Though defeated at Sadowa Austria has not been completely crushed, and it may not be long before she again rises as puissant as she was in her palmies days. At all events she does not mour lately over her losses, but has set to work resolutely to retrieve them It is well known that hitherto Austria has been one of the least progressive of European nations, that the nobility were bound down by their contracted ideas of precedent and old custom, and neglect-ed or despised those innovations of mod-ern times which tost them the suprem-acy among the nations of Germany. But ey are profiting by their experience, and imitating the example of their neighbours in making advances in military science. The following account of the manner in which generals and troops are now drilled, not in useless parades, but in mimic warfare, affords an indication of the great change that has been effected in the military system of the empire :

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Two Generals, previously selected, are informed they are to oppose each other. They receive in the early morning of the day named, a list of the troops to be placed under their charge, and a "supposition"—that is to say, so much of the supposed intentions as may be necessary to take their measures. It gives no more information than they must have had through the reports of an intelligent staff. Their troops are then under their entire command to dispose as the will, in order to attain the object pointed out to them. They make recomnissances or not at their pleasure, and then move forward to occupy or attack positions. Six Generals are detailed every day as judges, and to them all doubtful questions are referred. When one side has clearly beaten the other, or when the day is too far advanced, or, inally, if the men begin to commit unpractical errors, the Archduke Albrecht order the cessation of strife. He rides from place to place all day, watching the maneuvres, and occassionally calls upon an officer to say why he executed certain movements. The troops are in easy costume, for their aim is not at effect, but at the acquirment of knowledge. After the day's work the Generals assemble and talk over the whole affair in the presence of the Archduke, who makes comments, and awards praise or blame as appears just. The effect of the system is that Generals and Staff officers are put upon their mettle every day. When they are not directing they are criticizing, and so it comes to pass that their talk at dinner and in the evening is not of wine and women, but about the business of their profession.

## BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

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Paris, October 2nd.—The latest reports from Spain state that Marshall Serrano will not go to Mcdrid, because the National Guard who hold possession of that city, refuses to admit the troops of the regular army under his command. It is runoured that the Republic had been proclaimed at Madrid. A proclamation has been issued at Catalonia, demanding a Federal Republican form of Government for Spain. Florence, October 2.—Signor Sevasso, the present Consul General at Beigrade, has been appointed as the Diplomatic representative of Italy to the Mexican Republic. Signor Sevasso has been empowered by his Government to act for France at the Mexican capital.

London, October 2.—An explosion occurer yesterday in a colliery at Rhiwabon, Wales Eleven persons were killed and many hurt.

#### American Despatches.

New York, October 3.—The horse disease has made its appearance in Suffolk County, and has killed some of the finest horses in that neighborhood.

Herald's special says it is learned from good authority in the Treasury Department that the public debt statement for September will show an increase of nearly four million dollars.

#### THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Mag

SATURDAY, 3rd.—Lienry Mulligan, Sa lem, and George Fisher, butcher of Elora, were this morning charged by Mr. John Keith of the township of Nichol, with having stolen a heifer from him on the night of "I'uesday, the 29th inst. The beast was missed about noon on Wednesday, and the roads in the neighbourhood having been thoroughly searched without success, the tanneries at Elora, Aboyne and Salem were visited with a step of the search without success, the tanneries at Elora, Aboyne and Salem were visited with a view of ascer aining whether the hide had been sold. At length it was discovered that a young man had brought a carcase of beef and a hide to Guelph on Wednesday morning, and that three quarters had been sold to Mr. Simpson, butcher, while the hide was purchased by Mr. Molton's agent on the market. Mr. Keith picked out first the horns of his heifer, and afterwards the hide from a pile that were lying in salt. Mr. Simpson, and the man who purchased the hide both swore positively to Mulligan as being the person from whom they bought. No evidence has as yet been produced against Fisher, and the case has been adjourned until Wednesday. The Magistrate offered to take bail for his appearance, some person to be bound for him, as he is not of age, in \$800, and two sureties in \$400 each. He could find only one bailsman, how ever, and was in consequence obliged to go to gaol.

Orders have been received for the re-moval from the lakes, before the winter sets in, of the Imperial gunboats, which have been doing duty upon them for the past two years. It is said the whole fleet will winter at Bermuda.

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FEARFUL ACCIDENT AT GLENWILLIAMS.—

About 5 o'clock on Friday a fearful accident occurred at Glenwilliams. The upper bents for Chas. William's new woolen factory were being raised, and between twenty and thirty are no no ne of the bents were precipitated of the ground, about 30 feet, by the supports iving way. One young man was instantly illed. Walter Bell and Joseph Wiswell are npposed to be fatally injured, and about 10 are seriously injured, among whom we may sention Wm. Rodden, merchant, of Glenilliams. This sad calamity has created a cofound sensation in the neighborhood.

John Burke, of Minto, was fined \$4 and sts, and bound over to keep the peace,

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having given his wife
e day last week. Two of
others had given Burke a
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#### MARRIAGES.

BRADLEY At Guelph, on the Rev. James Howie, Mr. Do elph township, to Miss Rebected

### New Advertisements.

WANTED, A SERVANT GIRL

#### BROOCH LOST.

OBT between the Post Office and Mr. Hogg's
Store a Gold Brooch with hair in centre.
Whoever returned the same to this Office or to
Mr. Walker, will be suitably rewarded.
Guelph, Oct. 3, 1868.

#### Base Ball Meeting.

A MEETING of the Guelph Maple Leaf Base Ball Club will be held at Nichol's Court House Hotel, on MONDAY EVENING, October 5th, at half-past seven o'clock. As matters of im-portance in connection with the forthcoming Con-cert will be laid before the meeting, a full attend-ance is requested. william sunley, Sec'y.
Guelph, October 3rd. dtd

#### Colt Strayed.

TRAYED from the field near the Guelph Toll
Gate, on the Elora Road, about 'two
works ago, Bay Horse Cott, three years old, has
a swelling on the nigh hind leg, near the hoof.—
The finder will be suitably rewarded by bringing
him to the owner, or giving such information as
will lead to his recovery, to this office.

HUGH HOGG, near the Toll Gate.
Guelph, October Srd.

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#### Guelph: October 1st. CHALMERS' CHURCH.

RE7. J. B. DUNCAN, M. A., will preach at the Court House, on Sabbat's next, 4th October, at 71 a. m., and 6.20 p. m.

## WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE

MANUFACTORY.

A Card to the Owners of Property in the Town GREAT POWERS of Guelph.

John A. McMillan has already experienced some difficulty in procuring houses for the numerous families he has brought to the Town of Guelph to work in the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, the Old Post Office Block.

He has already brought one family from Bow manville, one from Hamilton, one from Lond-from Georgetown, one from Buffalo. U. S., one from Linn, U. S., and one from Berlin, be parties employed in Gueljeh. There are, in the early part of next week, five families coming in the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory from the city of Toronto, two from Georget-one from Prescott. There are twenty-six people at work now in the Wellington Boot and Sho factory, and the number must be quadrupled immediately. Parties having houses to rent will confer a favor by leaving the address of the sa Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

The people of Wellington must have good Boots and Shoes, and John A. McMillan is bound to man facture them in Guelph. Observe the Cheapest and Best Boots in the County of Wellington allower manufactured, are to be got at the Wellington Boots and Shoe Manufactory, Wyntham-st\_Gutph the Fergus Boot and Shoe Store, corner of St. David and St. Andrew Streets, Fergus, and the Elora Boot and Shoe Mart, directly opposite Kirk & Clarke's, Elora.

J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor.

### The Montreal Boot and Shoe Store WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

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OWING to the extensive business done by the subscribers during the last twelve months, and which is daily increasing, we are enabled to buy our Goods in the best markets for CASH. We are now offering our Stock of GRO-CERTES, LIQUORS, CROCKERY, Sc., at prices which defy competition.

In order to make room for our Winter Stock, which we have imported direct, we will sell all Goods at a still further reduction. We would call particular attention to our large stock of TEAS, which for price and quality is the cheapest n the market

A large lot of Labrador Herrings, White Fish, Salmon Trout, &c., expected daily

Yours truly.

Guelph, 26th September, 1868.

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