

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE MACDONNELL STREET
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NOTICE—Hereafter local editorial business notices will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line in every edition of the Mercury.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

After several attempts to frame a law providing for the proper registration of births, deaths and marriages, a bill has at length been drawn up so satisfactory in its provisions that it has received its second reading in the Local Legislature, and will in all probability pass the remaining stage and become the law of Ontario on the first day of July, 1869. Every person is aware that such an act is of no less importance in this Province than similar ones have been found to be in other countries, where the properly certified record of one or more of the three great events, two of which are common to all, and the third to the greater part of humanity, have proved of much moment. We propose, therefore, to summarise as briefly as possible, the provisions of the bill.

The Provincial Secretary is to be Registrar-General of the Province. Each county, or city or town withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the country shall be a registration district, and the Clerk of the Peace shall be District Registrar.

Again, each township, incorporated village, town, and every ward in cities shall be registration divisions, and the Clerks of such municipalities shall be the Division Registrars. The latter will be obliged to make their returns on or before the 10th of January of each year to the District Registrars, and these in their turn shall transmit them to the Registrar General before the first of each February. The father or mother of any child born in the Province, or in case of their death or inability, then any person standing in their place, or the nurse or any person present at the birth, shall give notice within thirty days to the Division Registrar, paying ten cents, and answering the following queries: When born? Name? Sex? Name and surname of father? Name and maiden surname of mother? Rank or profession of father? And there will be entered at the same time a description of the informant with signature and residence, the date of registry and the name of the accoucheur. Although births should be registered within thirty days, nothing shall prevent their subsequent registration within one year.

In the same manner, deaths are to be reported by some one of the persons residing in the houses in which they take place, or by any one who was present; but if the death has not occurred in a house, then by any person who has any knowledge of the circumstances attending the demise. The report is to be made before interment, if possible, or ten days after. Answers are expected to the following questions: Name and surname of deceased? When died? Sex? Age? Rank or profession? Where born? Certified cause of death and duration of illness? Name of physician, if any? Religious denomination? The other entries are the same as in the case of births. Physicians are required to report births or deaths at which they have attended professionally.

Ministers and all persons authorized by law to celebrate marriages must report to the Division Registrar within thirty days, paying twenty-five cents, which the happy bridegroom will be supposed to have previously forked over. Information is required on the following subjects: The name, age, place of birth, residence, condition and profession of the contracting parties, together with the names of their parents, and the religious denomination or denominations to which they belong. Also, whether the lady is a spinster or a widow, and whether the authority for the marriage has been a license or the publishing of banns.

All persons shall have a right to search these records, and to receive, for the sum of fifty cents, extracts duly certified by the Registrar General, which shall be evidence of the entry certified, and prima facie evidence in any Court of Law or Equity in this Province, of the facts therein stated. Registrars neglecting their duty may be fined fifty dollars for every offence, and parties neglecting to report births, deaths or marriages, may be fined any sum between one dollar and twenty dollars, the prosecution in all cases to be a summary one before a magistrate.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.—Our best thanks are due to Mr. Joseph Kirby, of Milton, for a couple of splendid turkeys which he has sent us as a Christmas present. It is seldom the editorial larder is graced with two such fine birds, and we think all the more highly of them from the fact that last Christmas Mr. Kirby sent us as handsome a present. He evidently appreciates the manifold services of the Mercury in the cause of agriculture and has done his best to make us forget our thousand and one trials and vexations in the enjoyment of a feast at Christmas. May his stock always take first prizes, (which is generally the case) and his turkeys be ever the biggest and fattest in Halton.

ERIN FALL SNOW.—We are requested to state that the ram lamb (long-wooled) which took the first prize at the Erin Show, belonged to Mr. Robt. Kennedy and not to Mr. T. Tolton, as formerly published.

A case of death from small-pox occurred in town this morning.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE,
 GUELPH, Dec. 23d, 1868.
 J. A. C. Hein, Toronto; Wm. Maxwell, Toronto; Chas. Roe, Cobourg; J. Wilkes, Mount Forest; Mr. T. H. Adams, Walkerton; Thos. H. Green, Cairo, Ill.; A. Gillespie, Toronto; Isaac Fenton, Brookville; J. F. Cross, Fergus; Jas. Smellie, Toronto; J. Leamont, Toronto; J. Marshall, Toronto; J. Denny, Saugeen; S. Davidson, Marshall; Saugeen; J. P. Coulson, Owen Sound; Hugh Jones, Dundas; R. Johnson, Fergus; A. McDonald; Park Hill; Miss Burns, Owen Sound; Mr. Corlick, Proton; R. Larter, Owen Sound; Chas. Brown, Toronto; Lyman McGee, Hamilton.

DIED.

McEwen.—At Guelph, on the 21st inst., Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. William McEwen, aged 21 years.
 The funeral will take place from her father's residence to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

AT

JOHN HORSMAN'S,

HOUSES TO LET.

To let two dwelling houses. There are seven apartments in one and four in the other. Apply to
 DAVID McCRAE, Senr., London Road.
 Guelph, 23rd Dec. d2

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market sheds. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage.
 Guelph, Dec. 23. d4 B. B. PRESANT.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Place before an intelligent public this notice, and bespeak for it a kindly reception from young and old, rich and poor.

Our Platform is sufficiently broad and comprehensive, that every one can stand upon it to advantage. We simply seek the general good of the whole community by giving good advice and showing how to SAVE MONEY, which, we take it, is something every intelligent person is desirous of doing.

In the first place we wish to inform the public that we are in

The Grocery, Liquor and Crockery Trade

at our usual stand, Wyndham-st.

20 lbs New Currants for One Dollar.
 E. O'DONNELL & CO.

In order to meet the wants of all classes, our Stock has been greatly enlarged and improved. Every line of Goods has been carefully classified and made as complete as possible, and now we flatter ourselves that our Stock is equal in every respect to any in the Dominion.

Everything in stock is fresh, new and sparkling. No old shop-keepers' rust and decay upon our shelves to be palmed off on the unsuspecting. We buy the VERY BEST GOODS which the markets of Europe and the Dominion afford, and sell at the very smallest margin of profits.

12 lbs. New French Raisins for \$1.
 E. O'DONNELL & CO.

The success which we have already met with since commencing business in Guelph warrants us in the belief that our efforts to conduct a First-class Grocery Establishment is fully appreciated by the public.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching, when all make an effort to obtain good cheer wherewith to enjoy festivities of the season. It is of importance that purchasers should get value for their money, and a visit to E. O'Donnell & Co's will convince the most skeptical that it is just the place to obtain the choicest Goods at the very lowest prices.

11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins for \$1.
 E. O'DONNELL & CO.

During the past two weeks we have been in DAILY RECEIPT of large quantities of Goods, which are now opened and offered for inspection at

E. O'DONNELL & CO'S,
 Wyndham Street, Guelph.
 Guelph, 23rd December. dw

SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED,

And is superintending the RETAIL DEPARTMENT of the

Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works

WYNDHAM STREET.

THE MAMMOTH CAKE

To be Cut and Sold at 30c. per lb., worth 50c.

Every person should have a piece of the LARGEST CAKE EVER MADE IN THE DOMINION. Please leave your order by Wednesday evening. Also, an endless variety of GOODS for

Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts!

For large and small. Come one and all, come all, and see for yourselves.

H. BERRY.

Guelph, Dec. 23, 1868. daw tf

R. RAE & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

China, Crockery, Glassware,

AND FANCY GOODS.

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH, ONT.

HAVING purchased of Messrs. JAMES MASSIE & CO. their stock of Crockery and Glassware, imported this Fall, and rented the large and commodious premises adjoining their wholesale Grocery Store in the New Alma Block, we propose carrying on a large and exclusively Wholesale business in the above line.

From the facilities we possess in a practical knowledge of the business, and by buying for cash in the best markets of England, France, Germany and America, we are prepared to offer our Goods at prices that will compete favorably with any House in the Province.

Guelph is a specially central point, offering facilities for the transmission of Goods in all directions. Under such circumstances we have confidence in soliciting an examination of our stock before purchases are made elsewhere, confident that we can offer inducements unsurpassed in the Trade. We are now opening

500 Crates of Granite and Common Ware,

And 300 packages of Glassware, China & Fancy Goods
 Comprising a complete assortment in these lines.

Prompt attention given to all orders, and all Goods carefully packed by experienced warehousemen.
 Guelph, 19 December. d4w-w1y **R. RAE & CO.**

Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to

JOHN R. PORTE'S

JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE,
 Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street.

The following choice articles will be found in Stock:

Ladies' Companions
 Ladies' Work Boxes
 Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks

Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c.

WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY

Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.
 Guelph, 17th December. dw **JOHN R. PORTE.**

PLANCHETTE,

The Maquette Fortune Teller

Hundreds of thousands of this the greatest curiosity of the age have been sold in the United States and Canada. To be had at

SHEWAN'S OLD STAND.
 Wyndham Street.
 Guelph, 23rd December. d2

THE WHEEL OF LIFE!

ZOETROPE and PLANCHETTE

CUTHBERT'S.

CUTHBERT'S

ATTRACTIONS

For the Present Holiday Season

Exceed anything that has ever been in Guelph.

CALL AND SEE.
 Guelph, December 23 dw

SPEED LODGE, No. 180.

An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, Dec. 23d, at half-past 7 o'clock, for installation of officers.
 JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.
 Guelph, Dec. 23. d td

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to
 S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph.
 November 19. daw tf

New Advertisement.

FRUITS.

FRUITS SOLD

EXTREMELY CHEAP

DURING THE

HOLIDAYS

AT

E. CARROLL & CO'S.,

Day's 2 Block.

Guelph, December 21st. dw

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Beautiful Jewellery!

When you buy your Christmas Presents,

DON'T FORGET TO CALL AND SEE

D. SAVAGE'S

Beautiful Stock of Jewellery.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 18th December. dw

ARRIVED

The First Lot this Season

FRESH HADDOCK

FRESH LOBSTERS, in the Shell

ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY

Superior Haddies

PTATT & CO'S

BALTIMORE

OYSTERS

SELECT, ARRIVING DAILY.

SOLD TO THE TRADE AT HAMILTON AND TORONTO PRICES.

Guelph, 18th December. dw **GEORGE WILKINSON,**
 SOLE AGENT FOR GUELPH.

B. L. S.

Lately with Messrs. James Massie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of

Groceries, Wines and Liquors

DINNER and TEA SETS, GLASSWARE, &c.

Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the Store.

Next Door to THE ALMA BLOCK, Guelph.

LANGDON FOR WINES and LIQUORS.

LANGDON For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.

LANGDON FOR TEAS.

LANGDON For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY

LANGDON FOR SUGARS.

LANGDON For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE

JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. SALT; 100 Bbls and half bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 60 bbls. Labrador HERRING.

Guelph, 15th December. daw

WELLINGTON LUMBER YARD
 GUELPH.
 Notice to Farmers and Others.
 No. 1, Sawn Shingles, @ \$1.35
 No. 1, Cut Shingles, @ 1.65
 No. 2, Sawn Shingles, @ 1.65
 No. 2, Cut Shingles, @ 0.85
 GOWDY & STEWART.
 Guelph, Dec. 21. d6t-w1f

TENDERS WANTED.
 Tenders for cross-cutting a quantity of hardwood logs into short lengths. For particulars apply at my office.
 DAVID ALLAN, Guelph Mills.
 Guelph, 22nd Dec. d4w1

SHOOTING MATCH.
 A grand shooting match will take place at the Bull Frog Hotel, Emmaus Road, on FRIDAY, 25th of December, when a number of capital turkeys, geese and ducks will be shot for. Ranges for both rifles and guns will be provided. Sport to begin at noon.
 Guelph, 22nd Dec. dw **JAMES HOOD**