Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

MONDAY EVENING, SEPT 28, 1868

DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

We ask a careful perusal of the prospectus of this Company in another part of our columns to-day.

In this age of progress, owing to the large extent of country over which all classes of our business community transact their daily operations, the extension of our telegraphic facilities has become a question of prime necessity, no less so than our postal system. So much is this felt to be the case that there is a general movement at the present time in Britain France, and all over Europe, as well as in the neigboring Republic, to enlarge their telegraphic facilities, and cheapen the rates. It is well known that companies and individuals having an exclusive monopoly often cramp and confine their business within narrow limits by charging high and (to the great mass of the community) prohibitive rates, and seldom see this till they are aroused from their lethargy by active and enterprising competition.

The prospectus and papers published by the Dominion Telegraph Company clearly show that whereever it has been tried, cheapening the rates and increasing the facilities by new Telegraph Companies have not only proved a success so far as the new companies were concerned, but actually benefitted the old companies by waking, them up and forcing them to adopt a liberal and more enlightened policy. We believe there is ample room for a new Company. The enormous and increasing traffic on our lakes, rivers and railroads demand it. It is not to be supposed that our business men will be content with the telegraph facilities and rates which were established twenty years ago, and the wonder is that the field has been left open so long. It will be seen that David Allan, Esq., has been elected a Director for this town.

We are informed that the amount of stock the Company apportioned to this place has nearly all been subscribed for by our leading merchants and business men, and the agent of the Company will remain in town a few days longer with the stock lists to wait on those who may wish to subscribe for the balance, as it is the policy of the Company that the stock should be held by the patrons of the line.

The work of construction is now rapidly going on between Suspension Bridge and Toronto, and material is being got out and laid down at different points throughout Canada, and the lines will be extended to every city, town and village throughout the Dominion as speedily as possible.

The New Militia Law---General Orders.

The following appeared in the official *Gazette* of Saturday: Officers commanding corps of volunteers organized prior to the 1st of October, 1868 are notified that the following section of the Militia law which comes into force on that day must be complied with, within three months thereafter. Every volunteer corps duly authorized previously to and existing on the day on which this Act shall come into force, including the officers thereto, shall, for the purpose of this Act, be held to be existing, and shall be continued as such subject to the provisions of this Act; and within three months after the day on which this Act shall come into force, all such corps shall be mustered by their captains or commanding officers. The provisions of this Act shall be explained to them, and such of the men as have not previously given notice of their desire to be discharged, shall take the oath hereinafter prescribed, and be re-enrolled as Volunteer Militia; and each man shall sign a muster roll, and thereafter such men of any Volunteer Corps in any regimental division as complete three years' continuous service in such corps or contemplate three years including any previous continuous service in the same corps, immediately before such muster, or had served three years continuously in such corps immediately before such muster, and are discharged after giving the required notice, shall not be liable to be balloted for any period of drill or training of the active militia, until all the other men in the first, second and third classes of militia men in the company division within which they reside have volunteered or been balloted to serve. Such men as re enroll within three months after the 1st day of October to complete three years, including their previous continuous service, may be permitted to quit the corps should they desire to do so after their three years service shall have expired. Copies of the new militia law, and blank forms for re-enrollment, will be transmitted to the officer commanding each corps by the staff officers for their several districts.

CRUELLY UNJUST.—The London *Advertiser* (a respectable authority) tells the following story, the like of which we hope will not often have to be repeated. 'The first prize in wax fruit was properly awarded to a young lady from West Flamboro— we forget her name. But shortly afterward one of the learned judges came back and declared that the fruit in the vase was natural, and the prize ticket was indignantly transferred to an inferior piece of work! In vain the timid young lady—grieved at being pronounced an imposter before the public—offered to take off the glass and allow the judge to test the fruit with his knife. But no; he knew well enough what was what; and the inflated ignoramus, conceited in proportion to his stupidity, walked grandly off. We believe the judges in most of the departments have performed their duties honestly and intelligently, but the incident we have narrated shows the necessity of extreme care in their selection.'

An account of imprisonment in Siberia, recently published in a Paris paper, says the most exquisite torture inflicted upon prisoners is that of the herring. The unhappy man from whom a confession is to be extorted is confined in a well warmed room, with bread and water and salted herrings for his only food. After several days the bread is withdrawn, and then the water, and the intense thirst which ensues dreaks down the prisoner's resolution very speedily, if it does not stroy his reason.

It is understood that the Ministerial delegation to England, to complete arrangements with the Imperial Government for the transfer of the Northwest Territory to the Dominion, will sail by the *Nestorian* on the 3rd proximo. Probably, however, the Hon. Mr. Campbell may not be able to accompany Sir George E. Cartier and the Hon. Mr. Macdougall, as previously announced.

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.—Some of the youngsters in this city have made the discovery that every large, plump field-cricket is the abiding place of a small, living snake, about as large in circumference as an ordinary knitting-needle, and from five to seven inches long. By pulling off the head of the cricket, it may be taken out alive. Some are light colored, and some a dark brown, and if placed in a bottle of water will live for twenty-four hours. Here is an item for the naturalist. Every youngster is after the crickets for the purpose of dissecting them to see the snakes. The discovery was first made by observing in a clothes-press a couple of those snakes and some crickets. One of the crickets was killed, when the third snake squarmed out of its body.—*Ogdensburgh Chronicle.*

DIED.

POOLEY—At Newburg, N. Y., on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, Ellen Mary, daughter of Mr. Oldknow Pooley, late of Guelph, aged two years and two months.

New Advertisements.

BASE BALL MATCH.

A MEETING of the Guelph Maple Leaf Base Ball Club Will be held at the Court House Hotel on **Tuesday Evening**, the 29th inst., at 7:30 o'clok. A full attendance is particula ly requested.

WM. SUNLEY, Secretary.

Guelph, Sept. 29th, 1868. d2t

TOWN HALL, GUELPH.

Thursday Eve'g, October 1st.

Announcing the great Chief of Minstrelsy,

Duprez & Benedict's Gigantic Minstrels

Composed of 26 Famous Artists,

On their Sixteenth Triumphant Annual Tour, enlarged, improved, remodelled for 1868-69, introducing nightly more variety, more brilliancy, more originality, more real merit, and giving greater satisfaction than any two combined Troupes travelling.

Doors open at 7. Commence ½ of 8 o'clock.

Admission 25 cts. Dress Circle 50 cts.

Sept. 25. d6 C. H. DUPREZ, Manager.

Curling Rink Meeting.

A MEETING of Curlers and others interested in building a Curling Rink will be held in the Town Hall, on Monday Evening the 28th inst. at half-past seven.

CHAS. DAVIDSON, Sec.

Guelph, 26th Sept. 3d

WANTED, A SERVANT GIRL,

Apply at this Office.

Guelph, September 28. dtd

FRESH

BISCUITS

AT GEORGE WILKINSON'S

Soda,

Abernethy,

Crackers,

Oyster Crackers,

Arrow Root,

Pic-Nic, Ginger Nuts.

Potted Meats,

Yarmouth Bloaters,

Ham, Tongue.

Crosse & Blackwell Pickles,

Picadilly,

Chow Chow,

White Onions,

Walnuts,

Mixed Pickles.

Geo. Wilkinson

Guelph, September 28th. dw

WANTED,

Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.

Keep the Feet dry, and the Head Cool.

Customers to buy out one of the Largest and Cheapest stocks of

BOOTS AND SHOES

TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.

JOHN CRIDIFORD

INVITES inspection to his stock of **NEW FALL GOODS**, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.

☞ Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the **Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, No. 41,** Wyndham-st., Guelph. FOR CASH ONLY.

JOHN CRIDIFORD.

Guelph, September 26th dw

CLOCKS, CLOCKS.

CUTHBERT'S

Importation of CLOCKS this Fall larger than ever.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

Guelph, 26th September, 1868. dw

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.

BRITANNIA HOUSE, GUELPH.

FALL & WINTER IMPORTATIONS

WE beg to advise our customers and the public generally that we are in receipt of the largest and choicest assortment of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,

MILLINERY, &c.

ever brought to Guelph, and we are determined to sell them at prices that will maintain our wide spread reputation—**THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN GUELPH.**

CLOTHING

Having secured the services of **Mr. ROBERT GRANT,** whose reputation as a first-class Cutter stands second to none in the Dominion, and having the largest, cheapest and best assorted stock of **Canadian, English and Scotch Tweeds** in town, we are prepared to turn out the Cheapest and Best Fitting Clothing to be had in the Dominion.

An Immense Stock of Ready-made Clothing

For Fall and Winter wear—all our own manufacture. We solicit a call before leaving your orders elsewhere. ☞ All our work warranted.

Guelph, 26th September. dw.

New Advertisement.

DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMP'NY

Capital Stock, - - - $500,000.

IN 10,000 SHARES OF $50 EACH.

PRESIDENT, HON. WM. CAYLEY,

TREASURER, HON. J. McMURRICH,

SECRETARY, H. B. REEVE.

COUNSEL, MESSRS. CAMERON & McMICHAEL,

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, MARTIN RYAN.

DIRECTORS:

HON. J. McMURRICH, Bryce, McMurrich & Co., Toronto.
A. R. McMASTER, A. R. McMaster & Bro., Toronto.
HON. M. C. CAMERON, Provincial Secretary, Toronto.
JAMES MICHIE, Fulton, Michie & Co., and George Michie & Co., Toronto.
HON. WM. CAYLEY, Toronto.
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L. MOFFATT, Moffatt, Murray & Co., Toronto.
H. B. REEVE, Toronto.
MARTIN RYAN, Toronto.
SYLVESTER NEELON, Norris & Neelon, St. Catherines.
J. M. WILLIAMS, M. P. P., Hamilton.
WM. McGIVERIN, Wm. McGiverin & Co., Hamilton.
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PLUMMER DEWAR, Hamilton.
JOHN STUART, President of the Board of Trade, Hamilton.
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JAMES COLEMAN, Dundas.
CHARLES WHITLAW, Paris.
DAVID ALLAN, Esq., Guelph.

PROSPECTUS.

THE DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY has been organized under the Act respecting Telegraph Companies, chapter 67 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada. Its object is to cover the Dominion of Canada with a complete net-work of Telegraph lines.

THE CAPITAL STOCK

is $500,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $50 each, 5 per cent. to be paid at the time of subscribing, the balance to be paid by instalments, not exceeding ten per cent. per month—said instalments to be called in by the Directors as the works progresses. The liability of a subscriber is limited to the amount of his subscription.

The Business Affairs of the Company

Are under the management of a Board of Directors annually elected by the shareholders in conformity with the Charter and By-laws of the Company.

The Directors are of opinion that it would be to the interest of the Stockholders generally to obtain subscriptions from all quarters of Canada, and with this view they propose to divide the Stock amongst the different towns and cities throughout the Dominion in allotments suited to the population and business occupations of the different localities and the interest which they may be supposed to take in such an enterprise.

CONTRACT OF CONNECTIONS.

A contract, granting permanent connection and extraordinary advantages, has already been executed between this Company and the Atlantic and Pacific Company of New York; thus, at the very commencement, as the lines of this Company are constructed from the Suspension Bridge, at Clifton (the point of connection) to any point in the Dominion, all the chief cities and places in the States, touched by the lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, are brought in immediate connection therewith.

A permanent connection has also been secured with the Great Western Telegraph Company of Chicago, whereby this Company will be brought into close connection with all the Lake Ports and other places through the North Western States, and through to California.

All classes of society are interested in extending the use of the Telegraph, at LOW RATES, and the Directors are satisfied that the adoption of a scale of charges considerably below the rate now exacted in Canada, will by encouraging a much more extended use of this medium of communication, not only prove a real and substantial benefit to the public generally, but will also ensure a safe and profitable return to the invester.

On the 25th day of June, A. D., 1868, the DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY was duly CHARTERED according to law.

The admitted importance and value of Telegraphy, would, in the opinion of the Directors, have rendered an introduction of the Dominion Telegraph Company to the Canadian Public unnecessary had it not been that previous attempts to establish Telegraph Companies in Canada, to share the business with the Montreal Company, had been allowed to fall through.

The success of a Telegraph Company will mainly depend on its ability to meet the demands of the public, and consequently it should possess, at least, equal facilities with any other Company, of access to all quarters with which its customers may desire to have communication.

This important requisite has not been, until now, within the reach of any Company entering the field as a competitor with the Montreal Company in consequence of the close and exclusive connection formed between that Company and the Western Union Company of the United States, the latter by virtue of certain patents, having until within these two years, monopolized nearly the whole of the telegraph business in the neighboring Republic.

The business relations between these two Companies continue in full force, but the patents having run out, the monopoly so long enjoyed by the Western Union has ceased to exist.

The Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Western, and other American Companies have invaded the field, and have become successful competitors for the public patronage and support. These Companies, acting on the cheap postage principle, have forced the old monopolist to a reduction of rates, which has resulted in a more widely extended use of this means of communication, and much to the surprise of the Western Union itself, has increased its profits, whilst sharing its field of operation.

With these new Companies the Dominion Telegraph Company of Canada have entered into most satisfactory business relations, and confident of the soundness of the principle which led to the adoption of the penny postage system in Great Britain, the voluntary reduction from $100 to $16 65 per ten word message by the Ocean Cable Company, and the successful operations of the Companies recently established in the United States, invite the business and mercantile community of Canada to join them in the promotion of an enterprise, based on the principle of moderate rates and extended business, which, while injuring no one, they confidently expect will result in securing a large return to the investor, and prove a vast benefit to the community.

Allusion has been made to the voluntary reduction of rates by the Atlantic Cable Company. A Chicago paper, writing on the subject of the growing use of the Telegraph gives the following return, as obtained directly from Cyrus W. Field, showing very conclusively the benefit both to the public and the Company of the reduction of rate.

AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS.

From $100 per message of ten words	.....	$2,525
" 50 " "	.....	2,895
" 25 " "	.....	3,965

An advertisement has recently appeared announcing to the public that the rates from the 1st of September, will be further reduced to $16 65 per ten words.

The following table shows the reduction which has been effected in rates in the neighboring States, arising out of the construction of competing lines:

From New York to	Former Rate.	Present Rate.
Boston	$ 60	$ 30
Bangor	1 20	65
Portland	90	50
Philadelphia	40	25
Baltimore	70	35
Washington	75	40
Augusta, Me.,	1 20	60
Cincinnati	1 90	1 00
Buffalo	75	50
Cleveland	1 95	1 00
Pittsburgh	1 15	45
Louisville	1 95	1 00

This reduction took place in November, 1867. A comparison of the receipts of the Western Union since that period with the corresponding months of the previous year, gives the following results:

Gross Receipts for

December, 1866	$551,791 40;	December, 1867,	$ 576,135 19; Increase, $ 24,163 79
Jan. Feb. Mar., 1867	1,594,644 96;	Jan. Feb. March, 1868,	1,727,939 55; " 138,294 59
April, May, June "	1,589,778 79;	April, May, June, 1868,	1,779,631 52; " 189,852 73

While these beneficial results were flowing to the Western Union Company from the reduction of rates, the new companies had created a business more than sufficient to fill their wires. In proof of this the following extract is taken from the report of the Atlantic and Pacific Company, made July 28, 1868:

"In April last, we reached the maximum capacity of our wires, and have since been compelled to refuse business daily. The Committee, therefore, have reached the conclusion from the actual experience of building and working the present lines—that

"Telegraphic business is growing faster than Telegraphic facilities."

As further proof on this point, the low rates have so pressed the wires of both Companies with business through the day, that posters have been placed in all the main offices proclaiming that double the number of words would be telegraphed at night at the same price as half the number of words by day.

In support of the observation quoted above, that telegraphic business is growing faster than telegraphic facilities, the following statement exhibiting the wonderful increase in the use of the wire, within the last six years, cannot be without interest to our readers. The gross earnings of all telegraph lines in the United States for the following years were:

1846	$ 4,228 77	1864	$3,792,245 40
1849	63,388 98	1865	4,420,268 88
1853	103,860 85	1866	5,624,501 20
1862	2,734,960 40	1867	7,641,552 47
1863	3,269,442 66		

Showing an average increase of a million a year for the last five years.

A comparison of the number of messages sent, and persons using the wire in Canada and the States, furnishes a further proof of the advantage to the public and corresponding benefit to the Companies arising out of a reduction of rates.

The published returns for 1867 show that 600,757 messages were sent in Canada, while the messages in the United States for the same period exceeded 20,000,000, the former being less than one message to every six persons, the latter, two to every three. From these returns and results it may be reasonably inferred that a reduction of rates to a tariff at which the wires of both Companies can be filled, will secure a fair field and good prospects to the Dominion Company, without in any way prejudicing the interests of the Company now monopolising the ground.

The particulars submitted above are sufficient in the opinion of the Directors to establish the facts that low rates, by encouraging a more general use of the telegraph, are more profitable than high. It is not, however, solely in the light of a safe and good investment that the Directors desire that this enterprise should be viewed. They feel that their object will be but indifferently attained unless they can satisfy the public, the business and commercial men, that all who use the telegraph as a medium of rapid communication, are interested in the establishment of what may be called a competing line. As in the administration of public affairs, a strong, watchful Opposition is the best security for good and careful government, so in commercial matters, an honest rivalry in the various pursuits and branches of trade furnishes the best security that the public shall be well served.

The Agent of the Company, MR. C[illegible] now in Guelph, and will wait on the business men with the subscription book to [illegible] an opportunity of subscribing for the stock allotted to this place, as it is the p[illegible] Company that the stock should be held by the business men in order to secure [illegible] when the line is working.

H. B. REEVE, Secretary.

Sertember 26th, 1868. d8t

AUCTION SALE.

W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by J. C. Chadwick, jr., Esq., to sell by public auction,

On Tuesday, the 29th September

Commencing at 1 o'clock p. m., at "Rockmaple," on the Waterloo Road, Guelph, the following valuable

FARM STOCK!

COWS—2 cows within a few days of calving, 1 cow calved on the 3rd inst., 3 cows in calf to the thorough-bred Durham Bull "Prince Alfred."

FAT CATTLE—4 three year old Steers, 2 Cows, 1 Heifer.

OTHER CATTLE—1 yoke of oxen, 1 Durham Bull Calf 5 months old, 1 superior two year old Grade Heifer, in calf to "Prince Alfred."

HORSES—1 blood Mare six years old, out of a "Sir Tatton Sykes" mare by "Allandale;" 1 Horse, 2 Mares, three year old saddle Mare, 1 two year old Filly, 1 two year old Gelding, 1 yearling Gelding, 1 yearling Filly, 2 Filly Foals.

Also, single and double set of Buggy Harness, 2 Berkshire Sows, &c.

TERMS—Three months on approved endorsed notes.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Guelph, September 24th. dtd

Frame Dwelling House & Lot for Sale CHEAP.

LOT No. 1, William Street, Elora, with Good Frame Dwelling House, near Kirk & Clark's Store. Apply to W. P. NEWMAN, Bank of Montreal, Elora.

September 24th. 1wd

THE BEST MUSIC BOOK FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS

IS **The Sabbath School Trumpet,** a collection of Hymns and Tunes, Chants and Anthems, appended to which is a Juvenile Cantata, entitled, "The Origin of the Seasons," for the use of Sabbath Schools. By W. O. and H. S. Perkins. Price, in Paper 30, B'ds 35. OLIVER DITSON & Co., Publishers, 277 Washington-st., Boston. CHARLES DITSON & Co., 711, Broadway, New York. Sept. 25, dwtf

TUCKERMAN'S CATHEDRAL CHANTS

INCLUDING the Gregorian Tones. The whole adapted to the Canticles and Occasional Services of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Services for the Holy Communion, and the Burial of the Dead, with a Morning Service in F, consisting of Te Deum and Benedictus, with a separate Book of Words, enabling Choirs to adapt such Chants of the Canticles as they prefer, instead of comforming, in all cases, to the selections made by the editor. Price $3. OLIVER DITSON & Co., 277 Washington-st., Boston. C. H. DITSON & Co., 711, Broadway, N. Y. Sept. 25, dwtf

LAMPS,

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JUST OPENED OUT AT

PETRIE'S

DRUG STORE

Old Post Office Building, Wyndham-St.

A Large Assortment of COAL OIL LAMPS, all sizes and kinds, will be sold CHEAP.

No. 1 COAL OIL.

A supply of No. 1 COAL OIL KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

A. B. PETRIE, Druggist.

Guelph, September 25th. dw

FOR SALE.

SODA ASH—"Gamble's"

CAUSTIC SODA—'Gamble's,' 'Widnes', 'Alkali Comp'y,' 'Garrett's.'

SAL. SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

PALM OIL.

W. T. BENSON,
37 St Peter Street, Montreal

Montreal, 1st April, 1868 dw-6m

18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68

Wools, FANCY GOODS TOYS, &c.

JUST Arrived, an Immense Stock of Berlin, Zephyr, Saxony, Andalusian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American

FINGERING YARNS.

A Splendid assortment of Braids, Frillings Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods.

A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns Ottomans, &c.

JET and RUBBER GOODS.

Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery from the Latest Designs.

J. HUNTER,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St.

Guelph, September 12th. dw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864-65

In the Matter of JAMES CHRISTIE, of Elora,

AN INSOLVENT.

THE Creditors of the Insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects, under the above Act, to me, the undersigned assignee, and they are required to furnish me within two months from this date, with their claims, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it, and if none stating the fact; the whole attested under oath, with vouchers in support of such claims.

JOHN KERR,
Official Assignee.

Dated at Toronto, 19th Sept., 1868. d2w

TO RENT.

THE undersigned, having removed to his farm is prepared to let or lease his late residence. The house contains ten rooms, besides kitchen, cellar and milk-house, with the necessary out-buildings and garden. There is a never-failing spring of water runs through the cellar. Situated about ten minutes walk from the Market House. The premises can be leased for one or more years, with more or less land, as may be agreed upon.

Apply to PETER GOW.

N. B.—The buildings could easily be arranged for two tenements.

Guelph, September 0th. dtf

Educational Classes.

THE MISSES RHEMMIE beg to announce to the ladies and families of Guelph and vicinity that their Educational Establishment will open on SEPTEMBER 15th, 1868, at their residence, Waterloo Road.

☞ DANCING CLASSES for young ladies and children will commence on THURSDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. dotf