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Guelph Evening Mercury
MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7.

NORAH CUSHALEEN OR THE HAUNTED CASTLE.

Lady Blantire sank into a deep thought, and in this state of mental abstraction, she remained for several hours, during which time the troubled expression of her stern, unbending countenance did not change. Evidently her long and deep meditation produced nothing, at least nothing satisfactory; though her face did once or twice show a faint gleam of satisfaction, as if she had obtained a glimpse of the solution of the problem yet it presently elapsed into perplexity, and the gloom remained on her knitted brow.

It is often the case that what a long and laborious search fails to reach comes like a flash upon the mind. It was so now. After having vainly spent several of the hours of early morning in meditation, Lady Blantire rose from her seat, without a likely plan having occurred to her, and, advancing to the window, gazed dreamily out upon the park, now smiling in bright summer sunshine.

All at once she gave a start, for an idea leapt into her mind which she knew in a moment contained a successful solution of the problem that baffled her. How it came, or by what law of association, she could not conjecture, but there it was, and its value she instantly recognized. A few brief moments only served to show her the plan in its details, and a smile of triumph and satisfaction once more animated her hard features.

This was the notable scheme, the influence and nature of which we detailed in last chapter. Probably Mary Kendal was right when she characterized it as the device of a fiend.

Throwing a large Indian shawl over her shoulders, Lady Blantire sought her son's sleeping apartment. He lay in his bed, but partially undressed, and was in a calm and deep slumber. She stood for some moments steadfastly regarding him.

'And he can sleep thus,' she murmured in a reproachful tone, 'though the events of the night have been so disastrous. Alas! were I as careless of the honour of the house of Blantire, ruin and disgrace would soon overtake it. Yet, let youth and strength husband themselves for action, I, old as I am, can plan and work too.'

When Malvira opened his eyes they fell on the tall form of his mother, as she stood erect and motionless by the side of his couch. He looked for a moment bewildered, but presently his mind reverted to the situation of affairs.

'Ha, mother!' he exclaimed 'have you devised another scheme?'

'I have,' she sternly rejoined; 'but what signifies a scheme when its execution is so miserably marred?'

'Oh! hang it, don't harp longer on that strain. If I failed once, I shan't do so again. Tell me what your plan is, and, if practicable as all I swear that I will accomplish it.'

'It is so easy, so practicable,' returned her ladyship, 'that I will not admit you again to my presence till it is accomplished. At the same time it is the last that can be carried out, and if by any unaccountable blundering it fail, you may never see my face again.'

'Bless me! are you serious?' asked Malvira.

'Quite serious,' replied his mother, with stern severity. 'But do not alarm yourself, for, except from wilful mismanagement, it is not possible that the scheme should fail. One thing let me ask: Is Captain Jack to be implicitly relied on?'

'To the death!' answered Malvira.

'You are certain that the youth now in his charge cannot by any possibility escape?'

'I am as certain of that as I am of my own existence.'

'Good. Then all is secure. Now, listen. Let a letter be concocted, purporting to be written from Captain Jack to Squire Kendal, informing him of the capture of Hargreave, and declaring that unless a ransom of two hundred pounds be sent within one month, the young man will, by the laws of their association, be put to death. Let this epistle be shown by the squire to Mary, and let her be told the hour she marries you the ransom will be sent. If she refuses to do so to the altar, let her know that her obstinacy will cause Hargreave's death. If I know anything of the romantic girl, I am convinced that she will sacrifice herself, as she no doubt calls it, for the young man's sake.'

'Faith, mother I haven't the least doubt of it,' cried Malvira starting up. 'The scheme is a brilliant one. It will be successful—I know it will.'

A quiet smile played for an instant round the compressed lips of Lady Blantire.

'And the best of it is,' added Malvira, 'that Mary will go voluntarily and openly to the altar, and we shall have a marriage worthy of the families who form the alliance. The spirit of Norah will not appear on the occasion, for it will take place in a regular consecrated chapel.'

As Lady Blantire listened to these words, the quiet smile vanished from her face, and the impression of a dark and stern resolution succeeded it. She majestically waved her hand, and glided from the room.

Next day Lady Blantire was not to be seen in the Castle. Malvira went to her chamber, and saw that it had not been tenanted, or the night.

'She has carried out her purpose,' he muttered. 'She means not to be seen till I have led Mary Kendal to the altar. Be it so. I will not seek to invade her retirement, and doubtless she will re-appear, and be ready to welcome my bride when I bring her home.'

TO BE CONTINUED.

MOLASSES!
Standard Syrup,
Golden Syrup,
Amber or Honey do.
For sale at Lowest Prices

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. dtf

H. HOGG'S
FLOUR AND FEED STORE
Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!
Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw-tf

FARM FOR SALE.
FOR sale, that well-known farm adjoining Mr. Gideon Wood's, about one mile from the Great Western Station, Guelph. Terms made known by applying to the subscriber.

If not sold by the 10th inst., this farm will be taken out of the market.

JAMES MAYS.
Guelph, 3rd October, 1867. dtw

STRAYED STEER.
STRAYED from the York Road, on the night of the last Guelph Fair, a Red Steer, with white spot on forehead, three years old, and marked with a small H on the right hip bone. Any person giving such information to the undersigned as will lead to the recovery of the animal will be suitably rewarded, by applying to the undersigned at Lindsay's Hotel, Guelph.

GEO. PATTERSON.
Guelph, Sept. 29. 3 daw

INDIA & CHINA TEA CO.'V.
Home Depot at London and Liverpool,
Canada Depot, 23 Hospital Street,
Montreal.

THE India and China Tea Company beg to call the attention of the Canadian community to their directly imported Teas, which for purity and excellence will be found unequalled.

The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce of some of the best plantations in Assam and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by a judicious blending of these magnificent Teas with the best varieties of China produce, they are enabled to offer to the public Teas of quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the general consumer. These Teas are in high favour in England and France, and a single trial will prove their superiority.

The Company supply two qualities only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great briskness and flavour, combined with colour and strength, and to be entirely different to the flat and vapid article usually sold as Black Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether free from the deleterious mineral matter so commonly used for coloring the leaf.

PRICES: Rich, full-flavoured Tea, for family use a real genuine and fine article 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.

The above can be had either Black, Green or Mixed.

To be had in packets of Quarter Pound Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 5 lbs. and upwards from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada—N. B. All the packages are lined with tin foil paper, and the Tea will consequently retain its flavour any length of time.

Orders—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM
Agent, Guelph.
Guelph, August 3, 1867. daw-ly

GUELPH WOOD YARD.
THE undersigned is now prepared to deliver to any part of the County of Wellington and Maple Cordwood at \$4 per cord, or \$2 for a half cord. Also for sale a quantity of good, sound Rock Elm at \$3 per cord. He will constantly keep on hand good Cedar for kindling wood, at \$3 per cord, or \$1.50 for half cord. I guarantee that a full cord in each case will be delivered.

Orders left at No. 4 Butcher's Stall, Market House, or at the Yard opposite Deady's Hotel, will be promptly attended to. Terms strictly cash.

JOHN WEST.
TO THE PUBLIC.
THE Undersigned having bought out No. 4 Stall, lately occupied by Mr. R. Cochrane, is prepared to sell meat of the very best quality at the lowest possible prices for cash.

JOHN WEST.
HAY IN TRUSSES
Constantly on hand. Also fine Straw for beds.

TERMS, CASH.
Guelph, July 22. daw-tf

LOT FOR SALE
IN FLAMBORO'.
FOR SALE, the north-west half of lot No. 11, in the 8th concession of East Flamboro, being near the Village of Carlisle. It contains 100 acres, 30 of which are cleared and under cultivation, the remainder is covered with first-class pine and hardwood, about a third part being high. It lies close to 2 saw mills, and it is in every respect a most eligible and valuable lot. There is a Log House and Log Barn on the lot. It is 12 miles from Hamilton and about 14 miles from Guelph.

TERMS.—Low, and will be made known, as well as all particulars, on applying to the subscriber. (If by mail, post-paid) to
NEIL McPHADREN,
Nassagaweya P. O.
Nassagaweya, 1 Sept. 726-wit
Hamilton We by Times copy six times.

Store for Sale
In the Village of Stirton.

A GOOD STORE for general business, with commodious Dwelling attached, and water-closets, as ordered by the Board of Health in Toronto; also a certain preventative of the Turnip Fly.

I am also agent for McDougall's non-poisonous Sheep and Lamb dipping composition.

All orders punctually attended to, and medicines sent to any part of the country.

Horses examined as to soundness.
Registry office kept for servants.
Guelph, 27th Dec. 1866.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS
OF STAPLE AND FANCY
DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.
GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his
FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured.
REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS,
MANTLE CLOTHS,
Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.
GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph, September 21, 1867. dtf

IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE!
MONTREAL

BOOT AND SHOE STORE

JOHN McNEIL,
Who has been in the employment of Wm. McLaren for years,

WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has purchased the whole stock in trade of **WM. McLAREN**, consisting of **BOOTS and SHOES**, at

A GREAT
Reduction on Original Cost!

and is determined to give **A BENEFIT** to the old customers of this Institution, and all who may favor him with their patronage. **JOHN McNEIL** is determined to maintain the old laurels won by his predecessor, and also to add many new ones, by keeping only the best of Goods, and always selling at the **LOWEST PRICES.**

During the Next Thirty Days,
he will sell off all **Light Goods** at less than their original Cost-Prices. Low prices must be coupled with Ready Money. No man can sell at small profits unless he does a large business, and adhere strictly to the cash principle.

J. M. solicits an early call from those in want of good and cheap Boots and Shoes. A supply of

HOME MANUFACTURED GOODS!
always on hand. All kinds of Goods made to order. **REPAIRING** done with Neatness and Despatch.

ALL WORK WARRANTED!
Country Merchants are invited to call, examine our Stock, and hear our Prices.

JOHN McNEIL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario
Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. (dw)

CARD.

HAVING disposed of my **BUSINESS** to Mr. **JOHN McNEIL**, who has been for a long period in my employment, I have much pleasure in recommending him as worthy and highly qualified to maintain the reputation which I flatter myself has been accorded to the **Montreal Boot and Shoe Store** since it was opened. The best proof I could have of the good name of the Store is the more than liberal support extended to myself during the long years which the Montreal Boot and Shoe Store has been under my control. **MR. McNEIL** has been a long time in your midst, and has an extensive connection in this County, which, coupled with **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE** of his **BUSINESS**, and courteous manner, augurs well for his success, and I trust you will confer on him a share of your esteemed patronage.

WM. McLAREN.
Guelph, 2nd September, 1867.

NOVELTIES
NOVELTIES JUST RECEIVED IN

GOLD BROOCHES!
Gold Ear-rings,
Ladies' Gold Chains,
Gents' Gold Albert Chains,
Jet Ear-rings.

D. SAVAGE.
Guelph, 5th Aug. 1867. dw-ly

NEW FALL GOODS.

R. B. MORISON & CO.,
MORRISTON.

GREAT REDUCTION in PRICES

THE SHOW ROOM will be OPEN on the 23rd INST.
AND WILL BE UP TO THE TIMES.

CLOTHES made to order in the latest styles, and **READY-MADES** in great variety, Wholesale and Retail.

R. B. MORISON & CO.
Morrison, 18th Sept., 1867.

NEW GOODS



DIRECT from ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Just Received, a few Cases of New
MANTLE CLOTHS!

NEW SHAWLS,
NEW DRESS GOODS,
NEW SKIRTINGS,
NEW Winceys,
NEW MANTLE BUTTONS.

ALL ARE OFFERED AT
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!

Special attention is directed to our new Autumn and Winter **CLOAKINGS, &c.**
HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, 13th September, 1867. do-tf

REMOVAL. REMOVAL.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAS REMOVED HIS
BOOT AND SHOE STORE
TO DAY'S BLOCK!

(Opposite Hossman's Hardware Store.)
Where he will be most happy to see his old customers, and all others who may wish to try his celebrated Boots and Shoes. All orders promptly attended to.

THOMAS BROWN,
Guelph, 5th September, 1867. dw
Day's Block, Wyndham-st., Guelph

RUSSELL WATCH!

A FEW REASONS THAT MAKE IT SUPERIOR TO ALL COMERS.

- 1st—It proves itself a reliable time-keeper beyond all question.
- 2nd—The RUSSELL WATCH being made on correct and scientific principles, it must follow as a natural consequence that it will keep time.
- 3rd—Each part of which the RUSSELL WATCH is composed is a reflex of the perfect machine which, under skilful direction, it is produced.
- 4th—Truth is the essential of each part.
- 5th—Uniformity and conformity must therefore characterize the several parts in fulfilling the purpose for which they are made and brought together.
- 6th—Reproduction, as regards watch work, is simply an application of the principle that "things which are equal to the same things are equal to one another," and if there is any merit, the RUSSELL WATCH possesses that merit to a demonstration.
- 7th—The greatest variety of price, quality and size, that confidence and perfection will admit, afforded by the RUSSELL WATCH.
- 8th—The RUSSELL WATCH stands pre-eminently above all competitors for public favor and patronage.
- 9th—Proofs of the foregoing—the universal testimony of all Watchmakers who have sold, and the positive statements of the thousands in Europe, the United States and Canada, who have worn the RUSSELL WATCH.

TESTIMONIAL.
To Robert Cuthbert, Watchmaker, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

If Society was as perfect in its organization, and was as obedient to the dictates of truth as the **RUSSELL WATCH** I bought from you is in indicating time, evil would be swallowed up in good, and happiness would become monotonous.

IMPORTANT!
ROBERT CUTHBERT,
WATCHMAKER, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH,

has always on hand a large variety of the celebrated **RUSSELL WATCHES.** His stock of **Clocks, Jewellery and Fancy Goods** will be found equally large and attractive.
Guelph, 20th July, 1867. dw-tf

No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK.

Just Received, a large and Choice Stock of the Best
GROCERIES,
CROCKERY, and
GLASSWARE,

which we are offering Cheap.

TO HOTEL KEEPERS!
Hotel Keepers would do well to call and examine our **LIQUORS and CIGARS** before purchasing elsewhere.

E. CARROLL & CO.
Guelph, 5th August, 1867. dw

JAMES HAZELTON'S
Cabinet and Chair Establishment,



WAREHOUSES 210 Wellington St. The largest, cheapest and best stock of superior and
Furniture, Mattresses, Trusses, &c. now on hand ever before held by any
British North American. Furniture, Mattresses, &c. made to order.
Guelph, 1st August, 1867.