

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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PRICE ONE PENNY

## GREAT POWERS

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

### PREST & HEPBURN

is the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wyndham-st.

We do not believe in bosh and blarney, but we do believe in facts, and leave the verdict in 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 may 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 our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

PREST & HEPBURN.  
Guelph, 2nd November.

## THE OLD ESTABLISHED SADDLER SHOP.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the business in carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using only the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

## Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales,

And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises,

WHIPS, HORSE BLA KETS, CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS, CARDS, SPURS, WHIPS, Lashes—all kinds

## OIL AND VARNISH

For cleaning harness, and all other articles connected with his business.

A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and dispatch.

GEORGE BEATTIE,  
January 19. dwim West Market Square

## THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,

West Market Square, Guelph.

## J. MILLER, Proprietor.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL has recently been opened and fitted up in a style to meet the wants of the TRAVELLING PUBLIC, and secure to his patrons all the comforts and convenience of a home.

Particular attention is paid to the Table.

Which will always be furnished with all the delicacies of the season.

FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERICAL TRAVELLERS, with

## LIVERY STABLE

Attached to the Hotel to meet the requirement of all permanent as well as transient customers.

Guelph, March 5. do t

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, involving all the improvements of the day, as well as

## New Rustic Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion. Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens of his work.

Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS,  
Guelph December 12. do

## 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 proposing 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. do

## MONTREAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

## GUELPH AGENCY.

CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.

GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.

CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool \$81.50 and \$93.

ST. RAGE do do \$22.00

CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$73.50.

INTERMEDIATE do \$47.00

ST. RAGE do \$21.00

Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, etc., at rooms every information apply to

GEORGE A. OXNARD,  
Agent G. T. R. Guelph  
Guelph, April 1, 1868

## BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodicon.

Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
December 19. do

## HORSE BILLS.

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Horse Bills printed at the

## Mercury Steam Printing House!

Macdonnell Street, Guelph,

Quicker, cheaper and better than ever. NEW TYPE, STEAM PRESSES, and a variety of CUTS to select from, gives an unrivalled facility. Orders by post promptly executed. Send along your orders to

MCLAGAN & INNES,  
Mercury Office, Guelph.

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## Evening Mercury.

FRIDAY EV'NG, APRIL 2, 1869.

## TOWN ITEMS.

Don't forget Mr. Easton's second lecture on temperance-to-night. Admission free.

A handsome new buggy from Bruce's Carriage Shop, Guelph, awaits the acceptance of the Incumbent of St. John's Church, Elora.

PERSONAL.—The Hon. John Hillyard Cameron of Toronto, and Col. Barretto, of London, are in town, and stopping at the Condon House.

The St. George's Society of Guelph will hold their annual meeting very shortly, and decide in what manner to celebrate the anniversary of their patron saint.

SUGAR IS KING.—Read the mammoth advertisement of E. O'Donnell & Co., in another part of to-day's paper. Great inducements are offered by them to housekeepers, especially in the precious commodities of tea and sugar.

GOOD WORDS AND SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—Mr. Thos. J. Day has sent us Good Words and Sunday Magazine for April. They are filled as usual with most interesting and instructive reading matter, including continuations of the stories now being published in them. These two periodicals form the best family reading which can be obtained. For sale at Day's Bookstore.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A match took place at the Range yesterday (Thursday) afternoon between three hotel-keepers and three tinsmiths, in which the latter came off victorious by seventeen shots. The Enfield was the rifle used, and the ranges were at two and three hundred yards. The sides were—Messrs. D. Bunyan, M. Deady and D. Heffernan, against Messrs. John Condon, Wm. Collins and Wm. Stanley. In the evening the vanquished entertained their opponents at an oyster supper at Bunyan's Dominion Saloon, which passed off in the most pleasant manner.

Percy Gaston again in Trouble.

Many of our readers in Guelph will remember Percy Gaston, (colored) who some years ago lived in this town, and whose trial for the alleged burning of his store created no little excitement at the time. At this trial he refused to employ a counsel; but defended himself with considerable ability and shrewdness, closing up with a speech, in which he reviewed the evidence at length. The result of the trial was, that he was acquitted. He did not remain in Guelph, however, as the feeling there was strong against him, being generally considered guilty of the crime. He went off to the United States; and on the war breaking out he enlisted in the Northern army, according to the story told by some of his friends. Be that as it may he returned to Toronto in 1864, and was employed as a barber.

He was arrested the other day for breaking into Osgoode Hall, and stealing \$47 worth of postage stamps. The Telegraph states that the white woman who lives with him, when examined, says she distinctly remembered the night of the robbery at the Hall. She went to bed that night at about nine o'clock. At midnight Gaston got up and left the house, and at half past one or two he returned. He fumbled around in the dark, opened one of his trunks, and after putting something into it locked it again. In reply to the girl's enquiries, he said he had gone out to see a friend about something important, which he had forgotten early in the evening. A day or two after that she saw in his possession a number of postage stamps, red and blue. They were in sheets. She was sure they were in sheets. She was sure they were postage stamps as she examined them closely.

The police on searching his trunk found a deposit book of the Toronto Savings Bank, showing that on February 10th—a few days after the Hall robbery—he had deposited \$45—two dollars less than the value of the stamps stolen. A short time before his arrest he had drawn \$5, leaving \$40 still lying there to his credit. All this constitutes a chain of pretty strong circumstantial evidence against Gaston, and will be used against him in court, together with whatever else can be scraped together. In addition to all this, it is supposed, that Gaston is an escaped convict, as he answers the description of a fellow who broke out of prison at Jackson, Michigan, a short time ago. He will no doubt be committed for trial for the Osgoode Hall robbery.

## Complimentary Supper.

Understanding that Mr. Joseph O'Connor, late proprietor of the Wellington Hotel, was about to remove with his family to New York, a number of his most intimate friends—about twenty in all—gathered at the Queen's Hotel, and entertained him to an oyster supper. After the edibles had been disposed of, the company indulged for a time in songs, anecdotes, & Mr. Martin Ryan then proposed the health of "Our Guest," precluding the toast with a few well-chosen remarks, expressive of sorrow at parting with such a worthy and esteemed friend. In the course of his speech he alluded to the splendid prospects of Mr. O'Connor, both in a social and business point of view, in the new home to which he was going, and declared his conviction that there were very few in any town in Canada who would not be glad to leave their homes if they had the same chance of making a fortune that Mr. O'Connor had. Mr. O'Connor made a very feeling reply. He thanked the gentlemen present for the honor they had done him, and assured them that the recollection of this evening would be long treasured up in his memory. He regretted leaving Guelph, and said that, though he had a better prospect of making money in New York, his heart would always turn with fondness to his native home. Besides his nearest relatives he had many kind friends in Guelph whom he could never forget, and he hoped that, though he must now bid them good bye, they would not be long separated, as he intended to re-visit Canada frequently. He concluded his remarks by again thanking the gentlemen present for the compliment they had paid him, assuring them that he felt and appreciated their kindness. —Cos.

## EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. W. M. BUDD,  
Organist of the Congregational Church.

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her school will re-open on MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodicon.

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## News from the County.

The revival services continue in Ferguson with unabated interest.

Mr. E. H. Newman will be appointed official assignee for Elora.

Robert Leech, Esq., has resigned his position as Captain of the Howick Volunteer Company.

The Rev. R. L. Tucker was presented with a beautiful cutter, upon his departure for Orangeville.

A new post-office has been established on the Owen Sound Road, in the township of Arthur, under the name of Rivers-town.

Capt. John Hollinghead of the Arthur Volunteer Rifle Company, received a first class certificate at the Military School, Toronto, recently.

The Bachelor's Social, held in the basement of the Wesleyan Church, Elora, on the 26th ult., was quite a success, over \$30 having been realized.

Mr. Thomas Tribe, of Winterbourne-late of Elora, fell about a fortnight ago, striking his shoulders and the back part of his head on the icy ground, rupturing a small blood vessel.

A pleasant reunion was held in the Orange Hall, Mount Forest, on Monday evening last, by the members of the Literary Club, and of the Mount Forest Division of Sons of Temperance.

The Montreal Telegraph line to Listowel will be erected about the first of May. The poles are all laid down, and as soon as the weather permits, men will be set to work placing them in position.

Revival meetings have been and still are held in the Primitive Methodist Church, on the 10th line of Peel, which are productive of much good. Several have professed themselves benefited by them.

FAIRS.—The next regular monthly cattle fair takes place in Ferguson, on Thursday, 22nd April. A fair is to be held at Durham on the previous Tuesday, and at Mount Forest on the previous Wednesday.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELORA.—At the vestry meeting of this church on Easter Monday, Messrs. James Arkell and T. Farrow were appointed Churchwardens, and Messrs. H. Smith, J. Arkell and W. Lapenotiere, delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

BAD ROADS.—A farmer from Erasmos informs us that the roads in many parts of that township are in a wretched condition. People from other localities have the same story to tell, and consequently very little produce or wool is coming into town at present.

Elora, says the Express, can boast of one of the largest, and one of the smallest babies in the Dominion. The former weighed eighteen pounds two ounces one hour after its birth, and the latter one pound and a quarter. "Like mother like man," does not hold good in this instance.

NEW SAW MILL.—Mr. James Wilson, one of the most enterprising men in Ferguson, and proprietor of the Monkland Mills, has erected a new stone saw mill, near his mills, fitted it up in the most modern style, secured several thousand logs, and is busily employed in cutting them up.

Some 1,600 fine pieces of timber, which have been taken out of Peel and Maryborough, during the winter, are now being placed upon skids, preparatory to a plunge into the river. The lumbering operations being over for this season, the roads have been paid off, and nothing now remains but to ship the timber.

TO COME UP AGAIN.—The Ferguson News Record says that the Rev. Mr. Smellie has notified his brother ministers that he intends at the next meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph, to move that the Court reconsider the deliverance given on the 23rd ult., in reference to the report of the Commission appointed to visit that, and ascertain the present state of religion there.

ANOTHER EFFORT.—A petition is in circulation in the Township of West Garafraxa, asking the Council to submit a by-law for \$10,000, as aid toward the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway, providing the annual tax therefor does not exceed \$2.25 per hundred acres. So soon as a majority of the ratepayers sign it, the by-law will be prepared and submitted.

PIGEON MATCH.—A pigeon match for ten dollars, with eight birds on each side, came off yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Wm. Hower's hotel, Puslinch Plains, between Mr. Thos. Hower, of Guelph Township, and Mr. David King, of Puslinch. The former gentleman succeeded in killing five birds to three by his opponent, and thus came off the winner by two birds. Several "scrub" matches came off afterwards which afforded much diversion.

COMMENCED OPERATIONS.—On Monday last, Messrs. Connell and Smith, contractors for the clearing of the work on part of the line of road, commenced work at Reynolds's bush, near Elora, and are busily engaged cutting down the trees. A little farther down the line, Mr. Schone has eight men clearing the track through his farm. Between four and five hundred men will soon be employed on the work, and there is every prospect that the road will be opened before Christmas.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the 24th ult. a fatal accident occurred to Mr. H. Warnock, while engaged chopping on the farm of Mr. Alex. Burke, 14th concession East Garafraxa. It appears that while he was chopping down a tree another one which was lodged in it fell and struck him on the head. He was taken to the residence of Mr. Burke, and medical aid was sent for, but of no avail. He died the next day about two o'clock, after having survived about twenty-four hours after the accident. He was a young man about eighteen years of age, and was greatly respected by all who knew him.

## The World Over.

Kossuth gets his living by copying law papers.

Velopedicistralistitarianologist is the latest addition to the language.

It is said the Government of Ontario intend to publish an Emigration Gazette for circulation in Europe chiefly.

An artist who is painting the nine muses can only find eight girls in New York who are beautiful enough for models.

It is now reported that Sir George E. Carter would not leave England till today, and that Mr. McDougall left on the 25th ult.

H. W. Beecher intends going abroad this summer, and his congregation proposes giving him \$40,000 to defray the expenses of the trip.

NOT DEAD.—The story circulated by the St. Catherine's Journal that Mr. Ferguson, the blind piper, was dead, turns out to be a canard.

John Sandfield has been practising on a velocipede. He was thrown and had his shirt collar spoiled. The velocipede was ten feet high—to match the shirt collar.

The centenary anniversary of the birth of Napoleon I., which will occur on the 15th of August next, is to be the occasion of great festivities throughout the French Empire.

Messrs. Lawson Bros., large clothing merchants in Hamilton, have failed; liabilities \$10,000. It is expected the firm will make an arrangement with their creditors.

It is estimated that the snow in Tuckerman's ravine, in the White Mountains, is at least one thousand feet deep. Hopes are entertained of a magnificent snow arch there next August.

Mr. Miller, of Listowel, merchant, recently climbed up a pile of boxes, raised so as to enable him to reach the ceiling. His foot slipped, and he fell to the floor, breaking three ribs.

The Volunteer Review announces that after the present stock of military clothing in the government stores is exhausted no more will be supplied, and the members will have to supply themselves.

The trunk and head of a gigantic fawn has been discovered in Greece. From the dimensions of this piece of statuary it is supposed to have been one of a set of statues which adorned the Athenian temple of Bacchus.

The Saugeen Watchman, the German paper published at Neustadt, advocates the division of the township, after the fashion of Garafraxa, as the best means of settling the existing "unpleasantness" between the sections.

The Museum of the Louvre, containing the relics of the sovereigns of France, has just been enriched with the silver buckle of the sword belt of Pepin-le-Bref, father of Charlemagne, found in the tomb of the former at St. Dennis.

Mr. Peter Liesner, residing on con. 5, Carrick, had ten sheep worried in his barn by a dog, on Monday night last. Seven of the sheep are dead and the others were badly torn. The owner of the dog is not known.

At a meeting respecting the copyright law, in Montreal, it was resolved to apply to Parliament for an amendment permitting Canadian publishers to print British copyright works upon payment of 12½ per cent to the British authors.

The London Daily News calls attention to a common blunder made concerning "the three estates." These are often spoken of as the Crown, the Lords and the Commons. But the Crown is not an estate at all. The Lords spiritual, the Lords temporal, and the Commons are correctly designated by that name.

PRESENTATION.—The Reporter says that a deputation from the congregation of the United Presbyterian Church in Galt, waited on their pastor, the Rev. R. Acheson, at the Manse, on Tuesday the 23rd March, and presented him with a purse containing upwards of \$170, as a slight testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the members of his congregation.

THE NARROW GAUGE.—We have already announced that the Arthur By-law granting a bonus of \$35,000 to the T. G. & B. states—no doubt on the authority of the directors—that arrangements are being made to have it re-submitted. The same