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GUELPH ONT. CANADA. WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14, 1868.

PRICE ONE PENNY

HALIFAX HOTEL,
HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.
HENRY HESSLEIN, Proprietor
Halifax, 12th August.

DOMINION HOTEL,
GUELPH.
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST. a few doors above Higginbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at superior rates.
Guelph, July 13th. dwly

AMERICAN HOUSE,
BOSTON, MASS.
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of Tufts' magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entries have been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly replenished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.
Ang 18 do 6m. LEWIS RICE & SON, Proprietors

CANADA HOUSE,
GALDEBONIA SPRINGS,
Near L'Orignal, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario.—By A. M. F. GIANELLI.
THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of Tufts' magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entries have been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly replenished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
N. CROFT
WOULD inform his friends and the general public that he has opened a shop in his old premises, on
CHURCH STREET,
Two doors West of Deady's Hotel,
Where he is prepared to make up Gentlemen's Garments in the newest style.
CUTTING DONE ON SHORT NOTICE.
Agent for the best Sewing Machines.
N. CROFT, Church-st.
Guelph, 11th September. d

A NEW VOLUME OF MUSIC
For the Young Folks, entitled
THE GOLDEN ROBIN
CONTAINING:
I. Musical Notation. II. Rounds and Exercises adapted to Physical Action. III. Songs for All Occasions. IV. Sacred Pieces.
By W. O. PERKINS, author of "The Nightingale," "Sabbath School Trumpet," &c.
The whole forming a most attractive Music Book for Juvenile Classes, Schools and Seminars, and that cannot fail to be admired by all Teachers and Scholars. Price 50c. Sent post-paid.
OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers,
277 Washington Street, Boston.
C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

SALT, SALT
Wholesale and Retail at
A. H. R. KENNEDY'S
FLOUR AND FEED STORE,
UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH
Guelph July 24. dw-tf

LAMPS,
LAMPS!
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 **VERY CHEAP.**
No. 1 COAL OIL.
A supply of No. 1 COAL OIL KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.
A. B. PETRIE, Druggist.
Guelph, September 25th. dw

Canada Clothing Store!
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
GREAT BARGAINS
Positively selling off at
20 PER CENT BELOW COST
COUNTY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion.
A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at \$10 to \$45, in good working order.
Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.
RICHARD JAINLEY.
Guelph 29th July. dw

Funerals, Funerals!
NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual Coffins always on hand. Hearses to hire.
His Steam Planting Mill in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doo, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.
NATHAN TOVELL.
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1868 Nelson Greenstreet

10,
O. & T. MEREDITH.
GOOD DRAWING TEA,
For 50 cents, worth 65 cents
VERY CHOICE HYSON,
For 75 cents, worth 87 cents
Very best **GREEN or BLACK,**
For one dollar.
All kinds of **GROCERIES** at very Low Rates.
China, Crockery & Glassware—
A very large stock now on hand. Call and see.
N.B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is going off at Great Bargains, so as to clear out the premises for C. & T. M.'s Immense Fall Stock.
Guelph, September 23rd. d

R. J. JEANNERET.
From England,
Established in London, Ont., 1842 and in Guelph 1863.
WORKING WATCHMAKER
AND JEWELER
DAYS BLOCK,
Opposite the Market Guelph.
A GOOD Assortment of the Best English and Swiss Lever Watches. Reference can be made to respectable persons who have carried his Watches from one to twenty-five years each.
Guelph, September 9th. dw

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, Scotchland 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

TROTTER'S
Canadian Dentifrice
IS recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleansing, beautifying and preserving the teeth: B. W. Day, M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association, W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Donnell, Secretary, Dental Association, L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bostart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott, Toronto.
Price 25c. per box. For sale by all Drug-gists.
Guelph, June 22. daw 6m

DOMINION
LIVERY STABLE
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
H. MARRIOTT
REGS to inform the citizens of Guelph and the travelling public that he has started a Livery Stable next door to Mr. W. Armstrong's Blacksmith's Shop, Macdonnell Street, where he can supply
Saddle Horses,
Horses and Buggies
Commercial Waggon's
At the shortest notice. Also, a large
PLEASURE WAGGON!
FOR PIC-NICS.
Guelph, 10th June. do 6m

CHANCERY SALE OF LAND.
In Chancery:
IN RE THORP,
SUNLEY vs. McCRAE.
IN PURSUANCE of the decree on further directions made in this cause, will be sold, by the undersigned Master, or his Clerk, at the TOWN HALL, GUELPH,
On Friday, 16th of OCTOBER, Inst.,
At twelve o'clock, noon, the following Lots in Guelph, being the unsold portions of property vested to be sold in the above suit, on the 5th day of September last, and on the terms and conditions of said sale.
1st—The Lot called Wellington Place, therein particularly described.
2nd—Lot No. 9, part of Thorp's Survey of the Dunbar property.
3rd—Lots Nos. 13 and 28, in Thorp's Survey of the Harvey property.
For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to DONALD GUTHRIE, Esq., or GEORGE PALMER, Esq., Barristers, Guelph,
Guelph, 9th October, 1868.
DONALD GUTHRIE, J. WATSON HALL,
Vendor's Solicitor. Master at Guelph.

NO RESERVE.
IMPORTANT
Auction Sale.
W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by the subscriber to sell by Public Auction, at his farm near Guelph,
ON FRIDAY THE 30th OCTOBER,
At twelve o'clock, noon, the whole of his valuable Stock and Implements—2 horses, 2 mares (6 and 8 years old) in foal to "St. Lawrence," 1 one year colt and a foal by the same Horse, 2 grade cows, Durban steer, 1 Galloway heifer, 15 pigs (Essex and Berkshire breeds). 1 iron-axis wagon, 1 box do., 2 ploughs, 2 harrows, 3 scuffers, prize cultivator, 1 double round-board plough made by Thain, 1 turnip sower, 1 roller, 1 stone boat, 1 new furnace, 2 hay racks, 2 sheep racks, 1 fanning mill, hay and manure forks, harness, and numerous other articles. There will be no reserve, as the proprietor is about to close his business and leave the Province.
TERMS—Sums of \$20 and under, Cash; over that sum, 12 Months' Credit will be given on approved endorsed Notes, or 10 per cent allowed off for cash.
HAY, STRAW, TURNIPS—Also, will be sold 7 acres of Turnips that cannot be surpassed in the country, besides a quantity of Hay and Straw, if not previously disposed of. Terms—3 Months' bankable paper, or 10 per cent per annum for cash.
AN EXCELLENT FARM—The Farm will be offered for sale the same day, if not previously disposed of. Terms made known at the time of sale.
JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor,
Anglo-American Hotel,
Guelph, October 5th. dtw-tst

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 a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.
THE BAR
will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & 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,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor,
Late of the Commercials Hotel, Whittly
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph Jan. 29, 1868. do

Insolvent Act of 1864-65
In the matter of **JAMES CHRISTIE, of Elora, an Insolvent.**
STOCK OF DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES FOR SALE.—Tenders for the Stock of the above named Insolvent, at so much in the dollar, will be received by me until Wednesday, the 14th of October, 1868. The stock amounts to about \$8,000, in good order, and can be seen on the premises by applying to Mr. Wm. Watson, at Biggar's Hotel, Elora.
JOHN KERR, Official Assignee
Dated at Toronto, September 28th, 1868. dtw

AUCTION SALE OF
Household Furniture!
W. S. G. KNOWLES will offer for sale by Public Auction on FRIDAY, THE 16th OCTOBER, by order of Mrs. Henderson, the whole of her valuable furniture, as follows:—Drawing Room—Tapestry, carpets, hair-seated chairs and sofa, whatnot, workstand, curtains and cornice, croquet board, Chinese billiard board and balls, valuable engraving, centre table, ottoman, Dining Room—Extension Table, sideboard, 6 cane chairs, carpet, round cloth rings, 2 rockers, clock, stove, iron, cut-glass decanters, wines, cruet, cut-glass, handsome dinner set, cutlery, china, tea and coffee sets, pole and rug, valances.—Bed Room—Bedsteads, mattresses, bureau, washstands, china toilet sets, tables, &c., with a general assortment of kitchen furniture, with two cooking stoves. Also hall table, oil cloth, mats, and a variety of useful articles. Terms made known at sale. Sale at 1 o'clock. The furniture may be viewed previous to the sale, at the house, Woodwich Street,
Guelph, October 8. dtw-t

New Goods!
NEW GOODS AT
John A. Wood's.
New Valencia Raisins,
New Currants,
New Hops,
New Honey in Comb, 25c. per lb.
New Honey, Strained, 20c. per lb.
New Glassware,
New Crockery,
New Ginger Nuts,
Cracknels,
Wine, Arrowroot,
Lunch, Abernethy, and
Victoria Biscuits.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S,
Guelph, October 5. dw
Medical Dispensary
COUGH NO MORE!
But try a bottle of HARVEY'S
RASPBERRY
COUGH SYRUP!
WHY suffer with a teasing Cough when relief can be had after taking a single dose of this Remedy?
From its first introduction to the public, great numbers have given their testimony as to its curative properties. One bottle will be found sufficient to convince the most scrupulous.
PREPARED AND SOLD BY
E. HARVEY,
Wyndham Street,
OPPOSITE ENGLISH CHURCH.
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(From our Minto correspondent.)
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Minto, Oct. 10, 1868.

The Economical and Social Condition of Spain.
Madrid Cor. of the London Times.
The economical and social situation of Spain is frightful. There was something very like famine throughout the country at the close of the last season; but the terrible drought of this season has left Spain literally without a harvest. The little produce that can be scraped together will be brought to market within the next two or three weeks, when the evil will become apparent in all its alarming proportions, and sheer starvation will stare the unfortunate population in the face. Persons well acquainted with the country assure me that Spain, which in ordinary years is an exporter of corn, and which under proper management might supply half Europe with it, cannot subsist without the importation of \$10,000,000 worth of grain for the next twelve months. All the stock and provisions with which it was still possible to meet the exigencies of last year's dearth have been eaten up, and in many localities there is absolutely no seed for next year's crops. It would be needless to tell you that Madrid, and the whole country are swarming with beggars; the undeniable fact is that hosts of new mendicants have joined the ranks of the sturdy old professionals with whom all travellers in Spain are familiar; the facts is that as winter sets in the distress will be such as few persons imagine. The Spaniards are said, and with good reason, to be a charitable people; but their charity is of that indiscriminate, grovelling, capucin description that creates as much misery as it relieves; it is charity whose stock of copers no appeal is made in vain. Any evidence of public association and enterprise, any large intelligent scheme for comparing the extent of the demand, and confronting it by a combined effort to yield the supply, would hardly suggest itself to these people; or, if suggested, it would hardly be acted upon in proper time and with sufficient energy. The sad probability is that the poor population will be left to its own devices and resources; the peasantry, especially in remote districts will just lay themselves down and die, or they will crawl along the highways and drag themselves to the cities, where they will only add to the sum of anguish and wretchedness of which every community will already have more than its ample share. The Spaniards are a noble race; they possess in an eminent degree that noblest of human attributes—patience. The mixture of Moorish blood in their veins, and the peculiarly gloomy tendencies of their religious convictions, give their resignation not a little of the fatalism. Were the Spanish peasantry left to themselves they would starve and make no sign. But famine, even among Spaniards, may be an evil adviser, and if either or any of the parties now engaged in a deadly struggle were think of making political capital of the general distress; if the Government, especially, and the priests in its interests, were to throw out hints laying the blame of the unrelieved misery of the poor on their adversaries, and pointing to the easy means of redress at hand; if, in one word, any one would be at the trouble to stir up and organize a jacquerie, it is difficult to see what limits would be set to the aggravation of the evils inseparable from all civil dissensions.

Local News.
A shooting match will take place at Mr. Barber's tavern, Pualinch, on Friday next, 16th inst.
Gen. Grant is getting a thousand letters a day, all from purely disinterested admirers of the next President.
No trapping is allowed until the 15th of next November, and all who trap before that time are liable to a penalty.
Three hundred books have been written about the American rebellion, and 2,000 about the short Prussian war of 1866.
The English cricketers, after laying all wickets low before them since coming to America, have suffered a defeat in Philadelphia—at base ball.
MR. STONE'S SALE.—We would remind our readers of Mr. Stone's sale of thorough bred sheep, which takes place at Moreton Lodge, to-morrow (Thursday).
PEEL AND MARYBORO PLOUGHING MATCH.—The annual ploughing match in connection with the Agricultural Societies of these two Townships will take place on Thursday the 29th October, on the farm of Mr. James Watson, Lot 12, 6th Con. Peel.
A man named Addison, of Hamilton, going home very drunk on Saturday night, had a person force his services on him as pilot. This person, who afterwards turned out to be a deserter from the Rifle Brigade, threw the drunken man down and robbed him of his watch.
TURNIP MATCH.—We are requested to announce that all parties who have made entries for the County Turnip Match, but who do not wish to compete, will please notify the Secretary, Mr. George Murton, forthwith to that effect. The judges will commence their duties on the 22nd of Oct.
WALKERTON CORRESPONDENCE.—The news furnished by our Walkerton correspondent had been anticipated through the ordinary channels, with the exception of one item where it is said: The W. G. & B. Company will next appeal to the County of Bruce for their assistance, they may be assured of a hearty response.
On Saturday night last, the house of Wm. Murphy, Esq., at the Paris station was burglariously entered, and a quantity of silver plate and \$30 in money taken, the family sleeping all the while. They attempted to enter another house in the neighbourhood the same night, but the inmates awoke, and the robbers departed speedily.
On Saturday night a widow who keeps a hotel in Ottawa, together with her family were almost frightened out of their wits by a drunken man who entered the house, armed with a sword, and threatened to spit the inmates and blow up the house with powder. A neighbour ran for a constable, and the madman was arrested.
COUNTY PLOUGHING MATCH.—The annual ploughing match in connection with the South Wellington and Guelph Township Agricultural Societies will take place on Wednesday the 21st inst., on the farm of Thomas McCrae Esq., Guelph Township, when the prize will be awarded in the three different classes. For particulars see bills.
A strange disease has broken out among the cattle at St. Catharines. It is called *crinoline*, and two valuable animals have died of it within a short time. A post mortem examination showed a piece of steel, that had at one time belonged to a lady's hoops skirt, sticking in the liver of one of the animals, and another, six inches long, in the stomach of the other.
SALE OF THOROUGH BRED STOCK.—By advertisement in another column it will be observed that Mr. John Snell, of Edmonton, will sell by public auction, on Wednesday, October 28th, a large number of thorough bred cattle, sheep and pigs. It is well known that Mr. Snell's stock is excellent, and those who have a desire to improve their flocks and herds may find it to their advantage to attend his sale.
The Roman Catholic Bishops of Cork, Cloyne, Ross and Kerry, Ireland, have had a conference in regard to the election and have decided to recommend Mr. Gladstone's programme to the Irish Liberal Constituencies as the only one that can be adopted. While appreciating the importance of the land question, the Bishops did not think it should be made a pretext for postponing the church question, which is the one now ripe for solution.
THE OUSTIC P. O. STORE.—By advertisement in our columns Mr. Thomas Whitehead, of Oustic, informs the public that he has now on hand a full stock of all the articles required in a country store. He lays particular stress on his staple and fancy dry goods, and ready made clothing. The grocery department is also well filled, while the prices are lower, the proprietor says, than the same articles can be bought for elsewhere. Here is a chance for the people around Oustic.
SALEM ITEMS.—Business in Salem is greatly kept back at the present on account of so much wet weather. The flouring mills and factory can only run about one-third time, but it is to be hoped that before long that difficulty will be removed by plenty of rain. We are informed that Dr. Griffith, of Salem, is to give a reading of his "New Dominion Story," as well as selections from Charles Dickens' work, at the school houses, in this village, on Friday evening, the 16th inst., the proceeds to go towards laying a sidewalk for the school children. We presume the fact of an author reading his own productions will attract a large audience. The new work of Dr. Griffith is said to be highly interesting. An old gentleman in our village took seven papers. He has paid them all off and returned them to their respective offices for the simple reason of their containing too much lacrosse news. He says he is perfectly sick of it.—Com.

Later from the same correspondent.
The Listowell Banner is in error (a circumstance which the publishers of that journal need not regret) in stating that this murder was committed in Wallace. Mawhinney formerly resided in that Township, but removed to Minto some eighteen months ago. His farm adjoins that of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. Campbell, on the town line between Minto and Wallace, on the Minto side. The house in which the deed was perpetrated is a small structure built of squared logs and contains only two apartments. It has a front and back door, and Scroggie sat between these in front of the stove when Mawhinney appeared on the premises declaring his purpose. He had ample time and might easily have made his escape by the one door when the altercation or struggle took place at the other. The house is not far from the bush or swamp and the night was dark, but it is supposed that some wrangling arising out of this must have taken place between Mawhinney and his wife, after Scroggie left to go to Campbell's, as previous to that, had Mawhinney intended to kill, a more favorable opportunity of effecting his purpose presented itself in his own house, with the instrument of destruction at hand, than he possibly could have expected to obtain by following his victim to a place where he knew that others must be present who would do all in their power to prevent the commission of the crime. Mawhinney is still at large. His friends maintain that as he was without hat and some portions of clothing, as well as destitute of money, he could not have fled from the country without having been seen, and argue that from his rash and resolute character, he must have killed himself, but it is more probable that he had received what money was necessary, and that he is now in the United States of America, where he at one time resided, and where he is well acquainted. It has been stated that on Thursday forenoon, the day after the murder, a man answering to the description of Mawhinney, and with all the appearance of having had a hard run, went into a tavern in Mitchell, but who, so soon as he heard the railway whistle, again started off at full speed for the station, and this may or may not have been him. Many an innocent man has had to run fast to be in time for the train, but this as it may, Mawhinney is said to be a well educated and more than ordinary intelligent man, with a full knowledge of the penalty due to his crime, and it is not likely that such a man would remain long in the neighborhood, especially when such a good chance of escape was afforded him. No doubt there are plenty of lurking places, but diligent search has been, and is still being made without any trace whatever having been discovered of his whereabouts, and if he is to be found at all, dead or alive, he must be looked for beyond the limits of either the townships of Minto or Wallace.
Since writing the foregoing, I have learned that on Sabbath evening, or rather on Monday morning last, two constables in search of Mawhinney discovered a light in the house of Mr. Richard Dailey, next to the place of the murder. They pushed forward—the dogs barked, the lights went out. On entering the house, they found three or four men sitting with their clothes on, and there were some quilts on the floor where they suspected Mawhinney had been sleeping. They made a thorough search of this and also of several other houses in the neighborhood, but without success, and no trace has yet been found of the murderer.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.
Demorest's Monthly.—Every lady wishes for at least one magazine, and husbands and fathers can find no other in the whole range of periodical literature that will prove so useful, so welcome, so good an investment as *Demorest's*. It is fashionable without being frivolous, full of good, sensible suggestions, and of really valuable information in regard to dress, the household, and whatever pertains to woman's work. Send for it—the price is merely nominal, \$3, with an honest premium. Published at 473 Broadway, New York.
Mildred.—This is the title of the latest addition to Harper's Library of Select Novels. The author is Georgiana M. Craik, who is already known as the writer of some clever and entertaining works of fiction. But every book in this Library is good, none of inferior merit finding a place in it. *Mildred* is vigorously written, and interesting. It is for sale at Day's bookstore.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate
WEDNESDAY, 14th.—*Nancy Dolan* for vagrancy was sent back to gaol for 21 days.
A cow that had taken a first prize at one of the township shows in the neighborhood, was turned out to the field at night, and fearfully injured, but not killed.

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The Economical and Social Condition of Spain.
Madrid Cor. of the London Times.
The economical and social situation of Spain is frightful. There was something very like famine throughout the country at the close of the last season; but the terrible drought of this season has left Spain literally without a harvest. The little produce that can be scraped together will be brought to market within the next two or three weeks, when the evil will become apparent in all its alarming proportions, and sheer starvation will stare the unfortunate population in the face. Persons well acquainted with the country assure me that Spain, which in ordinary years is an exporter of corn, and which under proper management might supply half Europe with it, cannot subsist without the importation of \$10,000,000 worth of grain for the next twelve months. All the stock and provisions with which it was still possible to meet the exigencies of last year's dearth have been eaten up, and in many localities there is absolutely no seed for next year's crops. It would be needless to tell you that Madrid, and the whole country are swarming with beggars; the undeniable fact is that hosts of new mendicants have joined the ranks of the sturdy old professionals with whom all travellers in Spain are familiar; the facts is that as winter sets in the distress will be such as few persons imagine. The Spaniards are said, and with good reason, to be a charitable people; but their charity is of that indiscriminate, grovelling, capucin description that creates as much misery as it relieves; it is charity whose stock of copers no appeal is made in vain. Any evidence of public association and enterprise, any large intelligent scheme for comparing the extent of the demand, and confronting it by a combined effort to yield the supply, would hardly suggest itself to these people; or, if suggested, it would hardly be acted upon in proper time and with sufficient energy. The sad probability is that the poor population will be left to its own devices and resources; the peasantry, especially in remote districts will just lay themselves down and die, or they will crawl along the highways and drag themselves to the cities, where they will only add to the sum of anguish and wretchedness of which every community will already have more than its ample share. The Spaniards are a noble race; they possess in an eminent degree that noblest of human attributes—patience. The mixture of Moorish blood in their veins, and the peculiarly gloomy tendencies of their religious convictions, give their resignation not a little of the fatalism. Were the Spanish peasantry left to themselves they would starve and make no sign. But famine, even among Spaniards, may be an evil adviser, and if either or any of the parties now engaged in a deadly struggle were think of making political capital of the general distress; if the Government, especially, and the priests in its interests, were to throw out hints laying the blame of the unrelieved misery of the poor on their adversaries, and pointing to the easy means of redress at hand; if, in one word, any one would be at the trouble to stir up and organize a jacquerie, it is difficult to see what limits would be set to the aggravation of the evils inseparable from all civil dissensions.

Local News.
A shooting match will take place at Mr. Barber's tavern, Pualinch, on Friday next, 16th inst.
Gen. Grant is getting a thousand letters a day, all from purely disinterested admirers of the next President.
No trapping is allowed until the 15th of next November, and all who trap before that time are liable to a penalty.
Three hundred books have been written about the American rebellion, and 2,000 about the short Prussian war of 1866.
The English cricketers, after laying all wickets low before them since coming to America, have suffered a defeat in Philadelphia—at base ball.
MR. STONE'S SALE.—We would remind our readers of Mr. Stone's sale of thorough bred sheep, which takes place at Moreton Lodge, to-morrow (Thursday).
PEEL AND MARYBORO PLOUGHING MATCH.—The annual ploughing match in connection with the Agricultural Societies of these two Townships will take place on Thursday the 29th October, on the farm of Mr. James Watson, Lot 12, 6th Con. Peel.
A man named Addison, of Hamilton, going home very drunk on Saturday night, had a person force his services on him as pilot. This person, who afterwards turned out to be a deserter from the Rifle Brigade, threw the drunken man down and robbed him of his watch.
TURNIP MATCH.—We are requested to announce that all parties who have made entries for the County Turnip Match, but who do not wish to compete, will please notify the Secretary, Mr. George Murton, forthwith to that effect. The judges will commence their duties on the 22nd of Oct.
WALKERTON CORRESPONDENCE.—The news furnished by our Walkerton correspondent had been anticipated through the ordinary channels, with the exception of one item where it is said: The W. G. & B. Company will next appeal to the County of Bruce for their assistance, they may be assured of a hearty response.
On Saturday night last, the house of Wm. Murphy, Esq., at the Paris station was burglariously entered, and a quantity of silver plate and \$30 in money taken, the family sleeping all the while. They attempted to enter another house in the neighbourhood the same night, but the inmates awoke, and the robbers departed speedily.
On Saturday night a widow who keeps a hotel in Ottawa, together with her family were almost frightened out of their wits by a drunken man who entered the house, armed with a sword, and threatened to spit the inmates and blow up the house with powder. A neighbour ran for a constable, and the madman was arrested.
COUNTY PLOUGHING MATCH.—The annual ploughing match in connection with the South Wellington and Guelph Township Agricultural Societies will take place on Wednesday the 21st inst., on the farm of Thomas McCrae Esq., Guelph Township, when the prize will be awarded in the three different classes. For particulars see bills.
A strange disease has broken out among the cattle at St. Catharines. It is called *crinoline*, and two valuable animals have died of it within a short time. A post mortem examination showed a piece of steel, that had at one time belonged to a lady's hoops skirt, sticking in the liver of one of the animals, and another, six inches long, in the stomach of the other.
SALE OF THOROUGH BRED STOCK.—By advertisement in another column it will be observed that Mr. John Snell, of Edmonton, will sell by public auction, on Wednesday, October 28th, a large number of thorough bred cattle, sheep and pigs. It is well known that Mr. Snell's stock is excellent, and those who have a desire to improve their flocks and herds may find it to their advantage to attend his sale.
The Roman Catholic Bishops of Cork, Cloyne, Ross and Kerry, Ireland, have had a conference in regard to the election and have decided to recommend Mr. Gladstone's programme to the Irish Liberal Constituencies as the only one that can be adopted. While appreciating the importance of the land question, the Bishops did not think it should be made a pretext for postponing the church question, which is the one now ripe for solution.
THE OUSTIC P. O. STORE.—By advertisement in our columns Mr. Thomas Whitehead, of Oustic, informs the public that he has now on hand a full stock of all the articles required in a country store. He lays particular stress on his staple and fancy dry goods, and ready made clothing. The grocery department is also well filled, while the prices are lower, the proprietor says, than the same articles can be bought for elsewhere. Here is a chance for the people around Oustic.
SALEM ITEMS.—Business in Salem is greatly kept back at the present on account of so much wet weather. The flouring mills and factory can only run about one-third time, but it is to be hoped that before long that difficulty will be removed by plenty of rain. We are informed that Dr. Griffith, of Salem, is to give a reading of his "New Dominion Story," as well as selections from Charles Dickens' work, at the school houses, in this village, on Friday evening, the 16th inst., the proceeds to go towards laying a sidewalk for the school children. We presume the fact of an author reading his own productions will attract a large audience. The new work of Dr. Griffith is said to be highly interesting. An old gentleman in our village took seven papers. He has paid them all off and returned them to their respective offices for the simple reason of their containing too much lacrosse news. He says he is perfectly sick of it.—Com.

Later from the same correspondent.
The Listowell Banner is in error (a circumstance which the publishers of that journal need not regret) in stating that this murder was committed in Wallace. Mawhinney formerly resided in that Township, but removed to Minto some eighteen months ago. His farm adjoins that of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. Campbell, on the town line between Minto and Wallace, on the Minto side. The house in which the deed was perpetrated is a small structure built of squared logs and contains only two apartments. It has a front and back door, and Scroggie sat between these in front of the stove when Mawhinney appeared on the premises declaring his purpose. He had ample time and might easily have made his escape by the one door when the altercation or struggle took place at the other. The house is not far from the bush or swamp and the night was dark, but it is supposed that some wrangling arising out of this must have taken place between Mawhinney and his wife, after Scroggie left to go to Campbell's, as previous to that, had Mawhinney intended to kill, a more favorable opportunity of effecting his purpose presented itself in his own house, with the instrument of destruction at hand, than he possibly could have expected to obtain by following his victim to a place where he knew that others must be present who would do all in their power to prevent the commission of the crime. Mawhinney is still at large. His friends maintain that as he was without hat and some portions of clothing, as well as destitute of money, he could not have fled from the country without having been seen, and argue that from his rash and resolute character, he must have killed himself, but it is more probable that he had received what money was necessary, and that he is now in the United States of America, where he at one time resided, and where he is well acquainted. It has been stated that on Thursday forenoon, the day after the murder, a man answering to the description of Mawhinney, and with all the appearance of having had a hard run, went into a tavern in Mitchell, but who, so soon as he heard the railway whistle, again started off at full speed for the station, and this may or may not have been him. Many an innocent man has had to run fast to be in time for the train, but this as it may, Mawhinney is said to be a well educated and more than ordinary intelligent man, with a full knowledge of the penalty due to his crime, and it is not likely that such a man would remain long in the neighborhood, especially when such a good chance of escape was afforded him. No doubt there are plenty of lurking places, but diligent search has been, and is still being made without any trace whatever having been discovered of his whereabouts, and if he is to be found at all, dead or alive, he must be looked for beyond the limits of either the townships of Minto or Wallace.
Since writing the foregoing, I have learned that on Sabbath evening, or rather on Monday morning last, two constables in search of Mawhinney discovered a light in the house of Mr. Richard Dailey, next to the place of the murder. They pushed forward—the dogs barked, the lights went out. On entering the house, they found three or four men sitting with their clothes on, and there were some quilts on the floor where they suspected Mawhinney had been sleeping. They made a thorough search of this and also of several other houses in the neighborhood, but without success, and no trace has yet been found of the murderer.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.
Demorest's Monthly.—Every lady wishes for at least one magazine, and husbands and fathers can find no other in the whole range of periodical literature that will prove so useful, so welcome, so good an investment as *Demorest's*. It is fashionable without being frivolous, full of good, sensible suggestions, and of really valuable information in regard to dress, the household, and whatever pertains to woman's work. Send for it—the price is merely nominal, \$3, with an honest premium. Published at 473 Broadway, New York.
Mildred.—This is the title of the latest addition to Harper's Library of Select Novels. The author is Georgiana M. Craik, who is already known as the writer of some clever and entertaining works of fiction. But every book in this Library is good, none of inferior merit finding a place in it. *Mildred* is vigorously written, and interesting. It is for sale at Day's bookstore.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate
WEDNESDAY, 14th.—*Nancy Dolan* for vagrancy was sent back to gaol for 21 days.
A cow that had taken a first prize at one of the township shows in the neighborhood, was turned out to the field at night, and fearfully injured, but not killed.

The Minto Murder.
(From our Minto correspondent.)
At the close of the inquest held by Dr. Cowan, coroner, on the body of the deceased, John Scroggie, on Thursday last, the jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder against John Mawhinney. The jurymen were: John Prain, foreman, Henry Suddaby, John White, Neil White, Lewis Wilkins, David Bruce, A. McNabb, Donald McConnell, Charles Ferguson, John Thomson, James Falls, and Andrew Caswell. The circumstances connected with the murder are not materially different from that already communicated. On returning from the logging bee, Scroggie and Mawhinney both went to the