

Southern Extension, W.G. & B.

The Listowel Banner refers to the complaints that have been made because of the delay in opening for regular traffic the Southern extension of the Wellington Grey and Bruce Railway, and blames the Government.

We understand the principal cause of delay is the inability of the company to pay the contractor the amount of his claim for constructing the road, by reason of the continued refusal of the Government to grant the bonus of \$2000 per mile for that section of the road between Listowel and Wingham.

Our contemporary is wrong in blaming the Government for the delay. We understand that even if the Government were to pay the bonus, the Company would not have sufficient funds to pay the contractor. The cause of this, we believe, is that the Great Western Company, who were to take over the road, are taking a more economical view of things in consequence of the recent meeting in England, and refuse to pay the W. G. & B. for the sidings.

The Boston Tea-Drinkers.

The Republic south of the lakes will soon be a hundred years old. Our neighbors at Boston last week celebrated their annual "tea-party" the hundredth anniversary of the most notable act of resistance to the imposition of taxes by the home government on the then colonies, which led to the Declaration of Independence.

It is gratifying to find that a generous spirit actuated the meeting at Boston last week, when one of the leading speakers, Hon. R. C. Winthrop, disavowed any intention in the observance of the anniversary to renew accusations or revive resentments against Provincial Governors or British Parliaments or Ministries.

"We delight," he said, "to remember Old England this day and every day as our mother country; and we thank God that she, of all the nations of the earth, was our mother country. No other mother could have produced such children. It was from her history and her example that we imbibed those great lessons of freedom which led to independence. From the days when the barons at Runnymede extorted the great charter from King John her history was the history of advancing freedom."

Mr. Cartwright was sneered at by the Tory press for his criticism of Mr. Tilley's budget speech last session, and his so-called "alarmist utterances" were denounced. But recent events are showing that Mr. Cartwright knows more than his detractors. Mr. Tilley gave some very sanguine estimates of the probable revenue from customs and excise; this year, apparently expecting about as large a trade as the preceding year, 1872.

Mr. Cartwright warned the then Minister of Finance against proceeding upon that expectation in his expenditures, reminding him of the law of reaction, or alternate periods of dullness; and clearly predicted on this occasion a falling off in our import trade this year. This has taken place; the difference at the port of Montreal alone, we believe, being some four millions against the ten months of 1873, in favor of 1872. For the year ending June last, as we showed a few days ago, our imports had largely increased, but this fall our merchants have wisely curtailed their purchases abroad, narrowing their operations to a safer basis.

G. W. McMullen's libel suit against The Mail will probably come off at the Toronto Winter Assizes, on January 6th—that is, if the defendants do not procure any more postponements.

To the Electors of the Town of Guelph GENTLEMEN.—Having been solicited by a large number of the ratepayers to become a candidate for the office of Reeve for the year 1874, I now beg to offer myself for that position.

During the six years I have served you in the Council (half of which term has been as Deputy Reeve) I trust my conduct has been such as to merit your approval, and entitle me to a further expression of your confidence.

Should you honor me by electing me to the Reevship, I shall, without fear or favor, serve you to the utmost extent of my ability.

I am, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, GEORGE HOWARD.

The ex-Empress Eugenie has visited Queen Victoria.

THE GRAND CHRISTMAS SALE THE FASHIONABLE WEST END A. O. BUCHAM

Always alive to the interests of his Customers and the requirements of the times, has made extensive preparations to supply the inhabitants of this Town with appropriate articles for Christmas Presents. The following list will be found to contain a "fair representation" of the RIGHT THINGS:

Black and Colored Silk Dresses to be sold at Xmas Prices for Two Weeks. JAPANESE SILKS and POPLINS at about one half the usual prices during the Festive Season. PLAIN and FANCY STUFF DRESS GOODS at astonishing prices.

We also opened the following appropriate articles on Saturday: Another lot of Beautiful Clouds; 6 dozen Ladies Silk Ties at various prices; 6 dozen Ladies Lined Kid Gloves and Mitts; 6 dozen Limerick, Maltese, and Honiton Lace Collars;

3 dozen Breakfast Shawls cheap; 3 dozen Crape Squares in the bright shades; 4 dozen Children's Kid Gloves; 3 doz. Men's Driving Gloves; 2 boxes Real Lace Handkerchiefs, etc. etc.

Everything required in our line for a SUITABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT may be had in great variety, and at the most reasonable prices, at the Fashionable West End. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

BREAKFAST.—Epps's Cocoa.—GREAT AND COMFORTING.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills.

BIRTHS. HEWIER.—In Guelph, on the 22nd inst., the wife of Mr. James Hewier of a daughter.

DIED. CHAMBERS.—In Guelph, on the 22nd inst., David Simpson, youngest son of Mr. David Chambers, aged 11 weeks. The funeral will take place from his father's residence, Yarmouth Street, to-morrow (Tuesday) at 2 p.m.

WESLEYAN SABBATH SCHOOL Anniversary. THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING will be held on FRIDAY EVENING, the 26th inst., in the church. An excellent programme, composed of singing by the scholars, 50 in number, singing by the infant class, recitations, dialogues, etc. etc., has been prepared, and every effort is being made to render this an interesting occasion.

JUST RECEIVED AT CRAWFORD'S Jewellery Store, Next the Post Office, Gold Watches from \$20; Silver Watches from \$12; JEWELLERY OF EVERY KIND TO SUIT FOR Christmas and New Year's Presents.

CLOCKS in every Variety JOBBING DONE AS BEFORE. Gold and Silver Plating done on the premises. R. CRAWFORD, dw Guelph, Dec. 20th, 1873.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS. Just Received, a large and carefully selected stock of Christmas and New Year's Presents, suitable For the Young Folks

BERLIN WOOLS And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to. MRS. WRIGHT, UPPER WYNDHAM STREET, Next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 20th, 1873.

Y. M. C. A. The Bazaar for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held In the Town Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th inst., Opening on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1866, AND AMENDMENTS THEREON. In the matter of HENRY METCALF, of Guelph, Saddler, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditor are notified to meet at his store in Guelph, on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.

New Advertisements. C. E. PEIRCE & CO. Elephant Clothing Store. OVERCOATS In all Shades and Prices. Undercoats, Pants and Vests. Our Stock of Men's and Boys' Underwear excels anything yet seen. ALL STYLES IN HATS AND CAPS. Good Goods at Low Prices. Come and See Us. C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, December 17, 1873.

THE GOLDEN LION GIVING UP BUSINESS! DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Mr. Chance Retiring on account of ill health. The whole of the Valuable Stock of THE GOLDEN LION TO BE SOLD This Great Sale of Over Ninety Thousand Dollars worth of Dry Goods Begins on Saturday first, the 13th of December, And will continue from day to day until the whole is sold. ALL GOODS HAVE BEEN MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES, From which there is to be no abatement. CHANCE & WILLIAMSON. Guelph, D. C. 16, 1873.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT ARRIVING TODAY AT E. O'DONNELL & Co's. 500 barrels Salt at \$1.20 per barrel; 2 car loads of Lake Herrings; 1 car load of White Fish and Trout; 500 barrels of first-class Labrador Herrings; A large quantity of Ingersoll Cheese; 600 caddies of the best dollar Tea put up in 5lb tins For 50 cents pr lb. Also, a general assortment of Black and Japan TEAS, to be sold wholesale and retail CHEAP FOR CASH. E. O'DONNELL & CO. GUELPH, Nov. 18, 1873.

CHRISTMAS 1873 NEW YEAR'S 1874 The Display of the Season at ANDERSON'S CHEAP Book, Stationery & Fancy Goods Repository, EAST SIDE WYNDHAM STREET, NEAR THE POST OFFICE. The famous annual display of Xmas Presents and New Year's Gifts has for many years been regarded and looked forward to in Guelph as one of the leading features of this Festive Season. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

Goods for Christmas Presents AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE. Ladies' Work Boxes Writing Desks Ladies' Companions Card Cases Jewel Boxes Building Blocks Boxes of Cubes Noah's Arks Tin Toys Dolls Toy Books

Bibles, Prayer Books Church Services, JUVENILE BOOKS, Toy Books printed on linen. 2000 CHOICE BOOKS JUST OPENED FOR HALF PRICE. A splendid New Dollar Book for 50 cents. Day's Stock is the largest ever shown in Guelph. Before buying see the Stock and Prices AT Day's Bookstore.

CHRISTMAS ALE SLEEMAN'S CELEBRATED-ALE IN PRIME CONDITION, SPECIAL BREWING, Quarters and Half Barrels.

HUGH WALKER, Agent for Guelph. CHURCH SOIREE. A Soiree in connection with the First Congregation, Canada Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Mr. Torrance), will be held in the Town Hall on TUESDAY EVENING, 30th DEC. The following speakers are engaged to deliver addresses:—Rev. W. COCHRANE, A. M., Brantford, on "Manitoba." Rev. J. F. DIXIE, of Berlin, on "Reminiscences of the Franco Prussian War."

CORDWOOD. Tenders will be received until the 23rd inst., for chopping about 400 cords of Cedar Firewood; also, Posts, Rails, etc., at the Rocks, to be hauled out and piled on dry land. Full particulars can be had at my office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. D. HEPBURN, Secretary. Guelph, Dec. 17, 73-2nd ed.

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BAZAAR GOODS.—Form a very prominent feature in this year's stock. Every article is truly finished in the best style of workmanship and elegance, and at such low prices as have hitherto been considered fabulous. The following is a condensed list of the leading articles: Work Boxes, Ladies and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Ladies and Gent's Writing Desks, Victoria Work Box and Writing Desk Combined, Glove Boxes, Ink Stands, Book Slides, Toilet Bottles, Smelling Bottles, Ladies' Companions, Fancy Boxes, Card Cases, Wallets, Purses, Cigar Cases, Pocket Books, Chess, Draughts, Backgammon Boards, Albums from 25c to \$10. Stove pipe Toys, a large and varied collection.

TOYS, GAMES, AND PUZZLES. —Horses, Donkeys, Tops, Dolls, Houses, Noah's Arks, Magnets, Trumpets, Balls, Parlor Croquet, Kaleidoscopes, Solitaires, Stereoscopes, Graphoscopes, Drawing Slates, Guns, Pistols, Puzzles, Games, Conversation Cards, Toys and Trinkets, a splendid variety. TOY BOOKS — A large stock, a big stock, a Cheap Stock. All Goods marked in Plain Figures at unprecedently low prices. Superiority is the first element of success, and ANDERSON is bound to render his establishment famous for his annual Xmas display, and the people of Guelph and surrounding districts will scarcely find any pleasure greater than paying a visit to ANDERSON'S Cheap Book, Stationery, Toy and Fancy Repository, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

AT J. HUNTER'S Wholesale and Retail. CALL AND SEE The Largest Stock, The greatest Variety, The Best and the Cheapest Goods for the Season Ever exhibited in Guelph AT J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Toy Store dw Wyndham Street Guelph.

SEASONABLE GOODS. Ivory Handled Knives, AT BOND'S. Bone " " AT BOND'S. Superior Carvers, AT BOND'S. Electro-Plated Forks, AT BOND'S. " " Spoons, AT BOND'S. " " Butter Knives, AT BOND'S. " " Pickle Forks, AT BOND'S. " " Cake Baskets, AT BOND'S. " " Salt Stands, AT BOND'S. " " Butter Coolers, AT BOND'S. " " Cruets, AT BOND'S. Britannia Metal Tea Pots, AT BOND'S. Japanned Tea Trays, AT BOND'S. Plated Cell Balls, AT BOND'S. Fire Irons in Sets, AT BOND'S. Dish Covers, AT BOND'S. Table Mats, AT BOND'S. Best Steels, AT BOND'S. Superior Scissors, AT BOND'S. " " Pocket and Table Knives, AT BOND'S.

To be had at Bond's. A well selected and complete stock of articles suitable for Xmas. Office and Hotel Macdonnell's. N.B.—Goods can be ordered by mail.