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GUELPH, ONT. CANADA, WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 1869.

PRICE ONE PENNY

WANTED, A STRONG, ACTIVE, INTELLIGENT BOY, to deliver the Toronto morning papers in Town, and learn the Book business. Apply at
Dec. 30.
DAYS BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market.

OPENING NOTICE.
The GUELPH BAKERY
Upper Wyndham Street.

BE. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to **ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST**, who has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him:

A. GILCHRIST
Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the Store

NEXT DOOR TOM. SODEN'S,
Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.

A. GILCHRIST,
Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker,
Guelph, Dec. 19.

THE
Equitable Life Assurance Society
OF THE UNITED STATES.

Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.

W. O. BUCHANAN,
22 Great St. James-St., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

COLIN SEWELL, M.D., Examining Physician,
DR. R. L. MACDONNELL, Consulting
GEORGE MACRELL, Solicitor,
BANK OF MONTREAL, Bankers.

The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of Dollars, already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for unfettered congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policyholder, and an assurance to the public that the same have been carefully and successfully managed. The rank of the Society among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the ninth; in 1861 the eighth; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second. By insurances effected on the most favorable terms

GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph,
Guelph, December 4th. dtf

SPECIAL NOTICE.
The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him for some years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.
He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size
Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.
Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.
Guelph, December 12. dw

RUTHERFORD HOUSE.

JUST ARRIVED
Direct from Labrador.

50 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring

50 half do. do do

15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod Fish, highly recommended for table use.

50 qtls. Dry Cod Fish.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD,
Guelph, November 15th. dtf

MORTGAGE SALE

VALUABLE PARK LOT
There will be sold by public auction, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale, on FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1869,

at noon, at the Market House, Guelph, by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH, adjoining the Town of Guelph, viz:—Park Lot No. 43, fronting upon Forest Street, in the Sub-division of the South-west half of Lot No. 2, in the 3rd Concession of Division G, in the Township of Guelph, according to a plan made by William Haskins, P. L. S., and duly registered, the said Park Lot being in what is commonly known as McLaughlin's Survey.

The Park Lot contains two acres, more or less, and adjoins the South-eastern limits of the town. It is a desirable property. Immediate possession given. TERMS CASH. For further particulars apply to

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GALLERY OF ART.
R. W. LAIRD,
Looking Glass and Picture Frame
MANUFACTURER,
9 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. dtw

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
GENERAL AGENTS,
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH,
Agents for investing Money for the

TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY
OF UPPER CANADA, AND

THE CANADA PERMANENT
BUILDING AND SAVINGS
SOCIETIES
OF TORONTO.

THESE Companies afford every facility to the borrower, and give him the privilege of either retaining the principal for a term of years or paying off by instalments extending over any period of years up to 15.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Have also a large amount of
PRIVATE FUNDS
On hand for investment.

Money Invested and interest collected Mortgages bought subject to examination of title, and valuation of property offered.

Debentures, Stocks and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Are Agents for the
Royal Insurance Co'y

CAPITAL \$10,000,000.
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
are Agents for the
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,

Established in 1825. The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
Have a number of **FARMS** for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses
in Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.
For sale that farm, being Lot 23, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 260 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedars. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and 11 1/2 acres watered. The speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a 4-story frame house 26x10 feet, a stone kitchen, a stable and a half high 21x22, a black kitchen, a boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x20 each, a long frame shed and driveway, horse. There is a line of land on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a new well, falling well, also soft water cistern. It is one of the best farms in the County, and is situated about 10 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter (Great Britain).

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.
LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queens town at Liverpool.

FARE FROM HAMILTON
First Cabin, - - - 857, gold value
Steerage - - - - - 29.

Berths not general until paid for. For further particulars apply to
CUNARD & CO.,
Exchange Brokers, Hamilton

Agents for the Erie and New York Railway, Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value Hamilton 1st June, 1868. dtw

GIFTS AND PRESENTS FOR
NEW YEAR.
Notwithstanding the tremendous rush at Christmas, there is still at

J. HUNTER'S,
Wyndham Street, Guelph,
not only the largest and most select, but also the cheapest assortment of general

FANCY GOODS AND TOYS.
suitable for this season of the year. We found west of Toronto. Call and see.

Writing Desks
Dressing Cases
Work Boxes,
Ladies' Companions
At less than Toronto Prices.

Slippers, Ottomans, Wools, Toys and Fancy Goods of all kinds at

J. HUNTER'S,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St.
Guelph December 29th. dtw

LOGGING CHAIN FOUND.
Found a logging chain on Quebec Street, some weeks ago. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can get it by applying to
JOHN GRIFFITH,
Guelph, 4th January. dtw

EDUCATIONAL.
MRS. WM. BUDD,
Organist of the Congregational Church,
Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Music. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.
December 30. dtw-wiv

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,
(Successor to John W. Murton),
Banking and Exchange OFFICE,
No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, UNCURRENT Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.
5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly line between New York and London.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R., and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R. for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to London. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly line between New York and London.

Agent for the Kershaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.
Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 17

1869. Wholesale. 1869.
Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory
WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

JOHN A. McMILLAN
Has much pleasure in intimating to the Trade that he is now prepared to supply at the

Lowest Wholesale Prices Boots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.

All Manufactured by himself in Guelph. Dealers are requested to call and examine my stock and prices, and they will find a much better article than any imported work, and their price as low as the lowest. Terms, Liberal.

WANTED, a number of good journeymen to work on Ladies' Kid, Goat, Prunella and Canvas Gaiters, in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine.

LEATHER WANTED.
Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers and Hosiery, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work. This is no humbug. Call and see, and remember the spots. Guelph.

JOHN A. McMILLAN,
Bootmaker for the Million
Guelph, 4th January, 1869. dtw

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.

Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch moves in the average production of the above Factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can not supply the demand. They have already produced most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as time-keepers. They are now almost exclusively used.

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as time-keepers. They are now almost exclusively used.

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS Where they are found, to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

WALTHAM'S and other watches, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer THE AMERICAN WATCH to any other, as they are not so perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulation. The story of the twenty-five dollar watch, which was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied one minute and a half in that time, is well known to all. These watches are sold of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN These watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence. They are admirably adapted FOR PRESENTATION, as the movements are not only reliable, but guaranteed in gold and silver cases, and of guaranteed quality. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being deceived by cheap imitations. There are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the watch they are the cheapest watches in the world.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, General Agents, New York.
ROBERT WILKES, Wholesale Agent for Canada, Foreign and Montreal.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON, Market Square, GUELPH.

THE subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and is now prepared to share the patronage of the public.

THE BAR will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the table with 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 provide on short notice at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor,
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittier

FUNERALS
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WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER,
SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Homes in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Park Ground. The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS
As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. WM. BROWNLOW daw 17

MONY TO LEND.
The undersigned is requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.
LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.
Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dtw

Evening Mercury.
WEDNESDAY EV'NG, JAN. 6, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous
Mr. Weir still contends that his silver scheme will succeed.

THE LEGISLATURE—The Legislative Assembly, for Ontario meets to-day.

General Doyle, Governor of Nova Scotia, and Mr. Chief Justice Young, have received the honour of Knighthood.

KEY LOST—Lost to-day on Quebec street, a key, with large ring. The owner can get it by applying at this office.

Mr. Calvin Carter, who has been concerned in petroleum works at Brockville and Enniskillen, Ont., has it is said, discovered petroleum at Salmon River, Guysboro' County, N. S.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT WALKERTON.—Mrs. Whitcombe was, on Monday morning, crushed under a verandah, which was under the weight of snow. She never rallied, but died last evening in great agony.

A man was arrested in Hamilton a few days ago, on suspicion that he was the person who had murdered his wife in New York, and for whose apprehension \$3,000 were offered. It turns out that the authorities had bagged the wrong fox.

SOCIAL CONCERT IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—A concert will be held in the School in Section No. 4 Guelph Township Wednesday night, 13th inst. The programme which will be applied in aid of the school library. Songs, recitations, &c., will be given during the evening, and a pleasant entertainment is expected. Tea served at 7 p. m. Tickets 25 cents.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR, NORTH WARD.—The returning officer, Mr. Mimmack, has received the writ issued by the Mayor to call a meeting of the electors to choose a councillor to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Dr. Herod. The nomination and election will take place on Monday next, in the Court House, at 9 a. m.

RITUALISM IN CANADA.—The Rev. Edmund Wood, of St. John's Church, Montreal, some four months since, announced his belief in the doctrine of the Real Presence in the bread and wine administered at the communion service. A few days since he stated to his congregation that he was prepared to receive Auricular Confession from any of his flock who might desire it.

NEW BRUNSWICK COMMERCIAL BANK.—The adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Commercial Bank was held on Monday, when the directors presented an amended and more detailed report. The total assets are estimated at \$765,674. Liabilities \$630,958. Much of the assets consist in landed and other property difficult to realize. It is generally understood that nearly the entire capital has been lost.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The election of four Common School Trustees, one in each of the Town Wards, in place of those retiring by rotation, takes place on Wednesday the 13th inst. The retiring Trustees are Messrs. McNeill, Bruce, Watson and Knowles. Mr. McNeill, as we have already stated, intends to run again. We have not heard whether any of the other retiring members will seek re-election.

THE ONTARIO FARMER.—This is the name of a new monthly journal which will shortly make its appearance. It will be devoted to agriculture, horticulture, country life, emigration, and the mechanical arts, and will be edited by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, late of the Canada Farmer. The editor ambition is, he says, to make the new journal stand at the head of its class. An advertisement in another column supplies all necessary explanations.

THE WEATHER.—With the exception of New Year's day, the weather during the present week has been unusually mild for the season, and to-day it is more like one of those sunny March days that we are so often visited by, than one of the proverbially inhospitable months of January. The sleighing in many parts of the country is very poor, making things somewhat duller than they should be. Housekeepers, however, are quite reconciled with the state of affairs, as the amount of fuel consumed is infinitesimally small compared with former years at this time.

WEST GARAFRAXA.—The township of Garafraxa having by Act of the Legislature been divided into two parts, and the bill not having been assented to until the time the Assembly adjourned, the western portion was unable to make its municipal nominations on the usual day. They have been made, however, and Monday next, the 11th inst., is appointed for the polling to take place. Mr. John Dobbin has been elected Reeve by acclamation, and the following gentlemen are nominated as Councillors, viz: Messrs. John Mitchell, Jr., Joseph Wood, D. Black, B. McLaughlin, T. Richardson, S. Piper, Harvey Cull and Wm. Gibson.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—The ladies of the above Society acknowledge with thanks the receipt at Christmas of a fat sheep from Thomas McCrae, Esq., also, a large quantity of meat from the Messrs. Miller. The Society, as usual, supplied twenty-five families at Christmas with meat, tea and sugar. The Treasurer's annual statement shows the amount of receipts for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1868, \$413.68. Disbursements—Paid for provisions, \$238.80; clothing, \$47.07; printing, \$1.60; rents, \$16.62; boots, \$11.50; indigent strangers, \$6.35; families sent from town, \$2.—Total, \$323.44. Jan. 1st, 1869, Balance in the Treasurer's hands, \$90.23.—ANNA E. BAKER, Treasurer.

ROCKWOOD UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The first annual meeting of this Society was held at Cummins' Hotel, Rockwood, on Tuesday, the 20th ult.—The Secretary read the annual report which shows that the Society is in a flourishing condition. The amount collected was \$225, premiums not taken up \$18.75, subscriptions of non-members, \$25.00, total receipts, \$258.75.—The amount paid in premiums at the show was \$186.25, at the plowing match \$30, expenses \$24.92, leaving a balance of \$157.58. The total entries at the show were 598, and at the plowing match 29. The Society will hold a meeting on the 20th inst. See advertisement.

Lecture on Chemistry.
On Tuesday night Dr. Howitt delivered his second lecture on chemistry in the Town Hall. The audience did credit to the good taste of the town, for it was much larger than on the occasion of the first lecture.

The Doctor began by giving a brief synopsis of the points previously explained, and then proceeded to a consideration of the force of gravity, of the force of cohesion, and that these did not touch each other. Then he spoke of the divisibility of matter, and adopted the theory that there is a limit to it, that is, that a point may be reached beyond which divisibility cannot be carried, an atom found, the shape of which cannot be altered. He next gave an explanation of the force of gravity, of the force of cohesion which holds the particles of a body together, and he entered on an analysis of the force of heat, but was unable to do more than glance at it. Some practical illustrations of the subjects discussed were given, and they assisted materially in their elucidation. It may be readily supposed that the entire lecture was in the clear, happy style peculiar to the Doctor. Those parts of the science of chemistry which he treated he made plain to the dullest comprehension, and as the object is to instruct not to surprise, he dwelt upon and repeated, in order to impress upon the mind, any point or theory which might seem to learners to be abstruse.

We were very much pleased to see such an increase in the number of auditors, and should imagine that so long as Dr. Howitt makes his lectures so interesting, there will be an augmentation and not a diminution. At the close Mr. Cuthbert proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was accorded, and which the Doctor duly acknowledged.

Presentation to the Rev. Mr. Barrie.
On Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 1868, during the absence in Guelph of the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Eramosa, a deputation consisting of a number of the ladies of his congregation met at the Manse, for the purpose of carrying out and completing a scheme of presentation expressive of their warm attachment towards him, as their esteemed pastor. They had collected among themselves about one hundred and thirty dollars, and laid out the same in the purchase of carpet, sofa, chairs, and such other articles as they considered would best contribute to his comfort and happiness. The articles mentioned were safely and speedily transferred from the sleigh to the parlor of the Manse, and properly arranged in their respective places on Mr. Barrie's return home. On his arrival about 5 o'clock, he found not only all the compliments of the season, but the spiritual gifts which unite us, grow stronger and stronger as the years increase. Most of us have been brought up under your pastoral care and guidance from earliest childhood. You have directed our footsteps towards Zion, fed and watered our souls with the rich promises of the gospel, and spoken words of counsel and consolation to us in our country life and seasons. We remember with deep feelings of gratitude and affection, the kindly smile and cheering words which you were wont to meet and greet us in days long gone by, and are happy in the thought that the warm interest you took, and still take, in our spiritual well-being is being continued to the young of the congregation, and blessed of God. Words fail to express our heartfelt emotions and warmest wishes towards you, but we fervently hope that the remembrance of your teachings and example may nerve our souls in the future to cultivate and apply those lessons of Faith Hope and Charity so early and earnestly impressed upon us. And now, dear sir, may the golden memories of a well spent life, and the sure hope of a glorious resurrection crown your old age with the blossoms of perpetual youth.

Signed on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, by Mrs. J. A. Armstrong, Maggie Irving, &c.

MR. BARRIE MADE a very tender and touching reply. He expressed himself as being so overwhelmed with warm emotions that he could not find words wherewith to express the glowing gratitude of his heart to his good and kind Master for such an expression of esteem. He had laboured among his people for more than a quarter of a century, and during that long period there had been no jar between him and his congregation. He seemed to feel their kindness all the more, as from infirmities brought on by accident, he had thought that ere long he would have to resign his charge, but that this token of their esteem might induce him to continue until he died in harness. He said that all along he had taken a deep interest in all the children connected with the congregation, and that at this day, he had under him and trained by him as respectable a class of young men and women as could be found in the country. He had really baptized the great majority of the congregation, and married most of the heads of families in it, and now it was his hearty desire and prayer to God that all the married females in the congregation should deserve the high character of being mothers in Israel. He had no doubt come far short of strict faithfulness as a pastor, but he had all along felt his responsibility as their servant for Christ's sake, and had ever been conscious of an earnest desire to get to Heaven himself and take them all with him. After a few pleasant hours spent in social intercourse, the goodness of God was acknowledged, and the company separated happy in the thought that they had been about their Master's business, doing good. I ought to have mentioned that the ladies of the congregation received, as they certainly deserved, the thanks of all for the kindly feeling manifested by them in contributing so much to the happiness and enjoyment of their pastor, also that at the annual meeting of the congregation over fifty dollars were added to his stipend.

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