

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS!

TREMENDOUS CLEARING SALE OF THE LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &C., BELONGING TO HOGG & CHANCE, GUELPH.

The Co-partnership Dissolved! Mr. HOGG retires from the Business!

The Stock to be Cleared Off at Cost Prices, commencing on Monday, the 9th of December.

GREAT BARGAINS! Families ought to take advantage of this rare opportunity of laying in their Winter supplies at once, as this Stock is very large and complete in every Department. **Actual Cost Prices** will be asked for all the Goods, and no second price or bantering. Store will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and close at 6 o'clock in the evening during the sale. All Goods will be sold for **Cash only.**

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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HOGG & CHANCE.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury by the week, or for a longer period, will please leave their names at the office, and it will be regularly delivered at their residences. Subscribers whose papers are not regularly left by the Carrier Boys, will please call at the office at once and inform us of the neglect.

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12.

NORAH CUSHALEEN
OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

It is impossible to describe the effect produced by this address. It threw the excited hearers into a state of frantic delight. The downfall and dismissal of O'Brady came like a very gospel to them, and the knowledge that they were henceforth to be dealt with by Mr. Aspin gave immense satisfaction, for Henry had already made himself popular with all of them. Cheers, blessings, and benedictions filled the air, under cover of which Fergus and Mary retired from view, and the people returned to their festival on the lawn.

It was evening. The happy multitude had returned to their houses, and Fergus and Mary strolled arm in arm through the silent park. They did not speak much, their hearts being too full of happiness for many words, but in the quiet golden light they directed their steps to the spot where first they met on that memorable evening when Mary was rescued from the bull. Dash walked soberly by their side, as in truth he had good right to do, for he had taken not the least part in the event of that evening.

They reached the stile, crossed it, and sat down on the grassy knoll on the other side. The park stretched itself out before them, and at the further side the mansion peeped out from among the ancient trees—no longer dilapidated and deserted, but with its windows all cleaned and uncovered, and the blue smoke curling from its chimneys towards the blue sky.

"The same, and yet how different," whispered Mary. "Ah, little did I think when bewailing the desolation of the place that it was in the ear of its owner, or that in but a few months it should become my own happy home."

"True, my darling," he returned in a fond whisper. "The joy of this day fully repays us for all through which we have passed. It was on this very spot where I was seized; down that very bank Dash was hurled by the secondrels who struck him that unmerciful blow which broke his limb. What adventures we have both passed through since that; but danger seems now over, and a clear sky smiles calmly over our heads. We were true to each other in peril and separation, shall we not live in love and trust together?"

She replied by turning her sweet smiling face to his, and laying her head upon his bosom. Then shadows of twilight drew silently over the scene of love, peace, hope, and joy, as over a scene too sacred for common gaze.

It was midnight. There was no moon, but thousands of bright stars shone clear in the harvest sky. At that hour a party of half a dozen men, headed by Terry Cushaleen, left the village of Dundarra, and took the road to Mountjoy. Each was armed with a stout cudgel, and they walked rapidly, though in silence. Their visit to the farm at such an hour was in consequence of certain information which Terry had received concerning some intended doings of Jacob O'Brady.

In half an hour after midnight they came to the out-houses, and hearing voices, and seeing a flickering light in the court, where the cattle were kept, they proceeded stealthily thither, and became quiet and unobserved spectators of a somewhat animated scene.—O'Brady, Mike O'Rafferty and his two sons were busily engaged in collecting some two score of cattle from the various byres, and they were coming forth with the last of them as Terry and his companions were peeping through the gate.

"Now, Mike," said Jacob, "let us be off with the beasts as fast as we can. How far do you think we shall be from here by daylight?"

"Faix, then, Mr. O'Brady," replied Mike, "ye may keep yer mind perfectly easy, for the boy will be a mighty clever one that finds out the road we take over the mountains.—Bedad sur, ye'll have the beasts sold in Waterford market and the money in your pocket afore a sowl of them knows where they are gone to. Now, sur, maybe ye'll just be after opening the gate, and we'll be joggin'."

Christmas Presents.

To the Inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding Country.

FOR a very large assortment of the cheapest and best

FANCY GOODS

And Christmas Presents call

AT SHEWAN'S Bookstore

Next door to Hugh Walker's Grocery Store.

M. S. has imported some of the most choice articles of the above direct from England, Germany and France. Call and see.

WALL PAPER selling at a sacrifice. Must make room for the Spring stock. Call and look at the endless variety. The trade supplied on the most liberal terms.

Guelph, 4th Dec, 1867.

MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE,

West Market Square.

JUST received, a large lot of FANCY GOODS, all kinds, suitable for PRESENTS for

Christmas & New Year's

She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

Berlin & Fancy Wools

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery.

MRS. HUNTER.

Guelph, 11th Dec., 1867. dw

NOTICE To Debtors & Creditors.

THE undersigned Executors for the Estate of the late Alexander McKinnon, deceased, hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the said Estate, to pay to J. W. BURT, acting Executor for the same, as he is the only person authorized to receive money for the said Estate, and all parties are forbid paying to any other person. All parties having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the expiry of six months from the date of this notice.

J. W. BURT, ARCH. THOMSON, JAS. W. KENNEDY, Executors

Erin, Nov. 16, 1867. 784-w3m

MUTUAL Fire Insurance Comp'y

TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH.

Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Township of Guelph will be held at Blyth's Hotel, Marden,

On Saturday, 4th January, 1868

at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of office-bearers and other business. W. WHITELAW, Secretary.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. w4

Pocket Diaries

FOR 1868.

A Large Assortment

of Pocket Dairies for 1868

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Opposite the Market, Guelph. dw

CUTTERS

ROBT. PARKER

IN returning thanks for the liberal support he has received during the past three years, bears to inform his old customers that he will do his best to continue to merit their confidence and patronage. He has now on hand a large stock of

CUTTERS AND SLEICHS

which he can safely recommend to intending purchasers, for as regards style, excellence of material and good workmanship, they cannot be surpassed by any made in Guelph.

All parties are requested to examine the work for themselves before purchasing elsewhere.

Repairing, re-trimming and repainting done as usual on short notice.

Don't forget the stand—opposite the Court House.

ROBERT PARKER. Guelph, 4th December, 1867. w

GEORGE PALMER

BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor-in-Chief, Guelph, 4th Dec. 1867.

1867. **NEW FRUIT.** 1867.

New London Layer Raisins

New Malaga Layer Raisins

New Select Valencia Raisins

New Seedless Raisins

New Turkey Figs in Layers

New Soft Shelled Almonds

New Hard Shelled Almonds

New Filberts

New Brazil Walnuts

New Lemons, Oranges, &c.

AT H. WALKER'S FRUIT DEPOT,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Guelph, 30th November, 1867. dw

TEAS. TEAS.

A LARGE Lot just received of New Crop

TEAS.

A SPLENDID ARTICLE.

AT 75 CENTS,

Equal to any sold at 57 1/2 cents!

E. CARROLL & CO.

No. 2 Day's Block. Guelph, Nov. 13, 1867. dawtf

Gold & Silver Plating

A. HOWIE & CO.

Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st., HAMILTON.

Watches, Chains, Rings, Penicil Cases, and all kinds of Jewelry Plated in Gold.

Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., Plated at reasonable rates.

Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and despatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to.

Hamilton, November 23, 1867. dw3m

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S English Goods!

Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce

Harvey's Sauce,

Anchor Sauce,

Mushroom Ketchup,

French and Spanish Olives,

Dundee Marmalade,

Black and Red Currant Jelly,

Anchor and Bloaters' Paste,

Greenegages, Damsons, Cherries, Plums, Peaches, Gooseberries and Tomatoes.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, November, 28, 1867. dw

CHRISTMAS HO!

Wholesale, Wholesale!

CONFECTIONERY.

DEALERS buy your confectionery from the undersigned, who has reduced his prices as low as any house in the Dominion. Call and see before purchasing elsewhere, as the Goods cannot be beat, and by buying here you save freights, packing cases, breakage, &c.

FANCY GOODS!

A large lot of Fancy Goods on hand, and a lot daily expected direct from Paris. Wholesale Agent for Putney's celebrated Corn Candy. H. BERRY.

THOS. GRIFFITH & CO.,

Wholesale Grocers,

39 Front-st., TORONTO,

ARE now receiving Ex. S. S. Nova Scotia, Moravian, and other vessels.

Boxes New Valencia Raisins

" New Layer do

" Very Prime West End Layer Raisins

Bbls English Crushed Sugar

" New Currants

Bags and Pockets choice Java Coffee

Qr Casks and Cases Dunville Irish Whiskey

Cases Kinahan's L. L. do

Chests, Half Chests, and Caddies New Season, Ping Sues, Young Hysons, Gunpowders, Congous, Souchongs, Color'd and Uncolored Japans, Imperials, Twankay, Orange, Pekoe, &c., &c.

Bags superior Arracan Rice

Cases English Thumb Blue

Bbls Brazil Nuts

Bags S. S. Almonds

" Walnuts

" Filberts,

Cases Pearl Tapioca,

" Thin's Pickles

" Booth's, Betts' and Barclay's Old Tom

" John Bull Bitters

Crates Wine, Beer and Whiskey

Bottles

Cases Orange, Lemon & Citron Peel

Boxes Valencia and Jordan Almonds

Cases Table Salt, in glass jars do Liqueurice, &c. &c.

AND DAILY EXPECTED

Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces, Preserves.

The above, together with a large stock of

GENERAL GROCERIES,

INCLUDING

Raw and Refined Sugars, Bright and Dark Tobaccos,

(in Caddies, Butts and J Butts), and

WINES & LIQUORS,

COMPRISING

Pale and Dark Brandies, Hollands and Old Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum

Pale and Deep Golden Sherries, Champagnes, &c.,

Will be sold at unusually Low Prices to the Trade.

TERMS LIBERAL.

THOMAS GRIFFITH & CO.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

39 Front Street. Toronto, Nov. 1, 1867. dw-2m

MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED!

At the Medical Hall a large assortment of

LAMPS, SHADES, WICKS, & C.

No. 1 Coal Oil

FOR FAMILY USE.

Perfectly clear and free from smell.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.

Guelph, 20th Nov, 1867. d

XXX OYSTERS!

ARRIVING daily at WALKER'S,

Yarmouth Bloaters, Kipped Salmon Trout, Smoked Salmon, Pickled Salmon, Fresh Salmon, in cans.

HUGH WALKER.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

AMERICAN WATCHES!

A FRESH STOCK OF AMERICAN

WATCHES

JUST RECEIVED.

D. SAVAGE.

Guelph, November 15, 1867. dw

IMMENSE SALE!

GREAT SALE OF

TEAS, SUGARS,

Fruits, Spices, Wines, &c.,

AT THE STORES OF

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

All General Groceries for this Month

REDUCED IN PRICE!

THE WHOLE STOCK TO BE CLEANED OUT.

Crockery, Glassware, China,

VASES, FANCY GOODS, &c., to be

SOLD OFF AT COST!

Retiring from this Branch of Business.

J. MASSIE & CO.

Guelph 19th August 1867. daw

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

GREAT REDUCTION

IN PRICE of the

AMERICAN WATCH

THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeit Watches, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the net Gold value of American Currency. The Company by thus paying all duty, costs and charges on their Watches into Canada, will supply to the people of the Dominion the

Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation, to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, and quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch. Our grades of Extra Heavy Cases Watches for Railway Engineers and Lumbermen deserve particular attention in Canada, as nothing can equal them for the purpose. Our leading Watches in 18 Cases Gold Cases for Ladies and Private Gentlemen, at medium prices, will also be found very desirable.

We are frequently asked why we don't advertise prices. We reply that as we only supply the trade and as our Watches are now kept by most respectable houses, the public can rely on being served at a fair advance on the Manufacturer's List. Our trade marks are AMERICAN WATCH CO., APPLETON TRACY & CO., WALTHAM WATCH CO., P. S. BARTLETT, Wm. ELLERY, HOME WATCH CO. Guaranteed in all cases by special certificate (except the Home Co., which is warranted by the seller. The purchaser should always require the guarantee, as there are Swiss counterfeits for sale in some places.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, New York, } General Agents.
ROBERT WILKES, Toronto and Montreal. }

D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

December 10th, 1867. dw

Four Corners' Hotel,

BRANFORD ROAD.

JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodations for travellers. First-class in every respect. Good stable and attention.

WANTED

FOR a country store, a youth about 16 years of age—one who has been at the business before preferred. Apply (if by letter post-paid) to

ANDREW LIGHTBODY, Postmaster, Guelph.