

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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GUELPH ONT., CANADA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 3, 1869.

## MONTREAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

**GUELPH AGENCY.**  
CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.  
GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.

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ST. RAGE, do do \$92.00.  
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Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, ate-rooms every information apply to  
**GEO. A. OXNARD,**  
Agent G. T. R. Guelph  
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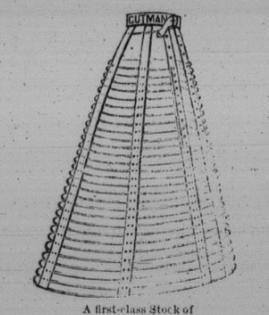
## R. J. JEANNERET,

FROM ENGLAND,  
Established in London, Oct. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

## WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

**DAYS BLOCK,**  
Opposite the Mark Guelph.  
Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery.  
Guelph, December 17th. dw

## JUST IN.



A first-class Stock of

## GUTMAN'S CELEBRATED

## Hoop Skirts

In all the Latest and most Approved Styles.

Including the

## New PANNIER Skirt

Which is a general favorite.

THIS IS BEYOND ALL COMPARISON

## THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN

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The attention of every lady is requested.

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Two doors from the Royal Hotel. Established 1856.

Silks, Satins, Merinos, Damasks, Moreen Table Covers, &c., &c., dyed and finished. British and Foreign Shawls cleaned and pressed, Kid Gloves cleaned, Feathers cleaned, dyed and sized.

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**J. HUNTER,**  
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A full assortment of COFFINS always on hand.

Funeral services if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr.  
Guelph, December 1 dwly

## INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864

ISAAC BUCHANAN, PETER T. BUCHANAN and ANDREW BINNEY, PLAINTIFFS.

R. H. HUDGIN, DEPENDANT.

A WRIT OF ATTACHMENT issued in this cause. GEO. J. GRANGE, Sheriff, Co. Wellington. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1869. do 2w

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Go to Mr. WALSH'S

## OYSTER ROOMS!

Where you can get your OYSTERS in first-class style, and Mr. K. McCREEDEN will make you a Tom and Jerry that is

## A TOM AND JERRY,

Or anything else you desire. The best

## WINES, LIQUORS, AND CIGARS!

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## Mount Forest Correspondence.

From our Correspondent.

The enrolment of the militia has been proceeded with during the past week by Capt. John Kennedy, and in a few solitary instances it was amusing to find how soon a number of years were added to the ages of persons who desire, like Artemus Ward, that all their friends and relations may go to the war, but they themselves must stay where glory does not call them to the defence of their country. The number of first-class service men will probably be sufficient for the formation of two companies. These, with our gallant Rifles, will form a respectable village force in case of war or invasion if properly drilled and instructed in the rudiments of warfare.

At an election for School Trustees held on Monday, the 24th inst., to fill a vacancy on the Board, a lady tendered her vote to the Returning Officer, who duly recorded the same, and the fact that the gentleman who received this distinguished vote was elected by a majority of one is rather a singular coincidence and rather amusing, as the vanquished candidate is a worthy bachelor, and the lady voter a dashing and handsome widow. I think that bachelor did not canvass properly, else he would have secured his election.

Some miscreants broke the office windows of our worthy townsmen, Messrs. J. P. McMillan and Jno. Kennedy, late on Saturday night last. Should the dastardly perpetrators of this shameful act be discovered, there is no doubt they will get the full benefit of the law in such cases provided.

The month of February has fully proved its claims as the month which blows the hardest, freezes the hardest and snows the most. During the past week we have experienced every variety of weather. Indeed, the snow lies so deep that the country roads are almost impassable and completely blocked up, but still our village streets are covered daily with people who are busily engaged winding up their business preparatory to the opening of spring. Grain is still brought in to market in great quantities notwithstanding the reduction in prices.

Mount Forest, March 1st, 1869.

## Nassagaweya Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment on Saturday, the 27th ult. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Easterbrook moved, seconded by Mr. B. Kean, for leave to introduce a By-law for the regulation and guidance of Tavern-keepers in this Township, and that the same be read the first time.—Carried. By-law read accordingly. Mr. J. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the time for removing the timber purchased by Henry Cargill, on road division No. 47 be extended until the first day of March, 1870.—Carried. Mr. J. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the sum of \$10 be granted for the support of Sophia McKendry, an indigent person.—Carried. Mr. B. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that the By-law regulating houses of public entertainment of this Township be read the second and third time and passed.—Carried. Said By-law was then read the second and third time and passed. Mr. Easterbrook moved, seconded by J. Kean, that the report of the Inspector of Taverns be received and adopted, and engrossed on the minutes, and that the Reeve and Clerk sign the required certificate to each of the parties named in said report, their signing the required bond.—Carried. Said report was received accordingly, recommending the following as fit and proper persons to receive licenses for the present year, namely, David Leishman, of the Town-line Inn; William H. Spiers, of the North American Hotel; Michael Lyons, of the Haltonville Hotel; William Easterbrooke, of the Campbellville Inn, and J. Coote, of the Farmer's Arms. Mr. B. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, that the time for the collector to make his return be further extended until the 15th day of March next. Carried. Mr. J. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that the taxes of Mrs. John Gant, be rescinded, she being a destitute widow.—Carried. Mr. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that Geo. Irving be empowered to sell the timber on the roadside between lots 10 and 11, in the 15th con., of this township; the proceeds thereof to be applied to the improvement of said roadside. Carried. Mr. B. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that the bill of B. Matheson for printing bills, &c., amounting to \$4.50, be paid.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, that Henry Watson be appointed Fence viewer in place of Thomas Hopkinson, resigned.—Carried. Mr. B. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that James Weir be appointed overseer, in division No. 4. Carried. Mr. B. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. J. Elliott, that whereas, owing to the representations made by the School Teachers of this Township, the competitive examination has been postponed. Resolved, that the said examination be held at the drill shed, on the first Saturday in June next, and that the members of this Council, together with the Local Superintendent, arrange a programme and regulations for said examination, and that all the children attending through the winter months, be allowed to attend.—Carried. Mr. B. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that the Reeve and Clerk be, and are hereby directed to correspond with municipalities, who are, or may be issuing debentures for the purpose of loaning the Clergy Reserve funds in the banks belong to this municipality, or to advertise for the investing of said funds. Carried. On motion the Council adjourned, to meet on the second Monday in April next, at the same time and place.

JOHN EASTERBROOK, Tp. Clerk

REMOVED TO OTHER PREMISES.—Messrs. Wm. Armstrong & Sons have removed their blacksmith and carriage shop from Macdonnell street to the premises lately occupied by Mr. Robert Parker, on Woolwich st., near the Court House. Having now much larger premises, they are in a position to attend to all orders for carriages, buggies, waggon or blacksmith work to the satisfaction of all, whether as to material or workmanship, and on short notice. See advertisement.

CROWDED OUT.—The press of local and other matters compels us to leave over several articles and communications, all of which, however, we will make room for as soon as possible.

## Board of Agriculture.

The members of the Agriculture Board held their third and last session on Friday last; when Mr. Treasurer Denison appeared to give explanations in regard to the accounts of the Board, and defend his past conduct as Treasurer. He said he only wanted justice and the province would not lose copper by him. Mr. White had made public believe that the Board had bank account, which was false. He referred to Mr. Craig's statement in the House, that he had made a fine thing of the money placed in the Bank of Upper Canada. Mr. Craig knew when he made that statement he was telling a falsehood. He had read the letter which appeared in the *Globe*, in which it was stated that \$10,000 of the funds of the Board could not be accounted for. He also read the reply which he made to the letter, in which he distinctly denied the assertion.

In reply to a question from Mr. Skead, Mr. Denison said that he still adhered to his claim for commission, and if the Board did not allow it he would carry it into the courts, where he could claim legal interest. Afterwards

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, that after hearing the explanations of Mr. Denison and the old members of the Board, the Board be of opinion that the charge of the late Treasurer for commission should not be allowed, and that unless the money be paid over to the present Treasurer in one month, or certificate given satisfactory to the executive committee, legal proceedings be taken to recover the same. Carried.

A motion to adjourn having been made, the President stated that he had come there strongly prejudiced against the old members of the Board; but now that he had heard both sides of the story, his opinion was entirely changed. Mr. Town considered these remarks uncalled for, and said that he wished to see the "individual" at the head of the table for saying one thing one day and another on the next. Dr. Beatty and Mr. Christie supported the President, and Mr. Walton came to the aid of Mr. Cowan. Mr. Bykert, who has done his share of twisting about during his short political life, felt well pleased to think that they had such a gentleman in the chair as Mr. Malloy, and said that Mr. Cowan had attempted to sow the seed of discord among the Board. Mr. Skead hoped that by-gones would be by-gones, and that whatever of bad feeling or disappointment might have existed now that they were about to adjourn. Mr. Cowan accepted the olive branch most willingly, and was ready to shake hands with any member of the board, not all round. He entertained no bad feelings towards any member of the board. At the other mills there is also a good stock of lumber on hand. The mills, with the exception of the first mentioned, are all new, with steam power sufficient to cut from seven to ten thousand feet of lumber a day, and will, notwithstanding the fears entertained by many that the saws were becoming too numerous in the locality, have more to do than in any previous season, when their number was less and their capacity not so great. If the result should be a reduction in the prices, so much the better. The demand for lumber is all the time becoming greater. The miller will sell more, obtain the cash more readily, and the buyer will be able to build at a cheaper rate. Many of the logs mentioned have been taken into the mills by farmers to be cut on shares—a circumstance which would seem to indicate that our frame barns and dwelling-houses are about to take the place of the primitive structures now in use. That the new ones can be made more attractive, more commodious, and more comfortable, there can be no doubt, although a good log dwelling-house is not despised, and to one long accustomed to bush life there is something regretful in the fact that they will soon disappear—but that cannot be avoided. Old things, whether for better or for worse, are continually passing, and must continue to pass away.

There has again been good sleighing between Lake Huron and Guelph for a fortnight, and many have availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of taking the balance of their produce to the market; but the rush has not been so great as it would have been had prices not so seriously declined. Those who are not obliged to sell, will now hold on to what they have got, and unless the value of grain takes an upward tendency, the best business part of the season may be said to be at an end, and at best we have had nothing extra to boast about. Saturday last we had during the present winter, and although the weather has somewhat moderated, the frost still maintains its grasp and it is yet disagreeably cold. The snow averaged about ten feet in depth, and in the side roads it is in many places over the tops of the fences. A few more such drifts as we had last week, and the outlets to the main roads would be completely blocked up.

Messrs. McEachern & Mires' carding, fulling and shingle mills are now in course of erection by Mr. Wm. Lambert. He is getting the material for his woollen factory placed on the ground, and it is intended to have the machinery at both places set in motion by April. Framers and carpenters have the prospect of abundance of work during the ensuing summer, not only here but throughout the county generally.

## American Despatches

Havana, March 2.—Official information has been received of three engagements in which the insurgents lost 60 killed, and the troops, 4 killed and several wounded.

## Harriston Correspondence.

From our Correspondent.

The late fair was fully an average one, and there were many good cattle on the ground; but the prices did not seem to suit—\$4 for 100 lbs live weight being the highest offered; and quite a number of the best animals were again returned to their stalls for an additional month's feed. Peter Smart sold four head for \$213; George Preston, three head, \$133; R. Richardson, one yoke steers, \$75; W. Boyd, one yoke of oxen, \$84; George Bramhill, one cow, \$99; H. Suddaby, one ox, \$50; Wm. Robertson, one steer, \$35; R. Caldwell, three head, \$140; D. McConnachie, two heifers, \$48; J. Thomson, one cow, \$40; J. Davidson, yoke of oxen, \$90; J. Johnston, two steers, \$40; J. P. Dunn, yoke of oxen, \$100; —Purdy, three head \$100.50

Within a compass of four miles around this village there are five sawmills in operation, and at each of these from three to four thousand logs have been laid down during the present winter, and their number will continue to increase while the last vestige of snow remains. At the mill owned by Mr. Robinson, which stands in the centre of the village—a wreck amidst the rubbish of it may be a thousand years' accumulation—there is being raised a pile of lumber sufficient, one would almost imagine, to meet the wants of the whole County of Wellington. I don't know where it has come from. The mill does not appear to be in working order, and but few logs have as yet been taken to it. It wants fixing, and Mr. Robinson, who only lately came into possession, is the man to do it. At the other mills there is also a good stock of lumber on hand. The mills, with the exception of the first mentioned, are all new, with steam power sufficient to cut from seven to ten thousand feet of lumber a day, and will, notwithstanding the fears entertained by many that the saws were becoming too numerous in the locality, have more to do than in any previous season, when their number was less and their capacity not so great. If the result should be a reduction in the prices, so much the better. The demand for lumber is all the time becoming greater. The miller will sell more, obtain the cash more readily, and the buyer will be able to build at a cheaper rate. Many of the logs mentioned have been taken into the mills by farmers to be cut on shares—a circumstance which would seem to indicate that our frame barns and dwelling-houses are about to take the place of the primitive structures now in use. That the new ones can be made more attractive, more commodious, and more comfortable, there can be no doubt, although a good log dwelling-house is not despised, and to one long accustomed to bush life there is something regretful in the fact that they will soon disappear—but that cannot be avoided. Old things, whether for better or for worse, are continually passing, and must continue to pass away.

## Goderich Correspondence.

From our Correspondent.

The inventor of the salt evaporator, Samuel Platt, is now beginning to realize some benefit from his invention.—Within the last two weeks he has sold two royalties—one to the Goderich, or Old Salt Company, and the other to an American Company, who will commence work as well as soon as a suitable place for operation can be found. It is expected that they will purchase from Sheriff Macdonald as much better terms can be got from him than from the Canada Company. Mr. Platt receives from the Old Salt Company, for a term of five years, fifteen per cent of the profits for the use of his patent evaporator. The Co. are now busy taking out the old kettles to make room for the evaporator. It is said that the American Company has paid him (Platt) a handsome pile in gold for the use of the evaporator for the same term of years; but how much the pile is your correspondent has not been able to learn. In a short time two wells will be bored for the collection of the evaporator. Trade in the salt line is beginning to look brighter. If the salt kings could only get a protective duty, they think all would be well, and certainly they would feel so; but it would be a great mistake were our Government to pass an act by which some eight or nine companies, representing a capital of about \$100,000 in all, were to grow fat at the expense of the whole Dominion. It is a good omen that the days of local or individual legislation are gone by, from the fact that outside of Goderich the salt protective duty meets no advocate.

I am sorry to say that the Rev. Robert Lee, of this place, who, along with the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, of London, has so ably filled the vacant professor's chair in Knox's College, Toronto, during the last two sessions, has been obliged from failing health to leave the College. He arrived home on the 24th ult., and it is feared that he will be unable to resume his duties during the present session.—His complaint is disease of the throat.

Since Monday last there has been one continuous storm, excepting a few hours on Friday; but the lull was only a brief breathing spell for old Boreas; for about eight o'clock it commenced to blow from the north-west, and continued till Saturday evening. It was one of the most savage storms ever seen in Goderich.—Roads were completely blocked up, our markets empty, and the stores and taverns doing very little business. Yesterday (Sunday) was a most lovely day. The lake is now covered with ice as far as the eye can see, and our fishermen are now beginning to lay in their stock of ice for summer use. A few herrings were caught last Tuesday—the first and only ones caught this season in Goderich. If the weather keeps frosty we will soon have plenty of fresh fish.

Goderich, March 1, 1869. D.D.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY IN ERIN.

The anniversary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Erin Village, will be held on Sunday, the 14th inst., when the Rev. Lachlan Taylor, D.D., will preach in the morning, and in the evening another talented minister. A tea meeting will be held on the following evening, when Dr. Taylor will deliver the following lecture:—"Footsteps of the Apostles on the shores of the Levant and Asia Minor; a glimpse at Athens and Rome with St. Peter's Cathedral illuminated on the eve of St. Peter's day." A church will also be present. The anniversary of the Sabbath School connected with the above church will be held on Thursday evening, 16th inst., when the children will take part in dialogues, singing, etc. Tea to be served at 6 o'clock on both evenings.