

current year will show a surplus upon its operations of from six to seven hundred thousand dollars. He then went into a very minute statement giving the items from which revenue was derived, and those respecting the expenditures. After dwelling at length on this subject, he said it was safe to assert that in our time at least any ratepayer of the community would ever be called upon by a tax-gatherer of the Province of Ontario. (Cheers.) As far as the Government of Mr. Blake or this Government was concerned, there was no room for asserting that the expenditures of the Province had been in any way governed by extravagance (cheers) while the records of the country showed the contrary. Any impartial or unbiased person who investigated these records must come to the conclusion that the expenditure was governed neither by extravagance nor parsimony. On the one hand he claimed that the Government had been free from extravagance, and on the other hand from the opposite vice of parsimony—(hear, hear)—but, with our large resources, a Government would be unworthy of the confidence of the people if they did not endeavor to act with that cautious and wise liberality which would involve expenditure, but expenditure which would be productive of amiable benefits to the community.

The Financial Position of the Province. We give to-day as full a summary as we can of the Hon. Mr. Crooks' speech in the House on Friday, in which he entered into the fullest explanations in regard to the financial position of the Province. Any one who carefully follows the Treasurer in that speech cannot fail to come to the conclusion that under the management of the present Government, the Province stands as well financially as ever it did; and that while the utmost liberality has been exercised in aiding every laudable enterprise, due care has been taken to practice economy whenever deemed advisable or judicious. The exhibit must be regarded as a most satisfactory one, and effectually disposes of the counter statements and complaints of the Opposition.

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Tremendous Rush for Dress Goods

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THE FASHIONABLE WEST END

Busy, Busy, Busy. No time to advertise particulars. Now is the time for CHEAP GOODS. Come and see. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

N.B.--Two Active Salesmen Wanted Immediately. WILLIAM STEWART Is now Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices, Dress Goods, Millinery, Shawls and Mantles; Blankets, Sheetings, Counterpanes and Furs. WILLIAM STEWART.

THE FRUIT DEPOT New Havana Oranges, Malaga Lemons, Malaga Grapes, Cocoanuts, 100 brls Choice Winter Apples. The Best Oysters in Canada. CANNED OR IN SHELL. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. HUGH WALKER. Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, Nov. 17th, 1874

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Pocket and Office DIARIES for 1875

A Large and cheap stock at ANDERSON'S BOOKSTORE, East Side Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

LAMPS! Hand Lamps, Table Lamps, Pendant Lamps, Bracket Lamps, OF NEAT DESIGNS AND LOW PRICES.

John M. Bond & Co. Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Nov. 16, 1874. NEW GOODS

The following invoice of Goods has just been received from the Celebrated Establishment of Cross & Blackwell, of London and is a complete stock of such as are not brought to Guelph by any other house you are invited to inspect them: Wax Moons for Carriage Lamps, Night-lights, 6 and 8 hours, Cadbury's Cocoa Essence, Raspberry and Strawberry Jam, Raspberry Vinegar, Calvesfoot Jelly, Lemon, Madeira, and Vanilla Jelly China Preserved Ginger, Capt. White's West India Pickle, and Curry Paste, Mango Relish, Pickled Onions, Kipper Herrings, English Yarmouth Bloaters, Smoked Cods, Roes, Anchovy and Bloat Paste, Strasbourg Meats, Potted Ham, Chicken and Game, Harvey's Sauce, Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce, English Malt Vinegar, and Anchovy Sauce. ALSO, White Clover Honey, in Comb, Cranberries from Lake Superior. AT JOHN A. WOODS, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph. O12-do.

FARMERS' DIARIES. — If our farmers knew how little trouble it is to keep a diary, and with what satisfaction they would look over it in a few years, we feel sure they would buy many of them. Induced to begin one. A simple record of the weather and the operations of the farm, the writing of which would not occupy two minutes a day, will, in after years, be not only a source of pleasure, but also of great practical benefit. By reference back to the record of former years, one can see how late he planted certain crops, and at what time they matured, also items of interest to the family prices, &c. At Day's Bookstore will be found a large stock of Farmers' and Farmers' Account Books. Day will sell you a large foolscap Diary for 35 cents, and Pocket Diaries from 15 cents upwards. Begin now, and it will pay you well for the few minutes' lost in entering your day's work.

GREAT SALE WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, &c. AT R. CRAWFORD'S

Jewelry Store, next the Post Office, you can get great Bargains in Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, such as Gold Watches formerly \$150 now \$130 do do \$100 " \$80 do do \$75 " \$65 do do \$40 " \$35 do do \$85 " \$30 do do \$30 " \$25 do do \$25 " \$20 do do \$18 " \$14 do do \$12 " \$10 R. C. finds that his time is too much divided between his Factory and Store, and he has resolved to get out of the store by the new year. He has determined to sell his valuable stock at such prices as will effect an entire clearance. Call and examine for yourselves. Money saved is money gained. Store next the Post Office, Guelph. Oct. 31, 1874.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT. OTTAWA, October 3, 1874. Authorized Discount on American Invoices until further notice, 3 per cent. R. S. M. BOUCHETTE, Commissioner of Customs.

Canada Trade with the Antilles. To show the benefits to be derived by the country having a Government alive to its interests like the one we have at present we copy the following from the New York Bulletin of the 17th.

Canadian commercial enterprise, in feeling its way to the future, is not inclined to halt at the proposed Reciprocity Treaty with the United States. It has a sharp eye to the commerce of the West Indies, and with a view to its development, we see it has just taken a step which certainly looks as if it "meant business." The Government has called for tenders for a fortnightly steam service with St. Thomas and Guiana, and another between Canada and the island of Cuba. The tenders are solicited by the Post Office Department, and the subsidy or payment made by the Government will be for the carrying of mails. In taking this step, the Government, we are told, has decided upon establishing a regular and first-class system of steam communication between the Dominion and the Antilles. For a long while past, journals devoted to Canadian trade interests have been earnestly urging a more thorough development of tropical trade, and this movement of the Government would seem to be the response to it. The complaint has been that this trade, though already large and lucrative, has been permitted to remain stationary. Last year, indeed, there was a positive decrease, as will be seen by the following comparison with the customs returns for the year previous: Imports and exports, 1872.....\$6,776,539 Imports and exports, 1873.....6,719,067 Decrease.....\$57,472

The Canadian claim that in some descriptions of manufactures they can more than hold their own with the United States in the West India markets and that as there is but one thing needed to demonstrate the fact—quicker and more regular steam communication—the answer that it is obtained the better. We trust there is no room here to question whether our Canadian friends are not making the same mistake to which some of our Southern countrymen have heretofore been prone—namely, that lines of steamers are all that are needed to create markets where markets are not. Frequent and rapid steam communication unquestionably are indispensable prerequisites to the promotion of foreign trade; but unless there is abundant assurance that the trade exists, steamship lines are apt to prove unprofitable experiments—just as railroads do when built in advance of the necessities of the country they traverse. We are bound to believe, however, that the Dominion people know what they are about, and that they are determined to succeed. The determination we can heartily commend, under the conviction that the increase of Canadian commerce in any direction is bound ultimately to tell to our advantage as well as theirs. Whatever or whoever helps to create new markets or stimulates to increased activity those already in existence, necessarily enlarges the circle of the world's commerce, with accruing

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DEATHS. DAVIDSON—At Guelph, on the 18th inst., Mary Jane Davidson, wife of John A. Davidson (MERCURY Office), aged 39 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

CHEAP MEAT. When Beef is Cheap why not Sell Cheap, and give the Public the Benefit. JOSEPH SMART, butcher, Stall No. 4, Guelph Market, begs to return his sincere thanks to his numerous friends and patrons whom he has had the pleasure of supplying for the past fourteen years and takes this opportunity of informing them, as well as the public generally, of his intention to lower the price of meat forthwith, and sell it for less than it has ever been sold in Guelph, being determined not to be undersold by any butcher or stockkeeper. In doing so, he solicits a continuance and increase of the liberal patronage he has hitherto received, assuring his friends that all his meats will be of the best quality, and that every order will receive prompt attention, and most carefully delivered to all parts of the town.

FOR SALE—TYRCATHLEN LOTS. The Venerable Archdeacon Palmer has placed in my hands for sale the Lots in his new survey, immediately in rear of his residence and lying on the north side of Grange street. The situation cannot be surpassed in the town—convenient to Market, Post Office, Church and Schools, commanding a magnificent view of the town and surrounding country. The lots are of different sizes, and well suited for private dwellings, with a first-class soil for gardening. Those lots on Tyrceathlen Terrace are well adapted for general residences, and will only be sold to those who will bargain to put up good buildings. Plans of the Lots can be seen at my office and particulars learned. Terms very liberal. Purchases made this Fall, interest on balance of purchase money will not commence until 1st April next. If desired, the lots will be pointed out on the ground. Also, 17 other lots lying to the north of Palmer street, in Macdonald's survey, and other lots in the same survey. An early call is solicited. CHARLES DAVIDSON, Land and General Agent, Town Hall Building, Guelph. Guelph, Nov. 31, 1874.

TOWN HALL. RETURN OF HERNDON'S Opera House Company. FOUR NIGHTS ONLY! Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th. ENTIRELY NEW LIST OF PLAYS. No piece repeated that this Company has ever performed in Guelph. Wednesday Evening, Nov. 25th Dion Boucicault's Great Five Act Play of THE OCTOBEROON. Admission 25 and 50 cents. Doors open at 7; commencement at 8. Guelph, Nov. 20, 1874.

BERKSHIRE BOAR JOHN A. The subscriber begs to notify the breeders of Berkshire Boars that he has purchased the Boar, imported from England by George Roach, Esq., of Hamilton, which will serve sows this season. Terms cash. Post-office—John A. was sired by Sampson, son of Swindon, by 2nd Duke of Gloucester, main Nipper, out of Bobtail, by Tim Weller. JOHN BUNYAN, Macdonnell Street Guelph, Proprietor. Oct. 23, 1874.

NELSON CRESCENT GROCERY. W. A. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has commenced business in the store lately occupied by E. S. King, opposite the Guelph Savings Bank, where he has just opened up a new and complete stock of Groceries and Provisions. As all goods have been bought at the lowest figure for cash, they will be sold as cheap as by any other house in Guelph. He hopes by keeping a good article, and by paying strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage. Goods delivered to any part of the town. W. A. SUDDABY. Guelph, Nov. 9, 1874.

FOR SALE—Lot 17, corner of Woolwich and McTague streets, West Ward, Guelph. The house containing six rooms, is new and commodious, a good brick workshop, hard and soft water, stables and wood shed complete. THOMPSON & JACKSON. Several valuable and well improved FARMS, varying in size from 50 to 250 acres, all in the neighborhood of Guelph, where there is a market not surpassed in Canada. These lands will be offered at moderate prices, and on easy terms of payment. THOMPSON & JACKSON. MONEY always on hand for INVESTMENT. Money safely invested for Capitalists. THOMPSON & JACKSON, Land and Loan Agents, Guelph. Nov. 18, 1874.

MONEY TO LOAN. The undersigned has over \$50,000 to lend on good farm security on terms MODERATE. Apply direct to FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister, &c., Guelph. Guelph, Oct. 16, 1874.

MONEY TO BE MADE. The subscriber is authorized to let the store and premises, in the village of Eden Mills, lately occupied by Samuel Meadows. These premises are of stone, large and well suited for a general store. The village is situated in the centre of a flourishing farming district. Terms moderate. Apply to Lemon, Peterson & McLean, Solicitors, Guelph, and to J. A. DAVIDSON, Township Clerk, Eden Mills. May 27, 1874.

ANCHOR LINE. Steamers from New York every SATURDAY. Passenger Accommodation Unsurpassed. Rates of passage from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo. To Glasgow, Liverpool or Londonderry, Queenstown or Belfast. Cabin \$2 to \$3 gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets issued at reduced rates. Intermediate and Steerage as low as any other line. For passage or further information apply to Henderson Brothers, 7 Dowling Green, New York, or their Agents, at New 13 BRYCE, Express Agent, Guelph.

TO THE TRADE Just Received, a consignment of

LOBSTERS IN CANS WARRANTED PRIME WHOLESALE KEABLES & KING, Central Grocery and Confectionery Store, Corner Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph.

CHEAP FURNITURE! BARR & SKINNER, Alma Block, Guelph.

We are now employing more help, and turning out much better quantities of good work than at any time since we commenced manufacturing, and we are glad to find the people of Guelph appreciate our efforts to give them the best of

FURNITURE AT VERY LOWEST PRICES and see the advantages of having large Factories in town, by supporting us so generously, and from this Christmas we shall give better bargains than ever in all kinds of Furniture.

UPHOLSTERED GOODS, Spring Beds, Mattresses, Geese Feathers, &c. &c., all at remarkably low prices.

Call at once and you will find us wide awake and honourable dealers, guaranteeing satisfaction every time. BARR & SKINNER, Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture. nov1874

No 2, DAY'S BLOCK Prime New Raisins, Choice New Currants, Good Figs, At 10c per pound.

ANOTHER LOT OF CHOICE YOUNG HYSOON TRY IT. At 75 cents per pound. J. E. McElderry. No. 2, Day's Block. The Noked Tea Store.