

**Guelph Evening Mercury**

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THURSDAY EV'G, APRIL 29, 1869.

**"GREATER BRITAIN."**

Little did the pious Roman monk, admiring the beauty of the British slaves exposed for sale in the markets of imperial Rome, and expressing his admiration in the well-known words, "Non Angli, sed angeli," &c., imagine that the time was coming when the rude and almost unknown island of their birth was destined to wield a greater sway and act a nobler part in the world's history than Rome ever did in her proudest period of pre-eminence. Perhaps had the same race that inhabited England in its early days remained undisturbed in their home, the likelihood is that with all her natural advantages England would never have risen to any great height in the scale of nations; but the successive inroads of Romans, Saxons, Danes, Celts and Normans, ultimately amalgamated and knit together in one bond of union, and formed what is generally called the Anglo-Saxon race. The onward career of England began with very small beginnings. Within her borders proper, embracing the comparatively small tract of land extending from Cornwall to Northumberland, no less than seven kings once reigned. Six of these at length yielded to Egbert, and England became for the first time united under one king, and began to make her power felt abroad. In three centuries after Ireland was added to the realm, and a few years afterwards Wales succumbed to her powerful neighbor. In 1066 England was merged into Great Britain nominally, but not really in deed and sentiment till 1702; since which time, the British Islands being united under one ruler, the planting of colonies became the grand undertaking of Britain; and bursting her limited bounds, and extending her foreign conquests, her increasing population transplanted themselves to distant lands for settlement. Unlike the other nations of Europe, Great Britain sends forth colonists who adapt themselves to every clime where their lot may be cast, and carrying with them a spirit of independence, they never sink to the level of the aboriginal inhabitants of the various colonies, but plant civilization and all the arts of progress wherever they settle. There are now forty-eight British colonies, scattered throughout all portions of the world—many of them comprising an area far larger in extent than the mother country, and peopled by men, if possible more enterprising than their forefathers. These colonies comprise what a writer has very appropriately styled "Greater Britain." Some of them are first approaching the time when they, like the old thirteen American States, can push their own fortunes as independent nations; and this period, according to many British statesmen and writers, is already come so far as Canada is concerned, before the colonists themselves have given any intimation of their desire for a change in their political relations with Great Britain. Australia, also, is fast coming to maturity; and both, it is evident, will have to take their stand amongst the independent countries of the world before many years have elapsed. These, with New Zealand, British Columbia, and the other young and growing dependencies, form a second Britain which may perhaps in the distant future rival and eclipse Old England herself, but perpetuating her language and laws, and maintaining those characteristics which have ever distinguished the people of Britain. There is something consolatory in the thought that should Macaulay's New Zealander sketch the ruins of St. Paul's from London Bridge, he will not be the savage whom the definition of "New Zealander" is apt to call up to the imagination, but one through whose veins courses the blood of the Anglo-Saxon race. That these various colonies must soon take upon themselves the burthen of their own government, is apparent to all, and, according to a large section of the Liberal party in England, the question is ripe for free and full discussion.

**Dominion Parliament.**  
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, April 28.

Mr. Mackenzie presented a petition from George W. Jones, of Port Perry, for a divorce from his wife. Hon. Mr. McDougall said, the surveys, plans, &c., relating to a proposed canal between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy were at present under consideration of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and would shortly be laid before the House.

The Bill to provide for the carrying out of capital punishment within the prison walls was read a second time and referred to committee.

Mr. Mills moved the second reading of the Bill to render members of the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces, now included, or which may hereafter be included, within the said Dominion of Canada, ineligible for sitting or voting in the House of Commons of Canada. A long and rather spirited debate took place on this bill.

INSURANCE CONVENTION.—A convention of representatives of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies met at Hamilton on Tuesday last. The Wellington Mutual was represented by Mr. Charles Davidson, and the Waterford Mutual by Messrs. M. Springer, and C. M. Taylor. The members agreed to recommend their respective Boards to issue of action regarding rates of farm mutuals and other matters pertaining to their general welfare. A committee was appointed to draft an amended Bill for submission to the Legislature to consolidate the laws having reference to Mutual Insurance, and to report to an adjourned meeting at which all Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in the Province of Ontario shall have an opportunity of being represented, said draft to be first presented to the Board of Directors of the several Companies.

The Zoological Gardens of London are to be removed from their quarters in Regents Park to Alexan Iria Park, as soon as their present lease expires.

The Browns-Curwett Failure.—A general meeting of the creditors of the late firm of W. R. Brown & Co., was held in Mr. Kerr's office, Toronto, on Tuesday. Mr. Kerr, as official assignee, stated the object of the meeting, and presented his report. A deed of assignment had been made on the 25th February. The total liabilities were \$115,540, of which about \$25,000 were secured by mortgage on real estate. The assets amount to \$7,500. The losses were principally on gold transactions in New York, commencing in August last. Losses had also been sustained by stock transactions. From these facts it appears that there is not very much encouragement to the creditors of the late firm.

BANKRUPTS.—Thirty-four insolvents were gazetted during the week ending the 24th.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS**

**COULSON HOUSE,**  
GUELPH, April 29, 1869.  
The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: T P Gurnett, Toronto; W C Wortley, Drayton; A McDougall, St. Mary's; Jas McArthur, Montreal; O R Rivlin, Hamilton; Alex. Malcolm, Toronto; P J Haines, Toronto; H B Beveridge, Montreal; W Lackey, Elora; J H Park, Hamilton; James Falls, Owen Sound; Mrs Falls & son do; Robert Carney, Belleville; Robert Day, Eramosa; D McLaren, Limehouse; Donald Sinclair, Paisley; John McCacchnie, Durham; Edward Modie, Montreal; Thomas Robertson, Dundas; F B Robertson, do; Thomas Reidout, do.

**New Advertisements.**

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For sale, a Single Spring Wagon. Apply at the Express Office. Guelph, 27th April. dw

**HOTEL TO LET AT ELORA.**  
The good-will and three years lease of the FARMERS' HOTEL, ELORA, (late James Hamilton's stand). Apply on the premises to the proprietor. HENRY HARRISON. Elora, April 22. dw w2

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The quality of this Ale is equal to any now imported, and sold for much less than Imported Ale.

**GEO. WILKINSON**

Guelph, 29th April. dw

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OFFICE: Over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, corner of Wynham and Macdonnell Sts.

Practice: A successful practice of fifteen years.

N. B. The public will please not expect the advertiser to compete for advertising, or express "Free Dentistry," as that is a means of advertising considered by all Dental Societies, and adopted by Rev. Dr. Farr, first-class Dentist.

**DOMINION STORE.**

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**SHARPE'S SEED STORE.**

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LONG RED, very large Solid variety suitable for deep soils.  
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EARLY SCARLET HORN, short, for shallow soil, when sown thick is very prolific.  
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C. & A. SHARPE, Market Square, Guelph.  
Guelph, April 28. dw

**REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

**GUELPH MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY**



McLeod, Wood & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East of the old stand.

**EAST MARKET SQUARE**

In that large three-story stone building known as the old ANNESTOWN Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical public. The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

**TWO FIRST PRIZES**

We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal far less superior to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchasers that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have no facilities for turning out more perfect instruments than could be done in the old factory.

Repairing done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50. All instruments warranted for five years. Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

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Guelph 17th April. dw

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Interpersed by Comic and Sentimental songs. As has many were unable to be present at the previous entertainment, the Peplers, and highly obliging Friends of

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will be repeated. This being a local exhibition, and the best of the season, the Club have determined upon giving the general public a benefit; therefore the admission fee has been placed at a nominal figure.

Tickets 25c. to all parts of the hall. Front seats reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them. See programme.

**BAZAAR.**

A BAZAAR TO AID IN PAYING OFF THE DEBT OF **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH** WILL BE HELD BY THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION, in the

**TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MAY 5th & 6th, 1869.**

When a variety of USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, &c., will be offered for sale at very moderate prices.

Dinner and Tea will also be served on both days.

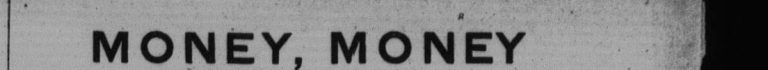
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Guelph, April 21. dw

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Very Choice Tobacco .... 25c

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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

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Guelph, April, 1869. dw

**BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.**

**CHURCH-ST. - GUELPH**

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 3th of April.

Guelph, 27th March, 1869. dw