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## SPRING DRY GOODS

The subscribers are daily receiving and opening out their importations of **SPRING DRY GOODS**, and will be ready on

**WEDNESDAY NEXT, 17th INSTANT,**

To show a complete and well assorted stock at

**LOW PRICES.**

Also, this season's CANADIAN TWEEDS, and DUNDAS COTTONS, at manufacturers prices.

**THOMSON, BIRKETT & BELL**  
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**Guelph Evening Mercury**

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

**THURSDAY EV'G, MARCH 15, 1869.**

Job Printing of every description executed cheaply and promptly at the **MERCURY Steam Printing House, Macdonnell Street, Guelph.** An immense assortment of the latest and most choice designs in plain and ornamental type has just been added to our previously large stock, rendering our establishment the most complete office in all the appointments to be found West of Ohio. Our charges are the lowest, and our work the best in the country.

### Mankind a Bad Lot.

From the N. Y. Tribune. The Jamestown Journal has a rather startling leader on the question—"Is an increase of Population Desirable?"—of course arguing that it isn't. Why? Because the human race is composed (with a few signal exceptions) of knaves and fools; and a few of these are better than a great many. Because it is a law of creation that "the faster a race increases, the less valuable are its individual specimens." Of course, the Turks and our Aborigines, who do not increase at all, are far superior to the Germans, English, Irish and our own native people. He further says:

"We hold that a rapid increase of population is a cause for fear rather than pride to a nation. It is so on account of the problem of supplying the wants of the coming increase. The producers are so few, and the area of the earth's territory that will support its residents is so limited, that it is very easy to 'figure out' the point beyond which population must be stopped by want and starvation. And that point is often reached. If it were not so, the earth would have been so crowded with people centuries since that none of them could sit down for want of room. We know how many square feet of land there is on the earth; we know by rule how often the births would double the population and fill the earth; but for the contending forces which destroy life so rapidly. These destructive agencies all grow out of the struggle for food. Cell it want, exposure, disease or violence, that destroys life, if you choose; they all grow out of the struggle for food. A creature's chance for life depends on his power to push down his fellows and snatch away their food. Men at birth are launched on a sea in which there is only a small island that can support life. It is already full; and the chance of every new comer depends on his ability to push some one off and stay on himself. This is a picture of the social problem."

This is old—old at least as Malthus—and very absurd. There is no real struggle for food; except the struggle of a short-sighted multitude to obtain it without producing or earning it. If men were as willing to earn as they are to eat, the population of the earth might be many times doubled without trenching on the limits of its productive capacity. We know that twelve hundred millions now subsisting on earth might be abundantly subsisted from the soil of this country alone. None of our States has yet produced half so much food as it might; the Mississippi Valley not a twentieth. New Jersey has now some eight hundred thousand. Our State needs at least ten millions; to develop to the best advantage her productive capacity, Illinois needs twenty millions; and so on. Food is far more abundant and human existence less precarious now than it was during the first thirty years of our Colonial existence. Finally, our cynic concludes that

"There should be fewer marriages, and smaller families from the marriages that cannot be prevented."  
Why not say at once that lewdness and sexual immorality, abortion, and kindred abominations, instead of being forbidden, ought to be encouraged and facilitated by law—that establishments for their promotion should be openly founded and legalized?

If the multiplication of bad people only—such as thieves, swindlers, drunkards, harlots, and the writer of the article we are criticizing should like it; but we hold a great majority of the human race worth their salt, and rejoice in the hope that the number of these is steadily increasing.

**Socialism in the States.**  
Notwithstanding the many failures of Communities and Associations, attempts still continue to be made, for advantages of social intercourse, of a combination of labor, capital, and skill present inducements hard to resist, particularly in those of a mental organization. We note that what is termed the "Reunion Community" has been organized and is now in operation at Minesville, Jasper Co., Mo. Their bond of union is "Friendship, and the entire resources of the Community, including all the property and labor of the members, is appropriated for the mutual happiness, assistance, and support of its members." Men and women have equal rights, the majority rules, and the marriage relation and the affairs of families are undisturbed. They have about 20 members, and 100 acres of land, and they are engaged in farming, horticulture, and the nursery business.

The Leaman Community is older, having been established in 1854; it is located at Queen City, Adams Co., Iowa, has 60 members, 1,700 acres of land, has an organization similar to the above, is composed of French people, and is prosperous.

**DECEASED.**—That embodiment of female innocence and virtue, Mrs. Hoover, suddenly left her residence, on Tuesday night last, taking with her three horses, a sleigh, cutter, and all the harness she could lay her hands on. It is altogether likely that her conduct in a recent criminal case would not bear investigation, and she concluded to leave the town while she had the opportunity.

## Militia Appointments.

The following are the Company Divisions of the Regimental Divisions of the South Riding of Wellington Reserve Militia with the officers gazetted thereon on the 8th inst.:

No. 1 Co. The West and South wards of the Town of Guelph and the block bounded by Woolwich, Douglas and Wyndham streets. To be Captain, Capt. Thomas W. Saunders, from late 3 N. S. Batt. To be Lieutenant, Lieut. Henry William Peterson, from late 1 N. S. Batt. To be Ensign, Ensign Thomas Hefferman, from late 1 N. S. Batt.

No. 2 Co. The North and East wards of the Town of Guelph, except the block included in No. 1. To be Captain, Capt. Charles Davidson, from late 1 N. S. Batt. To be Lieutenant, Lieut. James Webster, from late 2 N. S. Batt. To be Ensign, Ensign William Allan, from the same Batt.

No. 3 Co. That part of the Township of Guelph lying north and west of the road allowance between lots 10 and 11 in Division B, extending to the Division line between Divisions C and F, thence up said dividing line to the road allowance between the 8th and 9th concessions of Division C, thence along said limit to the Town Line. To be Captain, Ensign Leonard Harland, from late 1 N. S. Batt. To be Lieutenant, Lieut. Theodorick James Vale, from the same Batt.

No. 4 Co.—The remainder of the Township of Guelph: To be Captain, Lieut. Frederick Jasper Chadwick, from late 1 N. S. Battalion; to be Lieutenant, Lieut. Henry Macdonald, M. S. gentleman; to be Ensign, Ensign Robert Harvey, from late 1 N. S. Battalion.

No. 5 Co.—That part of the township of Puslinch lying west of the road allowance between the 6th and 7th concessions and lots 30 and 31 in the Gore; to be Captain, Capt. Thomas Ellis, from late 2 N. S. Battalion.

No. 6 Co.—The remainder of the township of Puslinch: to be Captain, David McFarlane, Esquire; to be Lieutenant, Lieut. George McLean; from late 3 N. S. Battalion; to be Ensign, Lieut. Donald McPherson, from the same Battalion.

## THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

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

**THURSDAY, March 13th.**—The adjourned examination of *Lewis Buckingham* for larceny, on complaint of John Marshall, came off this morning, and ended in the prisoner being committed for trial at the next assizes.

The dissensions among our rising aristocrats are sometimes amusing. The Easter competitive examination being the subject of talk between two school girls the other day, one said to the other: "I do not care for competing for a prize with you, for you are only a grocer's daughter." "It is true," replied the other, "but my father never peddled apples."

**GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK** for April has been sent to us by Mr. T. J. Day. It contains the new spring fashions, with a large quantity of reading matter of peculiar interest to ladies. The steel engraving, "Down in the Meadow," is a very fine one. For sale at Day's Bookstore, Guelph.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—This colony has resolved, by resolutions passed in both Houses, to enter into negotiations with the design of joining the Confederation of British North America.

## BY TELEGRAPH

### Robbery and Attempted Murder.

Special Despatch to Guelph Mercury. Hamilton, March 13.

A daring robbery and attempted murder occurred here about two o'clock this morning. Mr. Christopher Griggs was aroused by some one moving about his bedroom. On enquiring, "Who's that?" he heard the snap of a pistol beside him, and throwing up his arm he struck up the arm of the robber as the pistol went off. The ball entered Mrs. Griggs' right breast, and lodged near her spine. She is still alive. The robber, it appears, had taken one hundred and fifty dollars from under Griggs' head, previous to awaking him. One of the boarders is arrested on suspicion, and a pistol was found in his possession.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

**COULSON HOUSE,**  
GUELPH, March 17, 1869  
The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: J. Wells, Meaford; J. B. Gillespie, Galt; M. Long, Pioneer, Pa.; C. E. Smith, Hepler; F. A. Kent, Norval; D. Hagey, Preston; J. Erb, Preston; M. A. Abby, Preston; A. Winters, Preston; J. E. Elahi, Toronto; J. Robertson, Elora; T. Biggan, Elora; J. A. Ball, Toronto; P. Grey, Orshardville; J. L. Foulds, Montreal; A. H. Hill, Toronto; Dr. L. C. Brown, Eminence, Ky.; L. Watson, Elora; T. Davis, Falmouth; C. Molosky, Sable; Miss Minkie, Sable; A. Tyson, Berlin; R. H. Holmes, Savannah; A. Frank, Georgetown; M. O'Doyle, Maynooth; G. Shannon, Sterling; R. Shannon, Sterling; J. Shannon, Harrison; W. H. Haight, Popsville; A. Stone, Fairview, Erie Co., Pa.; D. Bailey, Newmarket; R. Cooper, Newmarket; W. Kelly, Princeton; H. Chismann, Stayner.

## MARRIAGES.

SCOTT-JOHNSTON.—At Guelph on the 16 inst., by Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. John Scott, to Miss Jane Johnston, all of Guelph.

## New Advertisements.

### CLARKE'S NEW METHOD

FOR  
**MELODEONS AND REED ORGANS.**

JUST PUBLISHED.  
A comprehensive system of instruction, and an improvement on all other methods for the simplification and progressive character of its Studies, Exercises, Solos, Voluntarys, and Recreative Pieces—containing a splendid selection of choice pieces of every grade of difficulty, from favorite and popular authors; adopting for Reed Organs the system so successfully carried for the Piano Forte in "Richardson's New Method" for the latter instrument. Arranged expressly for Cabinet, American, Metropolitan, Prince & Co., Carhart & Needham, Burlett, Esq., and all other Reed Organs; also for the Melodeon and Harmonium. By William H. Clarke, Author of "The American Organ Instructor." Price in boards, \$2.50. Sent postpaid. Oliver Ditson & Co., publishers, 277 Washington-st., Boston. Charles H. Ditson & Co. 711 Broadway, N.Y.

## MONEY LOST.

Lost in town to-day a squirrel skin purse, containing \$12 in bills and some small silver. The finder by leaving it at the Mercury office will be handsomely rewarded.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention.

JAS. BARCLAY

## WHOLESALE DRY GOODS!

**BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO**  
TORONTO.

ARE NOW RECEIVING THEIR  
**Spring Importations**

WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS BY  
**THE 22ND MARCH, 1869,**

When they will be prepared to show one of the LARGEST and FINEST STOCKS in the Dominion.  
The attention of the trade is hereby invited. d21wtf  
Toronto, March 15, 1869.

**SELLING OUT,**  
AT AND UNDER COST

**AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.**

The subscriber having entered into arrangements with the

**Mason & Hamlin Organ Company,**

of Boston, to become their Wholesale Agent in Western Ontario, is now selling off his stock of

Wall Paper, School Books,  
Music Books, Sheet Music,  
Stationery, Fancy Goods, &c.,

At and under cost. The whole must be cleared out IN A FEW DAYS. Now is the time for merchants and others to buy a stock of Stationery and Blank Books below wholesale rates.

**W. WARNER CLARKE,**  
Guelph, March 16. daw tf Market Square, Guelph

## CARD.

**JAMES JESSIE CO.** having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the *Alma Block and Day's Block*, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, **No. 1, Day's Block**, so successfully carried on under my management.

By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.

**JOHN RISK.**  
Guelph, 10th March. dw

## DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE.

Being composed of the North-half of Lot No. 10 of the German Company Tract, of the Township of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, Ont., containing 101 acres of superior land, 8 miles from the Town of Guelph, and half a mile from the line of the Grand Trunk Railway; 90 acres under good cultivation; 11 acres of bush land. There is a good frame dwelling and a superior bank barn, 60 x 60 feet on the farm. Also, an excellent young orchard and a never-failing creek; 13 acres of fall wheat in the ground.

The farm stock and implements would be sold to the purchaser of the farm upon reasonable terms. Title indisputable. For terms apply, if letter by pre-paid, to the proprietor, WILLIAM BELL, of Toronto.

THOMAS W. SAUNDERS,  
March 15, dw w1 Barrister, Guelph.

## ENGLISH

### MAGAZINES

FOR MARCH

**AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE!**

## SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

**GOOD WORDS.**

**LEISURE HOUR.**

**SUNDAY AT HOME.**

TO HAND

**AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.**  
Opposite the Market. d6

Guelph, March 16.

## THE ONTARIO

**MUTUAL**

**Life Insurance Comp'y.**

HEAD OFFICE, WATERLOO, ONT.

A comparison of our rates with the rates of any Company either doing or purposing to do a legitimate business respectfully invited.

Every Information given  
To intending Insurers.

Medical Examiners—Dr. Howitt and Keating,  
HENRY L. DRAKE, Agent,  
Box D, Guelph P.O. mar 12, dw

## REMOVAL OF

**GARLAND'S**

**Hat and Cap Store.**

1869. 1869.

## SPRING IMPORTATIONS.

**NEW GOODS.**

**301 Cases and Bales at the Golden Lion.**

Now arrived at the BONDED WAREHOUSE, 301 Cases, comprising all of the

Newest Styles and Designs in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,

And bought by one MR. CHANCE, with great care, in the FIRST BRITISH MARKETS, and direct from the Manufacturers, all of which will be opened out, and on inspection at our store here in the course of a week or so.

Our Business will be Conducted Strictly on the One-Price Principle

**HOGG AND CHANCE.**

Guelph, March 2, 1869. daw tf

## CARD.

**SHAW & MURTON,** in returning thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed on them while partners of the late firm of **A. Thomson & Co.**, beg to intimate that they have purchased Mr. Thomson's share of the stock, and intend carrying on the Merchant Tailor business as heretofore in the Guelph Cloth Hall, where they will devote their whole time and attention to keeping up a large and well assorted stock of Cloths, Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Ties, Collars, &c.

Mr. Shaw having, during a residence of fifteen years in Guelph, made full proof of his ability as a Cutter, intends as heretofore to pay particular attention to Ordered Work, and parties leaving their measure can rely on as good a fit as in any house in the Dominion.

By punctuality in business and moderate charges they hope not only to retain all the old customers of the late firm, but also to meet with increased patronage from the general public.

Guelph, March 11. d6w1 SAMUEL SHAW,  
GEORGE MURTON, Jr.

**No. 2, 2000 Sap Buckets No. 2,**

**At E. CARROLL & CO'S,**

**No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.**

**No. 2, 1000 Bbls SALT, No. 2.**

**At E. CARROLL & CO'S,**

**No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.**

**No. 2, 1000 Bags SALT, No. 2.**

**At E. CARROLL & CO'S,**

**No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.**

**No. 2, Tous Paris and Caledonia PLASTER, No. 2.**

**At E. CARROLL & CO'S,**

**No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.**

**No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED No. 2.**

**At E. CARROLL & CO'S,**

**No. Day's Block, Guelph.**

Guelph, March 4, 1869. daw tf

## HATS & CAPS

**GUELPH CLOTH HALL,**  
WYNDHAM STREET.

**SHAW & MURTON.**

**Fruit & Vegetables**

**Green Peas**

**Green Corn**

**Fresh Tomatoes**

**Fresh Peaches**

**Fresh Cherries**

**Fresh Pine Apples.**

Also a quantity of good American WHITE BEANS.

**HUGH WALKER,**  
Guelph, March 12. dw Pentagon Wyndham-St.