

Overflowings of Disaffection.
Mr Joseph Howe, in a speech delivered on board the City of Antwerp (one of the Inman line), at Halifax, on the 31st ult., made the following remarks:—"There is something more to congratulate ourselves upon this evening—think of the connection that this line is to give us with the Empire State of New York. (Cheers.) In winter it gives us an opportunity once a fortnight to spread our wings and fly off to the South, away from the frost-bitten shores of this cold Dominion of ours to the life and geniality of the great city of New York. It gives us an opportunity once a fortnight to go and visit the most splendid theatres and opera-houses, to hear Henry Ward Beecher preach, to see that magnificent Fifth Avenue, where the fashion and civilization and refinement of the continent are displayed, and to experience something of the most active commercial community in the world. With New York within two days of us, a man can take himself off from the torpid life of Halifax streets, visit Wall street, overflowing with enterprise and capital, and see a State containing a population equal to that of all British North America—a State not spread over half a continent, but compact with one flank on the ocean and the other on the lakes. This brings home to us Nova Scotians the conviction that we have got friends and neighbors pretty near at hand. In every view, I feel there cannot be a doubt that the success of the line will be of great value to the Provinces and to the two nations who are so deeply interested in each other's prosperity. (Cheers.) As has been truly said, the happiness of England and America must largely depend on their being united in the bonds of peace, commercial enterprise, and mutual friendship." The above is ample proof that even a smart man can make a fool of himself sometimes to produce an effect.

The Upward Shoot of Gold.
We copy the following from the N. Y. Times:—"The extraordinary upward movement in gold since the beginning of the year, in fact of the immense gold disbursements of the Treasury during the last fortnight, has surprised financial men and speculators as well as the general public. At the close of the year, gold stood at 133 to 134, to which point it had fallen on the impeachment and other revolutionary schemes. But, simultaneously with the meeting of Congress last week it began to rush upward, and has continued to advance till it reached 141. Such an inopportune rise—such a rise of eight per cent in about as many days—is not to be accounted for merely by the machinations of speculators. During all this time, too, the Treasury has been engaged in disbursing as rapidly as possible the "thirty-one million dollars" (gold) due in January for interests, etc.—a sum which, it was supposed, would surely depress the price, or at least prevent the possibility of its rising.
We suppose that no one who takes the trouble will have any difficulty in finding out the cause of this sudden rise in gold (or depression of the public credit) is due to a fear of the action of Congress, financial and political, and to reports that have reached here of propositions for inflation and financial distraction, as well as of schemes for violent political disturbance. Recent movements in Washington have given enough colour to these rumors to make them felt more widely than ordinary street rumors.—People are ready to believe almost anything of a Congress which can entertain such measures as have already been introduced. We wish that some idea could be had of the end of things—if for no other purpose than the settlement of the great financial interests of the nation, now afloat.

OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTEERS.—Confirmatory of an intimation already made in our columns, Colonel Brunel, of the 10th Royals, Toronto, in addressing his battalion last evening, made the remark that he was not an alarmist, but he wished to be distinctly understood that from the information he had received, and from all other indications it was very probable the Royals would be in the field before the spring was over. He urged the necessity of each man becoming as perfect as possible in his drill, but above all, to become a good marksman.
PRESENTATIONS.—At the annual service of Knox's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday night, Dr. Irvine was presented with a complimentary address and a purse of \$400; and Mr. Alexander McGibbon, a very active member of the church, with an address and a very handsome clock, valued at \$400. The organ question dispute seems to be cooling down in this church.

tion Times, writing on Wednesday last gives the following particulars of a passage at arms which took place between two members of the Assembly:—Before the close of the discussion in the House last night, on the motion of Mr Blake, for the production of all letters and circulars addressed to persons in Algoma by any member of the Government in reference to the Parliamentary elections in that district, an unusual degree of excitement was aroused by a passage at arms between Mr Blake and the irrepressible Tom Ferguson. Mr Blake made some severe strictures on the conduct of the late Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr Campbell, in addressing a certain circular to gentlemen in Algoma, which partook of the character of promises, threats, indirect bribery, and intimidation, the object of the circulars being to influence unduly the results of the election in that district. The heroic "Tom" replied, declaring the conduct of Mr Campbell reprehensible and at the same time pronouncing the conduct of Mr Blake unworthy in assailing a gentleman in his absence, and who could not appear to defend himself in the House. Mr Blake replied to this charge of unmanliness in the most withering sarcasm, alluding to the heroism displayed by the immortal Ferguson during the Fenian raid on the borders, in 1866. He pronounced the hero of that war to be a capital judge of what was "manly," and craved his mercy, quoting from the old ballad descriptive of the battle between Earl Percy and the Earl Douglas, with the happiest effect. "Tom" was so enraged at the scathing he had received that he rose and, in coarse language, declared that he had read in history that the ancestors of Mr Blake were not permitted to fight upon their "stumps," but that, in 1798, they met their death dangling from the end of a rope. This added to the intensity of the excitement, which a very sharp debate had kindled. Mr Blake flatly denied the assertion of the imaginative hero. Mr McKellar demanded that he should make an apology for the use of this coarse language, or be taken in custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms. But as the words had not been taken down, this could not be done, and the matter was passed with some comments from other members in relation to the impropriety of the language used.

The Western Assurance Company of Canada.
On Friday we inserted a notice from the London Monetary Times, of the failure of the Western Assurance Company of England. As this institution is frequently confounded with the "Western" of Canada we have much pleasure in copying the following from the Leader, which will show the latter Company to be in a healthy condition:
"Our readers have doubtless observed that the Western Assurance Company of England has closed business in Canada, and further, is in course of liquidation. We call attention to the fact in order to guard the public against any misrepresentation in confounding this Company with the Western Assurance Company of Canada. The latter, we would remind business men, was established in 1851, with its head office at Toronto, and is ably conducted under the control and management of an efficient Board of Directors, all thorough practical business men and residents of this city. The Hon. J. McMurrich is President, and Mr. Charles McGrath Vice President. We have good reason to know that this Company is in a sound and prosperous condition, doing a large business, carefully managed, and its dealings with customers marked with promptitude, and with a spirit of liberality that will compare favourably with any other office in the country. We notice from an advertisement elsewhere that the premium receipts of the Western for 1867 amounted to \$171,000 56, and on referring to the blue book for 1866 we find from the returns of government no Company, either Foreign or Canadian, showing the same amount of premium receipts. This in itself, speaks the confidence of the public, and we are at liberty to use the following quotation from the Directors report as to the losses standing over unpaid at the close of their fiscal year ending 30th November last:—"These figures include an appropriation in the Fire Branch of \$1,550, and in Marine \$6,004 99—together \$7,554 99; the estimate to cover losses reported and waiting proof in closing the accounts at 30th ult. The unadjusted claims in Marine appear unusually large, but are accounted for by the fact that the losses which this sum represents occurred shortly before the close of navigation, and necessarily had to wait the average adjustments of loss with this and any other companies interested."
We also learn that two half yearly dividends of 4 per cent were paid to the shareholders of the Company, carrying forward a very satisfactory balance to the reserve funds.
As a Canadian institution we wish the Western a long and prosperous career, and consider it as well deserving the patronage and confidence of the public at large."

THE LAW OF EVIDENCE.—Sir Henry Smith, in his Bill changing the law of evidence, allows the parties in suit to be examined. This law has been found to work well at home, where it has been the law for some years. The objection is that it allows a plaintiff to swear in his own claim. This looks ill, but does not work ill, for both judges and juries can readily detect a falsehood when spoken, and the counteracting testimony of the defendant will allow the whole truth to be brought out.
Application will be made to Parliament, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate an Agricultural Bank, to be established in the city of Hamilton, Ontario.
A lady traveller states that all poor people's children in China which die in infancy are wrapped up in straw and deposited in towers to avoid the expense of coffins and funeral ceremonies. When the mass of straw bundles almost reaches the top of the tower it is emptied, the contents are burned, and the ashes spread as manure over the fields.

AMERICAN LABOUR MARKET.—The New York World again refers to the depressed condition of the American labour market. It says:—"We recently showed that there were not less than 50,000 persons now out of employment in this city, and it will be seen by a report which we print elsewhere that at least 10,000 men are out of work, with no immediate prospect of anything to do, in Brooklyn. Several hundred of those men have been employed on Prospect Park and in the Navy Yard. Reports from the Navy Yards at Philadelphia, Portsmouth and Kittery show that a large number of men have been recently discharged, and there has been a general reduction of the forces employed on all public works."

Mr. Robert McPhail, book-seller, was proceeding home from his place of business on King street, and had reached the corner of Cruickshank street, on Jarvis street, when a man suddenly seized him and threw him on the sidewalk, with his face upwards. The attack was so unexpected that Mr. McPhail was quite unaware of the garrotter's presence in the locality, until thus forcibly made aware of the fact. He made vigorous use of a stick in his possession, but the arrival of a second villain on the scene rendered him powerless for a time, and some of his pockets were rifled of a number of photographs, and a passage ticket by the steamship Moravian. Before the robbers had reached a pocket which contained a sum of four or five hundred dollars, Mr. McPhail had so far recovered himself as to be able to use his stick so effectively as to cause them to desert. He was allowed to pursue the remainder of his way home unmolested, and knows nothing of the men who attacked him.

MARRIAGES.
SWACKHAMMER—RYDER.—On the 7th inst., by the Rev. J. Unsworth, Mr. Danford Swackhammer and Miss Mary Jane Ryder, both of Esquimaux.
WILLIAMSON—WILSON.—By the Rev. Thomas Wilson, on the 20th of December, Mr. David Williamson to Miss Elizabeth Wilds, both of the Acton.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Social Concert
A SOCIAL CONCERT will be held in the School House of Section No. 4, Guelph Township, On Friday, the 24th Instant for the purpose of raising funds for increasing the Public School Library.

Readings, Recitations!
and SINGING, by gentlemen from the town and vicinity will fill up the evening's entertainment. Intermission will be taken during which refreshments will be served. An evening of rare pleasure and entertainment is anticipated.
Tickets 25 cents.
Guelph, 19th January, 1868. dw

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No. 1 Oyster can be had at HUGH WALKER'S Fruit and Oyster Depot by the Pint, Quart, Gallon, Tub, or by the

HUNDRED PERSONS
James River, Hampton Roads, Lynhaven and Baltimore Oysters constantly on hand.
KILLED
By frost or starvation before they are opened.—My arrangements are such that the Oysters receive are taken from the beds, opened, packed and shipped to me the same day. I can assure those who purchase from me, that they need have no fear of

EATING OYSTERS IN GUELPH.
Oysters that, from causes well known to the trade, often become stale, and, in fact, totally unfit to eat.
That are OYSTERS! Call and see them before purchasing elsewhere.
Solid Meat Oysters by the keg, can, or measure. Also, Finnan Haddies and salt Fish of every description, wholesale and retail.
HUGH WALKER.
Wyndham Street, Guelph, nearly opposite the English Church. dw
Guelph, 18th January, 1868.

BRICK FOR SALE.
200,000 WHITE BRICK FOR SALE AT Morrison.
JAMES MORISON.
Guelph, 17th Jan, 1867. dw2

New Congregational Church, GUELPH.
OPENING SERVICES!
THE Opening Services in connection with the above Church will (D. V.) be continued
On Sabbath next, 19th Inst., when it is expected
REV. J. JENNINGS, D. D., of Toronto, will preach in the morning and afternoon, and
REV. J. WOOD, of Bradford, in the evening. Services to commence at 11 a. m., 10 a. m., and 6.30 p. m. Collections will be taken up at each service on behalf of the Building Fund.

Tea Meeting
A Tea Meeting will be held in the Lecture Room of the New Church,
On Monday Ev'g, 20th Inst., at which addresses may be expected from Revs. Dr. Jennings and J. Wood; J. Boyd, Esq., M.P.E. for Toronto; J. Ross, Q. C., and Geo. Hague, Esq. of Toronto; also, from some of the local ministers. THE CHOR will sing some choice pieces, accompanied by the new and powerful Organ.
Tickets of admission 25 cents each, to be had at the stores of A. Thomson & Co., J. McNeil, or at the door.
Tea will be served at half-past six p. m.
Guelph, 17th January, 1868.

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 21, 1867. (dw) D. MOLTON
Four Corners' Hotel,
BRANSONA ROAD.
JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class liquors and cigars. Good stone stabling and attentive hostler.

ESTRAY COW.
STRAYED on the premises of the subscriber on New Year's Day, a small spotted cow about 5 years old. The owner is required to prove property, pay expenses and take her away.
W. SPENCER, Elora Road.
Guelph, 17th Jan, 1868. dw3

MONEY FOUND.
FOUND on the floor of Messrs James Massey & Co's Store, yesterday, a sum of money.—The owner can have it by proving property and paying expenses.
Guelph, 15th Jan, 1868. ds

CARD OF THANKS.
WE beg to tender our thanks to the Directors of the Lancashire and Gore Mutual Insurance Companies for the prompt settlement of our claim for the loss by fire at the Alma Block, and also for the honorable and courteous manner of the Inspectors while examining our statement and books.
JAMES MASSIE & CO.
Guelph, 10th January, 1868. dw4

BOARDING.
GOOD BOARD and comfortable rooms on moderate terms. A few day boarders can be accommodated. Apply at Brick House, corner Quebec and Woolwich Streets, near the Grand Trunk Station.
Guelph, 13th January, 1868. dw4

JOSEPH HOBSON,
CIVIL ENGINEER, P. L. Surveyor and Architect, has opened an office in Guelph, at Messrs. Davidson and Chadwick's, Town Hall Buildings.
Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

PRIVATE TUITION.
THE undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either at his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day.
GEORGE GRAFFETTY.
Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. ind

Men Wanted.
WANTED, a few more
GOOD CHOPPERS
to cut wood by the Cord. Good wages can be made: from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day being paid weekly.
Constant Employment till next June.
Apply to **ALEX. NAIRN** Rockwood Station, Ont.
Rockwood Jan. 2nd 1868. 741-w-44

SPECIAL NOTICE!
DURING the year 1868 I have determined to sell Goods lower than ever, but my terms will be strictly CASH, and on no condition will Goods be charged.
T. J. DAY,
Bookseller, opposite the Market.
Guelph, 11th January, 1868. dw

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.
THE annual meeting of the Guelph Mechanics' Institute, for the election of Office-bearers, and other business, will be held
On Tuesday Evening, 21st Jan. in the Town Hall, at half-past seven o'clock.
E. NEWTON, Secretary.
Guelph, 15th January, 1868. w1

JUST ARRIVED
No. 2,
Day's Block, . . Guelph.
Finnan Haddies
Smoked Salmon
Smoked Tommy Mackerel, &c.
JUST ARRIVED.
E. CARROLL & CO.,
No. 2, Wyndham Street.
Guelph, 17th January, 1868. dw

ROCKWOOD
Commercial, Mathematical, and Classical
ACADEMY.
THE THIRTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION COMMENCES ON THE SIXTH JANUARY, 1868.
THIS long established and popular institution offers special advantages to old and young. Its rural situation affords a degree of freedom from temptation seldom attained without undue restraint, while the comprehensiveness of the curriculum meets the wants of all classes of advanced students, comprising a classical course for those preparing for the University or the professions.—A thorough English and Mathematical Course, especially adapted to the wants of first-class teachers and the general student. A complete Commercial Course, including not only those branches requisite to the mere accountant, but also others indispensable to the intelligent and business man.
Regular instructions in Plain and Ornamental Penmanship and Vocal Music.
Terms in advance—\$50 per quarter of 23 months; Classics, \$10 per annum extra; Reading Room and incidental, \$1 per quarter.
The most respectable references given if required. Sent for a circular.
McCAIG & McMILLAN,
Rockwood, 27th Dec, 1867. dw

THE RED MILL.
THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grists can rely on having them ground the same day.
Chopping done every day.
FLOUR AND FEED
FOR SALE AT THE MILL.
GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.
GEORGE BALKWILL.
Guelph, 19th Dec-ember, 1867. dw2w

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MAGAZINES.

ENGLISH MAGAZINES.

	per year.	per copy		per year.	per copy
All the Year Round	\$3 00	25c	Good Words	1 50	12 1/2c
Army Life	5 25	45c	Homilet	2 63	25c
Art Journal	9 00	75c	Hunt's Yachting	3 50	30c
Astronomical Register	3 50	30c	Illustrated London Magazine	3 50	30c
Aunt Judy's Magazine	1 75	15c	Intellectual Observer	5 25	45c
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Bow Bells	1 75	15c	Ladies' Cabinet of Fashion	3 50	30c
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Broadway Magazine	1 75	15c	" Gazette of Fashion	3 50	30c
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Cornhill Magazine	3 00	25c	Sunday at Home	1 50	12 1/2c
Cuttlers' Monthly	3 00	25c	Sunday Magazine	1 50	12 1/2c
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Dublin University Magazine	8 75	75c	Temple Bar	3 00	25c
Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal	7 00	60c	Tinsley's Magazine	3 50	30c
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Family Friend	1 75	15c	West End Gazette of Fashions	3 50	30c
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Follet, Le	5 25	45c	Young Ladies' Journal	2 63	52c
Fortnightly Review	7 00	60c			
Fraser's Magazine	8 75	75c			
Gentleman's Magazine of Fashion	3 50	30c			
Gentleman's Magazine	8 75	75c			

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The Illustrated London News	\$3 00	15c	The News of the World	5 00	10c
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The Field	10 00	20c	London Journal	2 50	05c
Sporting News (Illustrated)	5 00	10c	Family Herald	2 50	05c
Sporting Life (S. W.)	5 00	07c	Reynolds' Miscellany	2 50	05c
London Weekly Times	3 00	07c	Cassell's Paper	2 50	05c
Lloyd's Weekly	3 00	07c	etc.	etc.	etc.

AMERICAN MAGAZINES.

	per year.	per copy		per year.	per copy
Harper's Magazine	\$3 00	25c	Godley's	3 50	20c
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Lippincott's Magazine	3 00	25c	Frank Leslie's	3 00	25c
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All the American Daily and Weekly Papers kept constantly for sale.

Orders for any of the above Magazines received, and will be supplied regular.
AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, 18th January, 1868. dw

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EVERY EVENING.
UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF

Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods,
Every Evening for a limited period,
AT R. CUTHBERT'S,
Commencing this P. M. at half-past Seven.
As it is intended to make this establishment the most attractive and essential of any other—not only in the Town of Guelph, but in this section of the Dominion—an AUCTION SALE is adopted to effect a rapid and complete clearance of the above named Stock.
Guelph, 14th January, 1868. daw-47

NOTICE.
THE business of Messrs. BLAIR & GUTHRIE will be continued at the same office by the surviving partner, Mr. GUTHRIE.
Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw1a
MONEY FOUND.
FOUND on the MERCURY Office steps, on Tuesday, 14th Instant, a sum of money. The owner can have the same by calling at the Mercury Office, Macdonnell-st.
Guelph, 14th January, 1868.