

A Grand Trunk Rumour.
The London Free Press says:—A rumour has had some currency in London, but which we are satisfied has no foundation in fact, that the Grand Trunk is about to be sold to the Canadian government. One writer urges upon the shareholders to take up their minds to sell, but he does not appear to have asked himself Canada would be willing to buy. We think that it would not; and are certain, moreover, that nothing could be more distasteful to the Canadian people than any dicker in that direction. The same writer puts the original cost at eleven millions of pounds stg., (£11,000,000) and advances figures to show that at the present market rate of share-stock and bonds it could be picked up for about three millions stg. But, as *Hereford's Journal* shows, these figures are incorrect. The cost of the Grand Trunk proper, and the lines it has under lease, has amounted to nearly twenty-one millions, and of course could not be had for any such sum as that stated. It is probably true that the Grand Trunk could not now be constructed for double its original cost, but that is no argument for its purchase. Canada will have quite enough on its hands with the International without meddling with the Grand Trunk. The traffic on that road is increasing. The commercial operations of the enterprise pay well; and if the manager is compelled to work other portions at a large annual loss the fault cannot be his if the expectations of shareholders are not fulfilled. Existing shareholders may be led of holding on to a non-paying stock, but if they imagine they can have a soft thing by selling out to the Canadian Government, at stock quotations, they will find out their mistake.

The Mineral Policy of the Government.
The *Goderich Signal* writes as follows:—With all deference to Hon. J. McDonald, who argues that the mineral lands of Ontario are Banks of Providence which should not be drawn upon too freely, we think the policy adopted is calculated to destroy all hope of developing the immense resources of valuable minerals which exist in such abundance around us. The true policy is to survey the mineral lands and sell them outright as is done by the American Government on the South side of Lake Superior. While mining enterprise is crippled on our side, first by sales en bloc of many of the best locations, and now by a royalty of from 2 1/2 to 10 per cent., the Americans have gone on prospering from year to year, and the result may be seen in such fine cities as Ontonagon, Marquette, Houghton, Superior city, &c.—On the Canada side a vessel can sail on her course in the densest fog without incurring any risk of collision, while the American shores teem with shipping—400 vessels having left in May last laden with iron ore alone. Those engaged in mining operations on our side have been seriously injured by the policy of the Ontario Government, so much so that some of them have suspended work altogether. Withers & Co., of the Thunder Bay Mining Co. have expended no less than \$65,000 for 200 acres, and have also paid for 2000 acres more, for which they cannot procure a patent, although they have complied with the requirements of the Government. Every farmer in the country is directly interested in the immediate development of our mineral resources, and we trust that such pressure will be brought to bear on the Government as will compel the adoption of a more liberal policy at the next session of Parliament.

WRIT ISSUED FOR WEST YORK.
The *Globe* says: The Government evidently proposes to take the people of West York by surprise. Sir John A. Macdonald, believing that Mr. H. S. Howland will take the field in his interest, moves a great deal better than to give the electors any lengthened notice of the election, or allow time for thorough canvass. Though Mr. W. Howland was only appointed a week since and sworn in three days ago, the writ has already been received from Ottawa and acted upon. Sheriff Jarvis has issued his proclamation appointing the nomination to be held at Weston on Monday week, August 3rd; and the polling throughout the Riding for Monday and Tuesday following, the 10th and 11th. Thus, in a little more than a fortnight, the whole business will be over.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED MISSIONARY.—The latest intelligence from England informs us of the death of the Rev. W. O. Burns, Missionary from the English Presbyterian Church to China. Mr. Burns visited Canada a good many years ago, and awakened a good deal of attention and interest in religious circles. He was nephew of the Rev. Dr. Burns of Toronto. At the time of his death, which took place in Manchouria on the 4th of April last, Mr. B. was in the 53rd year of his age.

MEXICO.—The head of Juarez probably lies as uneasy as ever did that of the unfortunate Maximilian. According to the latest advices, Mexico is one seething cauldron of rebellion. Formidable insurrections have broken out in about a dozen different parts of the country, and one of them is headed by Gen. Quiroga, an energetic and able officer under the late Empire. More or less success has in general attended the efforts of the insurgents; they have succeeded in capturing and keeping possession of the most important cities and towns in a number of the provinces, and had in several instances defeated the forces of Juarez which had been sent against them. Thus Mexico's ill fortune still attends her. No change in the form of government, nor in the person of those who are called her rulers can bring her peace, but internal dissensions and wholesale massacres go on without cessation, until it is almost a wonder that there is one man left to kill another. Juarez keeps a head on his shoulders with surprising contumacy, but it would not be astonishing if the present struggles should again bring about such scenes as were once enacted at Queretaro, and the chief victim should be a President in place of an Emperor.

New Advertisements.

DRILL SHED, GUELPH.

POSITIVELY 4 NIGHTS ONLY.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 29, 30, 31 and AUG. 1st.

GRAND OPENING

GIFT SOIREES MAGIQUE!
BY THE ORIGINAL
FAKIR & VISHNU
In his inimitable Gift Magical Soirees.

150 BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS

To be given away nightly, ranging in value from 15 cents to \$150.
Admission, 25c. Family tickets, admitting six persons \$1. Front seats reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them.
Doors open at a quarter past 7; to commence at a quarter past 8 o'clock.
G. H. TWOMBLY, Agent.
Guelph, July 25. do 71

Stilton Cheese.

FROM
CROSS & BALKWILL,

LONDON, ENGLAND,

ONE CASE

STILTON CHEESE

IN FINE ORDER.

GEO. WILKINSON.

Guelph, July 25. daw tf

HAND WANTED

A helper in the Blacksmith Shop. Apply immediately at the Excelsior Works.
J. B. ARMSTRONG.
Guelph, July 24. daw 1w

SERVANT WANTED.

WANTED in a small respectable family, where there are no children, a clean, tidy servant girl, who can do general housework. Apply at the Mercury Office, Guelph.
Guelph, July 24. do w1

The Silver Question!

WE, the undersigned Bakers of the Town of Guelph agree to take silver on and after the 1st August next, at the following rates only:
The British Shilling for 24 cents
do Sixpence 12 "
The American 50c. piece 48 "
do 25c. " 24 "
do 10c. " 09 "
do 5c. " 04 "
do one 5c. " 05 "
SAMUEL WRIGHT, ANDREW ARMSTRONG,
JOHN HARRIS, JR. WILLIAM STEPHEN,
THOMAS WATSON. HENRY BERRY.
Guelph, 24th July. dw2

Chalmers Church GUELPH.

THE new Congregation in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet for public worship
IN THE COURT HOUSE,
On Sunday Morning Next
The 26th inst., at 11 o'clock, and also in the Evening, at half-past six o'clock.
The Rev. Mr. Middlemiss will conduct the services at both diets of worship.
Guelph, July 24. do 2

GUELPH CLASSICAL & COMMERCIAL ACADEMY.

THIS Academy will re-open on the 10th AUGUST. Thorough instruction by competent teachers in
Book-keeping, Classics, Mathematics, French, &c.
Ample accommodation for boarders. Please send for a Circular.
C. WALKER, Principal.
Guelph, July 24th. do 2w

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that if their accounts are not settled by note or otherwise on or before the FIRST day of AUGUST NEXT, they will be placed in court for collection. If paid before that time a discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed. N. HIGINBOTHAM, dwtf

American Cholera!

AND
DIARRHÉE REMEDY.

An unparalleled Remedy for
Cholera Morbus, Diarrhœa, Dysentery and all Summer Complaints.

A bottle should be in every house. Prepared by
A. B. PETRIE, Chemist.

IF YOU WANT FLY PAPER

That will kill flies, buy it at
PETRIE'S Drug Store,
Market Square.

A CARD.

MR. W. WARNER CLARK
TAKES this opportunity of intimating to the inhabitants of Guelph and its vicinity that he has rented the store fronting the Market Square lately occupied by Mr. Day, and intends opening a
Music and Stationery Store,
Where he will be happy to supply all who may favour him with a call with
MUSIC BOOKS, SHEET MUSIC, PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS, VIOLINS AND CONCERTINAS, FLUTES, FIFES, ETC.
AND ALL KINDS OF
PLAIN & FANCY STATIONERY
Guelph, July 24. daw tf

MEDICAL HALL!

KILLING NO MURDER.
Death to Flies
AND INSECTS.

If you want to kill Flies by the Million, and at the same time encourage home manufacture, purchase
Harvey's Fly Paper.
Manufactured under his own superintendence, and for sale by
E. HARVEY & CO.
Chemists, &c., Wyndham Street.
Guelph, July 18, 1868. do 1

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail at
A. H. R. KENNEDY'S
FLOUR AND FEED STORE,
UPPER WINDHAM-ST., GUELPH.
Guelph, July 24. do-4f

J. MURISON DUNN, B.A., LL.B.

HEAD MASTER OF THE GUELPH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Private lessons in Classics, French and the higher English branches.
Pupils prepared for entering the Law Society the Universities, or any of the Medical Schools.
Guelph, July 23. do w1

NOTICE

TO CRICKETERS

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Bats and Wickets,
AT HALF PRICE,
JOHN HOGG.
Guelph, 16th July, 1868. do

AT W. J. McCURRY'S

Bookstore, Wyndham Street.
Guelph, July 24, 1868. do 1

New Advertisements.

COMMENCING ON THE 25th JULY.

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE

OF THE SEASON

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

PHILIP BISH

WILL COMMENCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 25th, TO SELL THE WHOLE OF HIS STOCK OF

FANCY & STAPLE DRY GOODS

AT COST,

To effect a speedy clearance, previous to purchasing FALL GOODS. The Stock being all bought this season, parties can rely on getting GREAT BARGAINS.

COTTON GOODS.

All kind of Cotton Goods will be sold at less than this season's price of importation.

Bargains in Dress Goods.

Dress Goods less than half-price. Another lot at 1 1/2c, usual price 25 to 30c. These are the goods that have astonished everybody.

If you want to get a Dress call at once as they will be sold in a few days.

MILLINERY & MANTLES.

The balance of the MILLINERY AND MANTLE stock will be sold regardless of cost.

Great Remnant Sale.

During the Sale one counter will be used exclusively for REMNANTS, the accumulation of this season's business. They will be sold at prices which must astonish every one.

This is Positively the last Clearing Sale of the Season.

Parties studying their own interests, and wishing to get rid of Silver at par should call at once and satisfy themselves.

No Goods charged during the sale, unless at regular prices.

PHILIP BISH,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.
COMMENCING ON THE 25th JULY.

A CARD.

MR. HOGG intimates to the Ladies of Guelph and neighborhood his intention of commencing a CLEARING SALE of all his Stock of Summer Dress Goods, Shawls, Jackets, Bonnets, Hats, &c. An alteration is about being made in his Store on the 10th of next month, and having determined to clear off all Summer Stock by that time, Extraordinary Bargains will be given in the above Goods, beginning on Monday, 20th inst. I may mention a few Goods, such as Grenadine Dresses at 50 cents, worth \$1.50; Mulins at 8c. worth 12c.; ditto at 12c. worth 25c.; Prints at 12c. worth 17c.; eight-quarter Bareges at 25c. worth 75c.; five-quarter Delaines at 10c. worth 15c.; Challie Dresses at \$2, worth \$4.50; Hats at 20c. worth \$1; Trimmed Hats at 75c. worth \$1.75; Trimmed Bonnets at half-price; Lace Shawls at \$1.50, worth \$2.50.

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 16th July, 1868. do

CHEAP FIREWOOD!

THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply Firewood, consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Prices, delivered, \$2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at \$1 75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning off underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer.

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE

Apply to H. HAZEL, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of J. L. Lewis, Esq.
Guelph, June 15. do 3m

BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,
GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Philan Standard American tables.
W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor.
Guelph, June 24. do 1y

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS!

AND SULPHUR SPRINGS,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NORTH AMERICAN HOTEL,
PRESTON, ONTARIO.

THESE popular Baths are open for the accommodation of the public. The Spring which supplies these Baths possesses medicinal qualities not surpassed by any other in America.
S. CORNELL, Proprietor.
ton, June 16. daw 3m

TROTTER'S



Canadian Dentifrice

IS recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleansing, whitening and preserving the teeth: B. W. Day, M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association; W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Donnell, Secretary, Dental Association; L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott, Toronto.

TESTIMONY FROM AN EDITOR.
R. White, Esq., Editor of the Hamilton Spectator, says: "I have used Trotter's Canadian Dentifrice for some time, and like it very much. I think it quite equal to Rowland's Ointment, at about one fourth the price."
Price 25c. per box. For sale by all Druggists.
Guelph, June 22. daw 6m

Harvest Gloves

A QUANTITY of very superior Harvest Gloves for sale: Wholesale at
No. 3, DAY'S OLD BLOCK
GORDON STREET,
And by Retail at the principal Stores in Town.— They are strongly made and cheap.
Guelph, July 2nd. dw 1m

DOMINION HOTEL

GUELPH.
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST., a few doors above Highbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates.
Guelph, July 15th. dw 1y

ARRIVED.

JUST ARRIVED
AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

50 White Granite Toilets
25 Printed do do
Fancy Stone and Parian Water Jugs
Butter Dishes, with Strainers
Bird Fountains, Seed Boxes & Baths
Corn Starch and Jelly Moulds
Engraved Bar Bottles
Sherry Cobblers Tubes
100 dozen New Pattern Tumblers and Wine Glasses
25 dozen Lager Beer Jugs
Glass Bowls, Cream Jugs, Water Jugs
Tea Sets, in China, White, and Coloured Ware,
AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, July 18th, 1868. dw

CANADA HOUSE- CALEDONIA SPRINGS,

Near L'Original, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario,
BY A. M. F. GIANELLI.

THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every accessory demanded by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly finished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of all, without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for in-door amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Bill Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other recrements. The Salina, White Sulphur, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.
Charges uniformly moderate.
For further information, please address
A. M. F. GIANELLI, Proprietor, Montreal.
Montreal, 30th April. dw 1m

CASH, CASH.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!
FROM and after the FIRST of AUGUST I intend to do a strictly Cash business, and will positively open no more accounts with any one. I also propose to offer at all times the best stock of Boots and Shoes to be found in Ontario at the Lowest Cash Price.
All parties indebted either by note or book account are requested to pay up before the 1st instant, and save costs.
JOHN McNEILL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 17th July. do

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT

No 4, Day Old Block, Gordon
Guelph, July 31 1868 dw MOLTON