

LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS McCRAE, Esq. in rear of the Alma Block.

WOOLWICH STREET GUELPH,

Where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from 1x3 Batten to Jolting 20 feet long, and cut to order all kinds of Bill Stuff on short notice.

DRESSED LUMBER!

All kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

GOWDY & STEWART.

Geolph, 2nd April, 1869. 4w1-w1f
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PETRIE'S

Furniture Cream!

Producing, with half the usual labor, a most

BRILLIANT POLISH

On all kinds of Cabinet & French Polished Furniture, Varnished and Japanese articles of every description.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

Shake the bottle well, and apply a small quantity with a woollen cloth on the article to be polished; continue rubbing for a few minutes, then finish off with a clean soft rag, when a most beautiful polish will be produced.

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Chemist, Corbet's Block, Guelph.

GUELPH

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 building known as the old Advertiser 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 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 melodeon business. 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.

REPAIRING

done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.00.

All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

Remember the Stand—Old Advertiser's Office, East Market Square.

M. McLEOD, R. B. WOOD, J. JACKSON.

Geolph, 17th April. 4w

A HEAD OF ALL COMPETITORS.

Richardson's New Method for the Piano Forte

Is ahead of all competitors, being the only Book the Teacher requires, and the Book every pupil is attracted to. 150,000 copies already sold, and the demand is greater than ever before. \$9.000 copies now selling every year. Its lessons are adapted to pupils of all ages, and its exercises attractive and useful in every stage of advancement. This book has on account of its actual merit become the standard work of Piano instruction, and the only one which every well informed teacher and scholar uses. Price \$8.75, sent post-paid. O. DITSON & Co., Publishers, 27 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. Ditson & Co., 711 Broadway, New York.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,

Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,

Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,

GUELPH, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.

Geolph, April 1, 1869. 4w1

Guelph Melodeon Co's.

Dissolution of Co. Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & Co., is this day dissolved, by mutual consent.

Witness, J. B. BELL, R. B. WOOD, ROBERT BELL, ROBERT McLEOD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square.

Geolph 16th April, 1869. 4w3

BELL BROS'S

The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co. Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.

Address, W. BELL & Co., Geolph, April 30, 1869. 4w

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Seasonable and New.

W.M. STEWART

Has now a full shop of NEW DRY GOODS purchased and imported

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BARGAINS

Of any House in the trade.

Terms Strictly Cash.

Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham

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CHEAP.

W.M. STEWART.

Geolph, 16th April. 4w

COAL OIL.

PRICES DOWN AT

HORSMAN'S

Coal Oil 35c. per gallon

By five gallons

Single Gallon, - - 40 cents

Geolph, 7th April. 4w

DOMINION STORE.

Fire Crackers

FOR THE

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY!

Wholesale and Retail.

AT MRS. ROBINSON'S

Dominion Store, Upper Wyndham-st.

Geolph, 25th April. 4w

BILLIARDS

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted

New Style Tables

Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Geolph, 23rd February. 4w1

WHITEWASHING AND WALL COLOURING

Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, near of Messrs. Robins and Tolson's granary, Geolph, March 31. 4w3

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1869.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Don't fail to go to Prof. Graves' Exhibition to-night, for the benefit of the poor of Geolph.

INITIAL PAPER.

Mr. J. B. Thornton has sent us a sample of initialed note paper and envelopes, which he has for sale. The purchaser can get paper and envelopes with the initials of his name stamped on each sheet. This style of paper is something new and fashionable. For sale at Thornton's bookstore.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

We have received a copy of the report of the Postmaster-General for the year ending June 30, 1867. It is a blue book of 246 pages, and contains a mass of information relating to the department, with a full list of the new post-offices opened in that year, along with the receipts and expenditure of the department.

MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The election of members of the Medical Council takes place on the 5th of June. The votes are to be cast by "writing papers," which are to be furnished each registered practitioner, and filled up and transmitted by him. The voting papers for this Division (Saugeen and Brock) will be opened at Geolph, at 2 p.m. Dr. Clarke, of this town, is the retiring member for this Division.

THE ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BAZAAR.

We would remind our readers of the St. Andrew's Church Bazaar to commence to-morrow in the Town Hall, and to be continued till Thursday night. The Bazaar is for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the church. A large number of fancy and useful articles will be on sale; a handsome dressing gown has also been got up by the ladies, which will be voted to the minister in town whose congregation contributes the largest number of votes. Each vote will cost 25 cents. Dinner and tea will be provided each day at 12 and 3 o'clock. Tickets to each 25 cents.

SPECTACLE WEARERS, ATTENTION.

Those needing a first class article in spectacles or eye-glasses for either long or short sight, or any other defect of vision, will be glad to learn that the well-known firm of Lazzarus & Morris, Opticians and Oculists, of London, England, Hartford Conn., and Montreal, have appointed Mr. Savage, one of the oldest residents of our town, as the sole agent for this place. One great advantage these glasses have over any others in use is that they preserve as well as assist the sight. They are said to be the best manufactured. Mr. Savage, having a thoroughly assorted stock, a perfect fit is guaranteed in all cases. Call and see them. See adv.

ARCHITECTURE, &c.

As will be seen by advertisement of this office, Mr. Kaufman has entered into partnership with Mr. Kaufman, of Toronto, for the practice of architecture, &c., in Geolph. Mr. Kaufman has a provincial reputation in his profession, and amongst the buildings of which he has been the architect are the old and new Rossin House, Bank of Toronto, Royal Insurance building, the Globe office, all in Toronto, with many private houses and villas. The Rochester stone bridge, the largest in the States, was also designed by Mr. Kaufman, who is a civil engineer as well as an architect. We trust that the new firm in this town will meet with that success which the merits of both partners deserve.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

We have received from the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture of Ontario, a copy of the pamphlet just published by the authority of the Local Legislature, for the guidance of intending emigrants. It is written by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, of this town, and furnishes some useful hints to those about to embark for this country. It is well presented, and largely circulated in Great Britain. The information furnished may be relied upon, and embraces useful statistics on taxation, banks of currency, agriculture; also information of interest on the climate, farming interests, education, municipal institutions, mines and minerals, cost of living, free grants, &c., &c. A map of Ontario is also given, one showing the free grants in the Muskoka district, and another of the Canada Company's lands in the Huron Tract.

PROF. GRAVES' EXHIBITION TO-NIGHT.

We feel sure that Prof. Graves will have a large attendance at the last exhibition of his wonderful trained horses in the Drill Shed to-night. He deserves a good attestation whether we regard the character of the entertainment or the praiseworthy object for which it is given. The whole of the proceeds of the exhibition will be given in aid of the poor of the town. Professor Graves deserves the thanks of the public for his benevolent efforts. Admittance 15c. Ladies and Gentlemen 25c. Yesterday the following ladies were present at a private exhibition, and give their opinion of it as follows:—We the undersigned, having witnessed an exhibition of Prof. Graves' method of educating horses, are of opinion that this system tends directly to humanity towards that noble animal, the horse, and the personal safety of persons using horses, and cordially recommend the benevolent purpose for which the exhibition is to be held on this evening. (Signed) John Hogg, W. F. Clarke, W. S. Ball, W. S. Griffin, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Griffin.

TEMPERANCE IN ENGLAND.

The Convocation of Canterbury, at its next meeting, is likely to have an interesting discussion on the Temperance question. Some of the most prominent ministers of the Church of England, belonging to all the several theological parties, have drawn up a report on the subject, which will be submitted to the Convocation. Having received returns from magistrates, coroners, clergy, and others, the signers of the report recommend the two remedies—non-legislative and legislative. Among the former are the payment of wages on Friday, better education, and more comfortable dwellings for the working classes. Among the Legislative remedies which are proposed, we find the closing of public houses on Sundays and their earlier closing on week days.

Town Council.

The regular meeting of the above body was held in the Town Hall last (Monday) night—the Reeve, Mr. Richard Mitchell, in the absence of the Mayor, in the chair. All the members were present, except the last named gentleman and Mr. McCurry, who, with Dr. Clarke, were appointed a deputation to Ottawa in the interests of the town.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the Auditors' Report of the Separate School Account, which stated that they found the total amount due to Trustees for 1868 amounted to \$542, but could not state this as the positive amount, as there were many errors in the statements handed in. The auditors were Messrs. W. S. G. Knowles and R. Meredith.

The Clerk also reported that he had received the assessor's statement.

Mr. Howard presented a petition from Charles Horns in reference to a town lot of his being sold for arrears of taxes, which he claimed had been paid, and asked the Council to examine into the matter. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Bruce presented a similar petition from James Murphy, which was also referred to the Finance Committee; and one from William Heather, praying Council to replace some sidewalk in its proper position leading to the Eramosa Bridge, which was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Applications for the office of caretaker were read by the Clerk from the following parties: W. Davidson, H. Hamilton, W. H. Brierly, Jas. R. Watson, Thos. Breckin, Jacob Langel, Thos. Atherly, Fred. W. Gathercole, John Clay, G. W. Barber, J. T. Nichols, and Sam. Carver.

Mr. Buckland read the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, which, being rather an interesting one, showing the great amount of damage done by the late flood, we give in full:

Your committee on roads and bridges have examined the several localities where damage has been done by the late flood and estimate as follows, the amount necessary to repair the same in a comparatively temporary manner with structures that will not be of a very durable character.

Edinburgh Road at Well's Bridge, \$50; Wellington street, culverts, sidewalks, &c., \$400; Gordon street, road, culverts, &c., \$150; foot bridge, road and sidewalk at Present's mill, \$75; Nevee street bridge and approaches, \$800; Allan's bridge (say) \$200; Eramosa bridge, \$2000; approach, &c., to bridge near Svatt & Inglis' foundry, \$150; culverts and approaches already expended (say) \$300; small culverts in various places, \$200; total \$4325. Had the late flood happened as it might have done ten days earlier, when the river was blocked up with heavy ice and the entire country covered with snow, it is certain that there would not have been a solitary bridge left in the municipality; and as the probability of such a thing taking place increases as the country to the north and west is cleared up, and a total destruction of bridges would greatly inconvenience the inhabitants and severely injure business, as well as entail a large and extraordinary expenditure on the ratepayers, your committee are of opinion that the Council should consider the matter well and endeavour to determine whether it would not in the end be more economical to construct bridges of a more permanent and durable character, and raise them so that it would be impossible for a flood to reach them. Your committee are in favour of durable structures. The large central bridge near Wells', though not injured by the flood, will require new timbers and planking, and it is possible that Mr. Gow's bridge will also require some repairs, as it is partially decayed. In addition to this, the ordinary expenditure on streets and sidewalks will be about the same as usual, or including Mr. Gow's and Mr. Wells' bridges, about \$4000. Add to this the \$4325, for repairing damage done by the flood, and you have a total of \$8325, required for bridges, streets and highways during the present year; and if bridges of a more substantial kind be erected a large additional sum will be necessary. Your committee are of opinion that the annual destruction of culverts, sidewalks, &c., on Wellington and Gordon streets are considerably increased because Mr. Gow's dams have no flood gates or other means of letting the water follow the natural channel, and that the soil's opinion be taken on the subject. In view of such a large expenditure we think it would be well for the Finance Committee to report at next meeting of Council a statement of the revenue and expenditure for the present year, and in what way sufficient funds can be obtained for such an unusual outlay. We recommend that premiums be offered for the best plans for a durable bridge across the Speed where the Eramosa bridge now stands—first premium \$100, second premium \$50; estimate of costs to accompany plans.

RICHARD MITCHELL, Chairman.

Mr. Sayers read the report of the relief Committee, which stated that having considered the petition of Alexander Ogg, for a loan or grant of money, they cannot recommend that the prayer of his petition be granted. Your committee have had under consideration the outlay from this corporation in connection with the orphan boy, Charles Mellor. The expenditure for his board to the present time has been at the rate of \$65 per annum, which they have been notified will be increased to \$75. With the object of reducing this outlay, your committee considered it desirable to communicate with the Directresses of the Protestant Orphan's Home, Toronto, and the reply was that as the child was seven years old, he would require to remain in the Home till he was twelve. They would receive him for five years for \$50 if paid in advance, which the committee recommended be done, and that the said sum be placed to their credit.

The License Committee report, read by Mr. Allan, stated that the proper number of licenses having been issued, they could not recommend the granting of a tavern license.

Council went into committee of the whole on report of the Road and Bridge Committee—Mr. Robert Mitchell in the chair; and on motion of Mr. Buckland, the report was adopted.

Council resumed, and a warm discussion ensued on the adoption of the Relief Committee report—Messrs. Chadwick and Hefferan opposing the paying away of \$30 for the boy Mellor, for being placed in the Orphan's Home for five years, as he might die, or be claimed by

his father before the end of that time, and in either event the money would not be refunded. They were willing, however, to pay one dollar a month for him at the Home for a year.

A long discussion was entered upon, and at length the Council went into committee—Mr. Robertson in the chair.

Mr. Sayers would not amend the report in any way, and finally gained the point the report being adopted, and two amendments voted down.

On motion of Mr. Allan, the License Report was adopted.

Leave was granted for the introduction of a by-law to remunerate officials, and the by-law was read a first and second time—the third reading being deferred till next meeting.

The applications for the caretakership were then voted upon in the order in which they had been read—Geo. W. Barber receiving the appointment.

Moved by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Sayers, that the Mayor be appointed a member of the Board of Health for the present year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Sayers, that the sum of \$7 be paid to Alex. Conington for services as caretaker of English for the past month. Carried.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

As the waters of the late flood subside, we are enabled to form a more correct opinion of the serious damages to roads and bridges, mills and mill dams, &c., and it is to be regretted that the loss caused by the watery element exceeds the first estimate, and that apart from repairing the damage done, millers in this locality will probably not grind a bushel of grain for months. This state of affairs at once affects the consumers, as flour is now selling here at \$5 a barrel, whilst in Toronto the same grade is sold for \$3.50. This is bringing coals to Newcastle with a vengeance, but no doubt there will be smart competition here soon in the flour trade. The past week produced such fine spring weather as caused the pastures to assume their life-giving productions almost at once, and there is no doubt but that kind interposition of Providence has saved the lives of very many sadly debilitated animals, who otherwise in a few days must have succumbed to their fate, as the very limited quantity of feed amongst the farmers amounted to boiled wheat, and it is to be regretted that in many cases the seed grain has been fed out to save the stock. Still, many are depending on the grass fed exclusively to enable them to get in their crops, as they possess neither hay, oats nor straw for feeding purposes. It is to be hoped that the municipal councils will see at once that none of the poor farmers are left without such assistance in the premises as can reasonably be rendered by way of seed grain—or help if asked for. Surely the lessons taught our agriculturists during the past season will not be forgotten, but will tend, at least, to produce a change in the general management of the farm, as evidently wheat growing, so far, has not been remunerative to the husbandman. Barley, hay, or fat cattle would pay much better if once the men themselves would only lay hold with a will and get rid of all prevailing systems of wheat raising to the exclusion of other cereals from the farm.

Our butchers are put to a severe test every week to procure cattle (even at big prices) for the slaughter. Indeed, some days butcher's meat cannot be procured for any price.

Farming operations have commenced during the past week, and considerable grain has been sown. There is a large quantity of fall wheat sown which promises to be a splendid crop.

Mount Forest, May 3rd, 1869.

The Estimates.

Mr. Rose laid a portion of the estimates before the House of Commons on Friday. The following are the figures, as compared with those for 1868-9:

Public debt.....	\$5,282,363	\$6,527,487
Civil government.....	701,051	719,366
Administration of Justice.....	313,866	316,016
Police.....	43,440	55,000
Legislation.....	443,863	481,038
Geological survey and observations.....	39,700	39,750
Art, Agriculture, and statistics.....	6,100	2,500
Immigration and Quarantine.....	35,270	55,575
Marine hospitals.....	34,500	37,000
Pensions.....	55,052	50,158
Public works and buildings.....	3,638,385	2,503,000
Ocean and river steam & packet service.....	352,941	332,100
In the matter of public debt, the increase is chiefly in the item of redemption, which stands \$1,618,000 for 1869-70 to \$500,000 for the previous year. In immigration and quarantine, there is an increase of \$30,000, due we presume to the extra efforts that are to be made for securing an increased immigration to this country. Under the head of Public Works and Buildings, there is to be an increase of over a million dollars. It is interesting to note how much of the total expenditure of \$3,638,385 under this head goes to the Lower Provinces. The following are the items:		
Intercolonial Railway.....	\$2,000,000	
Halifax, Pictou & Windsor R.R.....	139,000	
European and North American.....		
R. R. N. B.....	21,585	
St. Peter's Canal, N. S.....	50,000	
Quarantine Station, Halifax.....	10,000	
Windsor & Annapolis R. R., N.S.....	233,000	
Western Extension, European & North American R. R., N.B.....	445,000	
Eastern Extension do.....	85,000	
Fredericton Branch R. R.....	102,500	
Woodstock.....	65,200	
Total.....	\$3,151,285	

A Prolific Sheep in Kent, England.

To the Editor of the Mercury. "LAMING EXTRAORDINARY.—At the latter part of last week a ewe belonging to Mr. Stephen Solly, of Sholden, gave birth to six lambs all of which were perfect and full grown. Unfortunately, however, the ewe and the whole of the lambs died shortly after this extraordinary occurrence."

The above is clipped from an English paper sent me by the owner of the sheep, and I can vouch for the truth of it. I think it hard to beat our native land yet.

Yours truly,
E. H. SMITH.

Garraza, May 1, 1869.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

CORK, May 3.—A mass meeting of the citizens was held here on Saturday night, at which the recent speech of the Mayor was warmly endorsed, and resolutions adopted expressing sympathy with and confidence in that functionary.

LONDON, May 3, midnight.—The House of Commons, in Committee to-night, resumed the consideration of the Irish Church Bill. Clause 36, concerning the Regium Donum, was so amended as to include within the provision for compensation, the ministers of all congregations entitled eventually to a share out of the grant. Mr. Gladstone admitted that the compensation was small, but the endowments were small too; and compared the services rendered by the Presbyterians in Ireland, and according to the principle of the Bill, the present endowment was the only basis for compensation. Clause 37, providing for compensation to the professors, and in payments in respect to the buildings of Belfast College, was stricken out in compliance with the request of the Presbyterian Synod, and with the consent of the Government. Mr. Gladstone intimated that other provisions would be made for this college.