dw

R. RUTHERFORD.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

WE HAVE ON HAND, as below, which will be sold either WHOLESALE OR RETAIL at the Lowest Cash Prices:—

FISH

100 Barrels No. 1 Labrador Herrings, 50 Barrels Round Herrings, 150 half Barrels Lake Herrings, 150 half Barrels Trout, 60 Barrels White Fish, 30 quintals Dry Cod Fish.

200 barrels Goderich and Onondago Salt.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUSHELS DRIED APPLES.

WINDSOR WHISKIES—20 Barrels extra Old Rye. 100 Barrels Superior Whiskies. Scotch and Canadian Malt Whiskies.

COAL OIL, 150 BARRELS. WHOLESALE, BY THE BARREL ONLY.

With a full assortment of GENERAL GROCERIES.

JACKSON & HALLETT.

Guelph, February 4 dw

PROSPECTUS

OF

CUTHBERT'S

Circulating Library.

THE Subscriber has pleasure in announcing the establishment of a Library for public circulation. This is a want that is very much needed in Guelph, and from the conviction that it will be an advantage to the public—one which will be felt and appreciated—its institution is undertaken. The best incentive to profitable reading and research is some object or prize apart from the object of developing the mental faculties. Study pursued simply with the latter object in view is difficult and irksome, and not a few are frightened to undertake the task, when they consider the time, patience and labour involved in the acquisition of extensive knowledge. To lessen the influence of such an idea, the subscriber proposes:

1st.—To give free access to his Library for the small sum of \$1.00 per year, payable in advance. The Library consists of a large collection of STANDARD WORKS—Biographical, Historical, and Philosophical; the Novels of the best authors; and all the Magazines and Reviews, Papers and Periodicals worth having, of English, American and Canadian publication, will found in connection with this Library.

2nd.—At the end of the year prizes shall be awarded for the best essays on three distinct subjects—said subjects to be submitted by the subscribers.

3rd.—The information necessary to the essays to enable them to write on any of the subjects that shall be submitted, shall be fully within the scope of the Library.

4th.—The essays shall be referred to a committee of gentlemen, thoroughly competent to examine them and decide upon their merit.

5th.—The prize essays shall remain the property of the subscriber, who alone shall possess the right of publication.

6th.—Every one, upon payment of 60c. dollar, has the right to compete for any of the prizes, or for all of them.

7th.—As this enterprise is being established for the purpose of giving rise to a healthy mental competition amongst those who may choose to subscribe to the Library, it is thought advisable not to receive less than ten written papers on any of the subjects that shall be submitted, while it is desirable that every member should compete for one or more of the prizes offered.

8th.—The value of the prizes shall not be less than \$25.00 in cash, which shall be awarded in cash or otherwise at the option of the successful competitors.

9th.—Any person in any part of the country may become a member, provided he or she can conform to the rule of not retaining a book longer than one month. To those residing in Guelph and vicinity the time allowed shall be two weeks.

10th.—The Subscriber having made arrangements with some of the largest publishing houses, both in England and the United States, to be constantly in the receipt of every new work that comes out, he is confident that nothing shall be wanting on his part to make the enterprise a perfect success.

SUBJECTS: The best exposition of "Kant's Critique of Pure Reason." Prize, \$50. The best Essay on Political Economy, and that system of it most adapted to the interests of the Dominion of Canada. Prize, \$50. The best Essay on Education. Prize, \$50.

His books of reference now are the newest and of the most expensive kind, consisting of the Popular Encyclopedia—in itself a complete library—a Biographical Dictionary, a Chronological Dictionary, and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

One thousand subscribers are anticipated. The number already obtained, previous to any public announcement, is exceedingly encouraging.

R. CUTHBERT. N.B.—Cuthbert's Library is not intended to conflict with any public institution, but on the contrary will have a tendency to promote the usefulness of all existing libraries.

OYSTERS!

Of the most approved brands, received by Express from day to day, at WALKER'S Oyster Depot, on Wyndham Street. Although the delicious varieties are not exactly

Given Away!

The price is made to conform to the times, and FINE FRESH OYSTERS may be purchased on the most moderate terms, either in bags, cans or mixed.

By PAILFULS

ALL Oyster-eaters are well aware that H. WALKER is the sole Agent in Wellington for the great fishing firm of Neptune, Amphitrite & Co., and that they employ the most experienced and expert men in keeping up the supply of Prime Oysters.

At H. Walker's

It is a well-known fact, that at Walker's, and there only, can the choicest quality of Oysters be purchased. Bring your bowls, bring your basins, bring your pails and get them filled at Walker's.

On WYNDHAM STREET

There never was such a season for OYSTERS, and never such Oysters as Walker is now serving out, sound, suppy and savory.

HUGH WALKER, Guelph, Jan. 27. Opposite English Church

FRESH BISCUITS.

ARROWROOT, ABERNETHY, GINGER NUT, OYSTER CRACKER, VICTORIA, FRUIT, WINE, and CRACKNEL BISCUITS

ENGLISH JAMS.

GREENGAGE, PLUM, RASPBERRY, GOOSEBERRY, STRAWBERRY and CURRANT JAMS

DRIED APPLES

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, NEW HONEY, STILTON CHEESE

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

Guelph, 20th January. dw

NEW METHOD FOR THE PIANO

Ahead of all competitors is RICHARDSON'S NEW METHOD FOR THE PIANOFORTE, being the only book the teacher requires, and the book every pupil is attracted to. 150,000 copies already sold and the demand greater than ever. 25,000 copies now selling every year. Its lessons are adapted to pupils of all ages, and its exercises attractive and useful in every stage of advancement. This book has on account of its actual merit, become the standard work of piano instruction, and the only one which every well-informed teacher and scholar uses. Price, \$1.75. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. G. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR

YOUNG LADIES. CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 4th of January, 1869.

Guelph, 24th December