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OFFICE: Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.

October 29, 1867. daw-ff.

### CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in every respect in a substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

### THE BAR

will be supplied with the

### Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars

And the table with all 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,

at all hours. Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor.

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitley.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do ff.

### DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND SHADERS SALOON.)

### OPPOSITE THE MARKET,

GUELPH.

QUALITY LIQUORS, CIGARS, OYSTERS, &c. Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN, Proprietor.

Guelph, December 2, 1867. daw-ff.

### ALLAN'S Barber Shop.

IS THE NEAREST OF

### Castle Garden SALOON,

West Market Square.

### SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING, SHAMPOONING, and HAIR COLOURING,

Done in First-Class Style.

Making and doing up Curis for Ladies.

Guelph, February 6th. dlm

### FURS, FURS.

WE have opened our stock of FURS, from our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES.

Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, Rivor Mink, Ladies' Hoods, GENTS' MUFFLERS and CHILDREN'S SLEIGH BOOTS, &c.

F. GARLAND, Proprietor.

Market Square, Guelph.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. 88d w732

### INDIA & CHINA TEA CO'Y.

Home Depot at London and Liverpool, Canada Depot, 23 Hospital Street, Montreal.

THE India and China Tea Company beg to call the attention of the Canadian community to their directly imported Teas, which for PURITY and EXCELLENCE will be found unequalled.

The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce of some of the best plantations in Assam and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by a judicious blending of these with the finest Teas with the best varieties of China produce, they are enabled to offer to the public Teas of quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the general consumer. These Teas are in high favour in England and France, and a single trial will prove their superiority.

The Company supply two qualities only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great strength and flavour, combined with colour and strength, and to be entirely different to the flat and rapid article usually sold as Black Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether free from the deleterious mineral powder so commonly used for coloring the leaf.

PRICES: Rich full-flavoured Tea, for family use, genuine and guaranteed 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.

The above can be had either Black, Green or Mixed.

To be had in packets of Quarter Pound Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 5 lbs. and upwards, from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada, N. B. All the packages are lined with tin foil paper, and the Tea will consequently retain its flavour any length of time.

ONSERVE—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Agent, Guelph, Ont., 49-17.

### New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffee's Hotel.

Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

Everybody in want of a good Trunk, Valise, or Travelling Bag, can be supplied at the new shop, two doors from the Post Office.

### WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c to the dollar, or our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church.

We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of common blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr. Hoover's Livery Office.

REPAIRING done as usual.

In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present staff of superior workmen.

SMITH & METCALF, Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block. Guelph, 26th December 1867. dwtf.

### Four Corners' Hotel, ERAMOSA ROAD.

JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of Scotch and Irish Whiskies, and all the latest and most fashionable liquors and cigars. Good stone stabling and attentive hostler.

### TROTTER & GRAHAM,

DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

(Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.)

OFFICE: Over Mr. Higinbotham's Drug Store.

References:—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Des. Clarke, Parker and Brook, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattison, M. D.; Rev. Mr. Arnold, Brampton; Dr. Barnhart, Waterloo; Dr. Bell, Br. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

The new anaesthetic used for extracting teeth without pain.

R. TROTTER, W. K. GRAHAM, Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (d-w-17)

### THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

WITHOUT any exception, the Barclay Sewing Machine, manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Company,

### AT PARIS, ONTARIO,

is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination hereof will convince which will be to the advantage of the customer to purchase. All machines warranted.

Also, agent for the D2 LITON KNT. PT. 1. MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market. Apply to

MOSES HECHTEL, General Agent for the County of Wellington, Blair Post Office.

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Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868. dw

### UPHOLSTERY

### CHAS. FIRESTONE

Quebec-st., near Howard and Jones.

IS prepared to execute orders for all kinds of Upholstering in a neat and expeditious manner.

### SOFAS, LOUNGES,

Chairs, &c., re-upholstered, Church Seats re-trimmed, Picture Hanging, &c., on short notice, and at moderate rates.

Remember the place Quebec-st., Guelph, Guelph, 15th Feb., 1868. im

### Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

CHURCH-ST. GUELPH.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.

Guelph, 20th December 1867. w1

### STRAYED STEER.

CAME on the subscriber's premises in November last, a Steer rising two years old. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take him away.

RICH. BOYS, w1

### BRUSHES.

Whitewash, Scrubbing, Hair, Tooth, Shoe, and Bath Brushes.

JOHN HORSMAN.

### TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

GUELPH EAST. GUELPH WEST. GUELPH SOUTH. GUELPH NORTH.

ARRIVE AT GUELPH. DEPART.

Mixed, 10.50 a.m. Accommodation, 6.45 a.m. Account, 11.55 a.m. Mixed, 3.00 p.m. Do., 8.05 p.m. Account, 4.50 p.m.

Stages leave for Walkerton at 5 a.m., and for Owen Sound at 4 a.m., Hamilton and Brock road at 11 a.m.

### NEW LAW OFFICE.

### FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS.

### SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

S. B. FREEMAN, C. C. G. O. FREEMAN.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wellington Street, Guelph, 4th December 1867. dw

### Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EV'G, FEB. 27, 1868.

### Local News.

Two Socials have recently been held in Orangeville in aid of the building fund for the erection of a new Wesleyan Methodist Church, and about \$50 have been raised.

A hand cart containing five section men while approaching Ingersoll, on Saturday night, was run into by the express. One of the men was severely injured, the others escaped.

COVERED RINK FOR GUELPH.—A meeting of the Guelph curlers, and others interested will be held in the Town Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening at eight o'clock, to devise means for erecting a covered rink in the town. All interested in the "roaring game" are expected to attend.

The hotel keepers of St. Catharines have raised all their drinks to ten cents a glass with the exception of ale and common whiskey. What a number of thirsty saints there will be, for it is to be presumed that such individuals will be satisfied only with the choicest nectar.

While the sexton of Melville Church, Galt, was lighting the lamps on Sabbath evening last the large chandelier fell and was smashed to pieces, while the seats on which it fell were defaced and splintered.

It is rumored, says the Hamilton Times that Mr. Magill, M.P., has been offered the seat in the Dominion Cabinet, left vacant by the death of Mr. Blair; and further, that Mr. Magill is now engaged in consulting his friends, with probabilities in favor of his accepting the office.

A VACANCY.—The death of Hon. Robt. Spence, Collector of Toronto, leaves a vacancy in the Board of the Canada Life Assurance Company. The deceased held the position of a Director for a long term of years.

THE New York Times is authority for the statement that Hon. Mr. Howe, of the Nova Scotia Legislature, has accepted a lucrative position on a London paper, and will not return to Nova Scotia.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE.—Another severe shock of earthquake was experienced in Montreal about midnight on Tuesday, the way being from south-west to north-east, accompanied by a very loud, rumbling noise. The shock was the most violent felt here of late years, and would probably have been destructive had it been accompanied by returning vibratory motion.

A VICTIM OF INTEMPERANCE.—The London Advertiser has the following:—A sad example of the degrading effects of the use of strong drinks was given to day in the person of a poor, wretched-looking being, arrested by the police as a vagrant, and committed to jail for one month by Alderman Hughes. This person, whose name is Corbin, was at one time, and that within a very few years, one of the wealthiest men in the county of Oxford; enjoying a large practice as a doctor, and considered an ornament to his profession. There was no position within the reach of a subject that he could not aspire to, and no society in this country too select to refuse him entrance. His downward career as a drunkard has been steady and rapid, and the once courted man is now a ragged, wretched vagrant, an object of pity and charity, emaciated and debilitated through disease and want, covered with filth, and crawling with vermin. This is only one of numbers of such instances to be met with daily, in all parts of the country.

THE Guelph curlers left our good town on Monday morning en route for Toronto, to play the Curling Club of that city. Some thought it was rather a bold step on the part of the Guelph men—not from any fear that they would be beaten, for that never deters them from having a spuel with any opponents who may offer—as a severe snow storm had been raging all the morning. Nothing daunted, however, they got on the down train, due left at 10 o'clock, which did not get off until half past eleven. With the aid of two powerful engines the train made good time till it reached Georgetown, when the engines attached to it were sent back to help the up train from Toronto through the rock cutting at Limehouse, which was getting pretty well filled up with the drifted snow. This led to a delay of two hours, during which time our jolly curlers made a raid on the Hogbins to keep the hot close to the station. Everything which the honest man had in his house, including a pig, which some averred was killed just as the train was coming in sight, was speedily eaten up. After this delay the train then started, and reached Toronto at half past four o'clock.

This was the last train that arrived in Toronto for two days. The train which left that city on Monday afternoon, and which crossed the train with the curlers on board at Georgetown, stuck at Acton, and the passengers had to remain there till yesterday evening, when the track at the rock cutting at Lime-house was cleared. But to return to the curlers. They soon made themselves comfortable at the Queen's and other hotels in the city, and fraternized with their opponents, who had been practising for the match, of which more anon.

Not a single engine left Toronto, or reached it on Tuesday. The trains on all the railways were cancelled. The train on the Northern railway due on Monday at 11 o'clock a.m., was snowed up about a mile on the north side of Dawnport, and the passengers, to the number of fifty or sixty, were left to spend the night in the cars the best way they could. They did not reach the city till the forenoon of Tuesday.

The Grand Trunk train which left about six o'clock on Monday evening for Montreal, with three powerful engines, was snowed up near Scarborough heights all night, and three other engines sent to its assistance on Tuesday morning also got into a snow drift, half a mile from the other train. Provisions were sent to the passengers, and everything possible under the circumstances was done to make them comfortable. The train which left for Hamilton on the Great Western Railway on Monday afternoon ran off the track near Sunnyside and stuck fast in a snow drift, and another from Hamilton also came along, and of course was unable to proceed westward. About seventy passengers remained there on Tuesday, and the provisions were sent to them in sleighs. On Wednesday morning the Grand Trunk train for the west started at nine o'clock, with the curlers on board, and with the aid of two powerful engines, it got to Georgetown with only one or two short delays. But here it had to remain, for the Limehouse cutting was completely snowed up. The snow plough and four engines were sent on, but the plough got off the track, and was shunted off. The engines proceeded, and dashed into the drift, but the foremost one stuck fast and was almost buried out of sight. A few men were kept shovelling, and now and again the engines would make another dash at the solid mass of snow, but with little effect. So the day wore on. Friend Higgins was again in command of everything eatable, and the brave curlers went up wonderfully under the delay. Meantime the express and mail trains from Toronto came up, and yet there was no prospect of getting on. Night set in, and all hands were resigning themselves to spend a night on the cars, when some of the men attached to the road who had come through from Acton, reported that the cut was nearly open, and that the snow was being cleared up. 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