

The last semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Company lately held in London, seems to have been rather a noisy one. A few of the shareholders manifested considerable dissatisfaction with the management in Canada, and as a matter of course the Managing Director or his agent came in for a share of their gratuitous and unwarranted abuse. Notwithstanding this, however, Mr. Brydges was re-elected. Mr. Brydges may have his faults, for who has not? but it cannot be alleged of him that he has ever neglected the interests of the company. On the contrary he has been steadily abused by certain leading journals in this country, for the zeal and anxiety which he has manifested in behalf of the company, although in England, strange to say, he is blamed by some of the shareholders for conduct exactly the reverse of this! It is a very easy matter to find fault; and those who at the meeting in question were most glibly in this respect certainly displayed a great deal of ignorance, both as regards the management of the road, as well as of the popular sentiment in this country. Some of them talked glibly about making another demand upon the Government for assistance; but if they are wise they will never commit such an egregious blunder.

There is no question that the G. T. R. was never so well managed as it is at present, and if Mr. Brydges could only have prevented the depreciation of American Currency, the failure of the commercial Bank, the bad harvests and other similar calamities which have strongly militated against the Company, and been able to declare a dividend, he would doubtless in the estimation of these very shareholders have been lauded to the skies for his superior management. But as he could not accomplish impossibilities they grumble and are dissatisfied. Notwithstanding, however, that Mr. Brydges was unjustly blamed by some of those present at the meeting in question yet he has the satisfaction of knowing that his management was ably defended by those best able to judge of its merits. As an independent journalist we have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Brydges is without exception the best manager that has ever held that position. He assumed its duties when the road was in a thoroughly dilapidated state, and although it is not yet all he could wish, still it must be admitted that it has every year very materially improved. It is gratifying to notice that the report, read at the meeting referred to, declared that during the last half year 105 miles of railway have been laid with new iron; that 382,234 new sleepers have been put in and that the large sum of \$46,984 has been spent for ballasting. Altogether the enormous sum of \$772,000 has been spent in repairing and improving the road in a single half year! It will be seen at a glance by these figures that Mr. Brydges has done all in his power to get the road in the most efficient order possible, both with the view of securing the confidence of the travelling public, and of being in a position to do a large freight business in the fall.

If it is asked why we so warmly support the G. T. R., our reply is, because we consider it is the duty of the press to support the road under its present management whenever it can honestly do so, for the worth of this Railway to Canada is inestimable. During the past, the credit of the company has been not a little damaged by the manner in which public journals, for one reason or another assailed it. Now when circumstances warrant their saying a good word in its favor it is surely both just and generous that they should not withhold their meed of praise when it can be fairly given.—*Berlin Telegraph.*

TO PREVENT ANIMALS JUMPING FENCES.—Various devices have been resorted to, in order to prevent such trespasses, and especially in regard to sheep, but none have succeeded, or only in a limited degree. Now, we have a new one, and if it is not cruel or painful, or will not greatly discommode the animal operated upon, and is a remedy, we can see no objection to employ it. It is to "clip off the eyelashes of the under lids, with a pair of scissors and the ability or disposition to jump is effectually destroyed as Sampson's was by the loss of his locks. The animal will not attempt a fence again until the eyelashes are grown." This fact has been promulgated by that distinguished breeder of cattle, Mr. Samuel Thorne, of Dutchess county, N. Y., who states that he tested it upon a very brachy pair of oxen with entire success. He considers a knowledge of the fact of great value to himself and hopes it will prove so to others.

The sum expended in the actual relief of the famine in Flanders and Wales during the year 1867 was £6,950,840, being at the rate of 6s. 6 1/2d. per head on the estimated population.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
May 27, 1868.

The market during the past week affords but little ground for comment. The deliveries are very fair. There is no change whatever in fall wheat, peas or oats. Spring wheat has advanced a little, and the quotations are 2c higher to-day than they were a week ago. There is but little barley offered, and the demand seems to be not the most active. Wool is beginning to come in, and a good quality commands 24c per lb. in bills, or 25 in silver. We have not heard of any going higher.

Flour, @ 100 lbs.	3 57 1/2	@	8 4 00
Fall Wheat, @ bush	1 17 1/2	@	1 75
Spring Wheat @ bush	1 46	@	1 52
Oats @ bush	0 55	@	0 56
Peas do	0 60	@	0 65
Barley do	0 90	@	1 00
Hay @ ton	10 08	@	13 00
Straw	4 00	@	5 00
Shingles, @ square	1 00	@	1 50
Wood, @ cord	3 00	@	3 50
Wool, @ dozen	0 22	@	0 24
Eggs, @ dozen	0 10	@	0 10
Butter, @ lb.	0 13	@	0 14
Geese, each	0 25	@	0 30
Turkeys, each	0 50	@	0 50
Chickens, @ pair	0 20	@	0 25
Ducks, do	0 20	@	0 25
Potatoes	0 75	@	0 80
Apples, @ barrel	2 00	@	2 00
Lamb, @ lb.	0 06	@	0 07
Beef, @ lb.	7 00	@	8 00
Pork, @ 100 lbs.	5 00	@	5 50
Sheep Pelts, each	0 50	@	0 75
Lambskins	0 40	@	0 45
Hides	0 60	@	0 60

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by Special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury." May 27, 1868.
Flour—Fancy, \$7 25 to \$7 45; Superfine No. 1, \$6 90 to \$7 00; Welland Canal, \$6 90. Bag Flour, \$3 40 to \$3 50. Oats 46c to 47c. Barley \$1 10 to \$1 15. Butter—tallow 15c to 16c; store packed 12c to 13c. Ashes—Do 45 to \$4 50. Peas \$3 70 to \$5 75.
Flour market dull and lower sales. Grain—wheat unsaleable; Peas unchanged; Provision quiet at unchanged rates. Ashes—pots, temporary demand; peas unsaleable.

HAMILTON, May 26, 1868.

Fall wheat, \$1 55 @ \$1 65, spring do—\$1 50 @ \$1 62 per bushel. Barley—\$1 25 @ \$1 40. Oats—\$0 55c. Peas—60c to 62c. Pork—\$6 00 @ \$6 50.

TORONTO, May 26, 1868.

Receipts, 800 hls.; No. 1, at \$7 10. Fall Wheat—\$1 80. Spring Wheat—\$1 50. Oats—\$0 55c. Barley—\$1 00 @ \$1 20.

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT

OF
**DRESS SHIRTS,
TIES, COLLARS,
CUFFS and BRACES**

AT
THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL
A. THOMSON & CO.
Guelph, 9th May 1868

For Cricket Bats!
BALLS, &c.,
Cuthbert's
IS THE PLACE.

FOR CROQUET SETS!
Go to
R. CUTHBERT'S.
Guelph, 15th May, 1868.

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
JAMES CORMACK,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of
CLOTHS AND CLOTHING
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,
EVER OFFERED IN GUELPH.
Large Display of Hats & Caps
English, French and American Styles.
And the Newest received Monthly.
JAMES CORMACK,
Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.,
IMPORTERS OF
BRITISH AND FOREIGN
DRY GOODS,
AND
Manufacturers & Dealers in Canada Fabrics
32 Yonge Street, TORONTO.
102 Cross-St., Albert Square, MANCHESTER.
Alexandra Building, James-St, LIVERPOOL.
Toronto, May 2, 1868.

BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO
IMPORTERS OF
BRITISH AND FOREIGN
DRY GOODS,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Canadian TWEEDS, Flannels, Blankets,
AGENTS FOR
DUNDAS COTTON MILLS.
Toronto 26th March, 1868.

GALLERY OF ART, SPAFFORD'S
NEW UNDERPENNED
"BARCLAY" SHUTTLE
Sewing Machine.
Looking Glass and Picture Frame
MANUFACTURER,
79 King-st. West,
TORONTO.
The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.
Toronto 1st April 1868.

SALE OF TWO FARMS IN PUSLINCHE.
FOR Sale by PRIVATE BARGAIN two farms in Puslinch. They consist of the front and rear halves of Lot No. 25, in the 7th concession. There are 100 acres in the front half and 86 acres in the rear half. Both farms are in a good state of cultivation and well fenced. There is a good Dwelling House and banked frame barn on the rear half, and fair buildings and a first-rate orchard in the front half. Terms reasonable and may be learned on application to the subscriber, if by letter post paid.
GEO. FRASER,
Salem P. O., Co. Wellington,
March 6th, 1868.

GUELPH, ONT.

THE BAR
will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.
LUNCHEON!
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.
OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittly.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868.

CHEAP
Photographs
W. BURGESS
BEGS to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that having received a large lot of FRAMES suitable for
Christmas Presents,
he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly
REDUCED PRICES.
Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once.
PICTURES
of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art.
Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store.
W. BURGESS.
Guelph 18th December, 1867.

R. GALBRAITH
TAILOR,
ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,
In rear of the English Church,
BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanerret, Watchmaker, where
Parties Furnishing their Own Goods
Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.
Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Despatch.
Guelph, April 8, 1868.

NEW
Oyster Rooms
VALENTINE WALD
BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET. The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.
The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.
TON and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.
Guelph, 27th December, 1867.

REMOVAL.
STEPHEN BOULT,
Architect and Builder,
Has Removed his Workshop and Planning Factory to QUEBEC STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church), a short distance east of Wyndham Street.
Plans, Specifications & Estimates,
Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.
STEPHEN BOULT having succeeded to the old established business of Messrs. McCreary, Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber on hand. Prompt attention given to all orders.
Planing Done to Order,
AND ALL KINDS OF
Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds and Machine Joiners' Work,
Executed with dispatch and kept always on hand. Cash paid for all kinds of Lumber at the yard.
Guelph, March 19th, 1868.

NEW
BLACKSMITH SHOP
THE subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has leased and fitted up the Blacksmith Shop, being that old and well-known stand on Cardigan Street, near Goldie's, formerly known as the People's Mill, where he intends to carry on the Blacksmith business in all its branches.
HORSE SHOING.—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoeing. As the subscriber intends to keep none but a first-class horse-shoer, the public can rely on getting all work in this line done in a satisfactory manner.
IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—The subscriber begs to intimate to farmers that he is now manufacturing, and has for sale first-class Steel Mould Board Ploughs, (Gray's pattern). Ploughs of other patterns made to order. Wagons and all kinds of Farm Implements made to order and repaired on the most reasonable terms.
WOOD WORK.—A first-class wood worker kept in connection with the shop.
The subscriber having had long experience in the above business, hopes by strict attention to the wants of his customers to merit a share of public patronage.
Don't forget the Stand, near Goldie's Mill.
CALER CHASE.
Guelph, 24th April, 1868.

CLEAR OUT DAUBERS.
SHOW ME THE JOB.
DOUGLAS GOUCK,
House, Sign and Decorative Painter,
And Paper Hanger,
At the Old Established Stand,
No. 1, Douglas-St.,
Sign of the man on the Roof.
Guelph, 12th May.

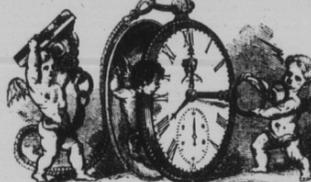
Notice to Builders.
ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered.
WILLIAM CHIPCHASE.
Guelph, April 24, 1868.

BEDDING PLANTS!

C. & A. SHARPE
HAVE for sale a large number of the following assortment of
BEDDING PLANTS!
VERBENAS, LANTANAS, PETUNIAS, HELIOTROPES, GERANIUMS, Etc., Etc.
VEGETABLE PLANTS.
CABBAGE PLANTS, in best Varieties, CAULIFLOWER, in best Varieties, KEYS' TOMATO, 30 days earlier than any other Variety extant, CUCUMBER and MELON.
Also, a choice assortment of **FLOWERSEEDS** of last year's growth, selected by ourselves from the most reliable Seed-growing Establishments in Europe.
For further particulars apply at the Store, Market Square, for Catalogues.
Guelph, April 28, 1868.

ALE AND CIDER!
JUST RECEIVED
AT H. WALKER'S,
100 Doz. Magnificent Sparkling
CANADIAN ALE
in Prime Order, at \$1.50 per dozen. Also,
Penner's Champagne Cider,
in Pints and Quarts at \$2.00 and \$3.00 per dozen.
HUGH WALKER,
Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph.
Guelph, April 28, 1868.

Commercial Union Assurance Company,
CHIEF OFFICES—10 AND 20, CORN HILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.
CAPITAL £2,500,000.
Fire Department.
THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and invested Funds.
PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.
Life Department.
Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks.
Eighty per cent. of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders.
Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.
By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.
MORLAND, WATSON & Co., General Agents for Canada.
Office—385 and 387 St. Paul St., Montreal.
FREDERICK COLE, Secretary, Inspector of Agencies—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P. L. S., Upper Canada.
TROTTER & GRAHAM, Agents for Guelph.
Guelph April 1st 1868.

Where do you get your Watches, CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?

AT SAVAGE'S.
Guelph, February 6, 1868.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.
FIRST IMPORTATIONS
OF
NEW SPRING GOODS!
WILL BE OPENED
ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.
The subscribers are now paying the third-half yearly dividend.
W. MACKLIN & CO.
Guelph April 7, 1868.

BRITANNIA HOUSE
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
ANOTHER CHEAP LOT OF GREY AND WHITE COTTONS!
500 PIECES NEW
Canadian Tweeds, very Cheap
JUST ARRIVED AT
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Guelph, 28th April, 1868.