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Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVE, NOVEMBER 6.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

CHAPTER XXIX.—WORKING FOR LIBERTY.
"Poor sacrificed one," thought Hargrave to himself, as he lay tossing on the couch and thought of the scene he had just witnessed and the words he had heard spoken. "A hapless fate is thine; to be first self-sacrificed on the altar of filial duty, and now to be given up a brutal sacrifice on the altar of Mammon. And this is the perjured, frowsy woman of whom Captain Jack speaks. This is the whose treachery and inconsistency extinguished his faith in man and made him the deadly foe of society. It is, as I have suspected, he has acted hastily and under a frightful mistake. Had he but condescended to make inquiry, he might have got to the truth, and learned that it was to save her father from dishonour that she gave her hand to that old miser with the shrivelled heart. Ah me! Ah me! What blind creatures we oftentimes are; how passion misgoverns us, and leads us into error and injustice."

Musing thus he fell asleep, and when he awoke again, Andrew and Terry were both up, and breakfast had been brought in by the fellow who officiated as their jailer. He glanced between his couch and the wall to see if the marks of operations during the night were visible. The rubbish was not so carefully replaced as it might have been, but in the dim lamplight the change could scarcely be noticed. The spot was, moreover, in the darkest corner, and no one thought of going near it.

After breakfast, however, he took his two companions into his confidence, and told them in whispering tones of the discovery he had made of a communication between their chamber and that adjoining.

"But this will do us no good," he added, in a dejected tone. "for the aperture is secured by a grating and could we even remove that, we would but obtain access to another prison."

"By jabsers! and there would not be much gained by that," said Terry.

Andrew, however, with the usual caution of his countrymen, did not give the matter up thus summarily. He crossed over to the corner, and carefully examined the aperture, drawing away for this purpose some of the rubbish, and putting it under the couch. He was not long in reaching the grating which formed the barrier between the two chambers, and having done this he paused to engage in silent examination by the eye, and to cogitate what he noticed.

"It's gey funny," he said to himself, "that there should be a gratin' there, if it's for no other purpose than to seeek up a hole out o' one cave into another."

Andrew's thoughts being thus sent in a particular direction, he proceeded to examine the side of the aperture towards the back wall of the chamber, and removed the rubbish, which consisted of earth and stones, in such proportions as to suggest the idea that it had once been built up, and that time and damp had caused it to lose its adhesiveness.

In a few minutes he came upon another grating, which seemed an aperture at right angles towards the other, and which Andrew at once conjectured led into a passage, which in its turn might probably lead to the open air.

"That's just what I thought," he said to himself, while his heart leapt with a thrill of excitement. "This has been the solid road into the place, and it has been shut up mony a lang year syne, and an' tae see if a single creature kens o't."

"Misher Donaldson, sur, is it there counin' yer beads ye are down in the corner?" asked Terry, as Andrew sat silent and motionless, being absorbed in his interesting conjectures.

He rose slowly up, and crossing to where the others were, while a winking eye and a flushed cheek were the only signs of his inward excitement, he said:

"If we could get sich a thing as a file, we wadna be lang in makin' our way out."

"What do ye mane?" cried Terry, bounding to his feet.

"Whisht—for ony sake, whisht!" cautioned Andrew.

"But what do ye mane?" asked Hargrave, in much lower tones. "I tell you that grating leads to the next chamber where the lady is confined."

Andrew went noiselessly behind the screen which had been placed at the entrance, and satisfying himself that none of the robbers were listening, he returned, and stepping close up to Hargrave, whispered:

"There's twa gratin's."

"Two?" echoed his master with a start.

"And ane o' them leads into a dark passage," added Andrew.

"Thunder and ouns!" ejaculated Terry, opening his eyes and mouth to the utmost.

"Are you certain?" asked Hargrave eagerly.

"Weel," returned Andrew, "I couldna just swear tae it; but come and judge for yersel."

This course was too natural to admit of hesitation. They all three went to the corner, and found Andrew's discovery verified. The grating he had come upon was further laid, and beyond it was total darkness, while a draught of cold air came streaming through. It was chill and damp, as if it came through an underground passage, but there was also a freshness in it, testifying that it came from without.

"You are richt," said Hargrave. "This is indeed an important discovery."

He laid his hands on the iron bars one by one, and tried to shake them, but they proved immovable.

"Awe!" he observed, "if this hope is only destined to mock us, how shall we be able to remove those bars?"

TO BE CONTINUED.

The receipts of a single hotel at Saratoga, during the past season, amounted to \$720,000. About \$4,000,000, it is estimated, has been spent this summer upon lodging, stabling, eating and drinking in that small village. Probably as much more was spent on dress by the devotees of fashion who made it com-

The Report of the Grand Trunk Railway Directors, for the half year ended June 30, has been published, from which we gather the following facts: (The gross earnings of the road, including those of the Buffalo and Lake Huron and Montreal and Champlain connections, amounting to \$2,969,222, against \$3,097,886 in the corresponding half year of 1866. The ordinary working expenses had increased from about fifty-nine per cent. of the gross earnings at about seventy per cent. or from \$1,960,616 to \$2,088,789. Besides this charge against revenue there are other charges; namely, renewals of the permanent way and works, \$267,168; amounts paid for loss by fire at Sarnia and Toronto, \$49,931. These charges having been met, there remained a balance of \$554,438, against a balance in the corresponding half year of 1866 of \$1,009,519. There is another charge, namely, \$1,4752, for loss on American currency, which reduced the cash balance to \$451,265. Against this balance there were the following claims, namely, for amount of postal and military revenue due to the holders of the postal and military bonds; for interest, &c., on lands; for interest on mortgage to Bank of Upper Canada; for interest on loans, banker's balances, promissory notes, European exchange, &c.; for interest on British American Land Company's debentures; for interest on Montreal Serranby debentures; for interest on Island Pond debentures; for half yearly instalment on Portland Sinking Fund; for proportion due to Buffalo and Lake Huron; for Atlantic and St. Lawrence lease (in full); for Detroit line lease (in full); and for equipment bond interest; amounting in all to \$537,170. The debt against the half year's revenue was therefore, \$85,905. The Directors, in comparing the results of the half year's working with the corresponding period of 1866, say that there has been a falling off in the through freight traffic to the amount of about £16,000; that the working expenses are more by about £26,000; that 55 1/2 miles have been relaid, in addition to the ordinary repairs of the way, and that the losses paid in connection with the fires at Toronto and Sarnia have absorbed no less a sum than £10,000. The Directors also pointed out the fact that the Grand Trunk was not the only line which showed a falling off in its gross receipts, but "that nearly the whole of the American lines, show heavy decreases for the half year ended June last as compared with the same period for 1866; ten of the trunk lines including the Erie, the Michigan Central and Southern, the Ohio and Mississippi, the Illinois Central and the Chicago and Fort Wayne, showing in the aggregate a decrease in their gross revenue of £214,369." With respect to the loss on American currency the Directors said: "The amount of loss is again very heavy, being £21,554 against £14,264 in the corresponding half of last year. The total loss sustained by the Company from June 1862, to 30th of June last, in American currency amounts to no less a sum than £311,938, and the Directors cannot refrain from again referring to this most serious but inevitable and unforeseen loss, as the real origin of most of the recent difficulties of the Company." The average receipts from passengers in the half year was \$1.60 per head against \$1.68 in 1866; and the average receipts per ton for freight was \$3.76 against \$3.80 in 1866.

FRESH BISCUITS.

ARROWROOT, Albert, Coffee, Pie-nie, Queen's Wine, Boston, Soda, Abernethy and Imperial BISCUITS, at
JOHN A. WOOD'S.

TOBACCOS.

FINE CUT CHEWING, Cut Plug, and Turkish Smoking. The best brands of Bright and Black Tobacco, at
JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Bottled Ale and Porter.

TORONTO Bottled Ale and Porter, at
JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, November 1, 1867. dw

THE RED MILL GRISTING & CHOPPING

THE Subscriber begs to inform the farmers and the public that his Mill on the Waterloo Road is now in full order, and that he is prepared to do **Gristing and Chopping** on short notice.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL
GEORGE BALKWILL.
October 24, 1867. 2in

NEW Pork & Sausage Shop

THOS. MILLAR
BEGS to inform the people of Guelph that he has opened a new Pork and Sausage Shop in

DAY'S OLD BLOCK,
Gordon Street, next door to Cull's Hotel. The Sausages are all of first-rate quality, and of his own make, from pork carcasses bought on the market. Always on hand superior corned beef, salt rounds and pickled tongues. Poultry of all kinds on hand.

The above are all of first-class quality. I purchase no meat from any Packing House, but buy the best carcasses in the market.
Guelph, 20th October, 1867. dw-1in

Insolvent Act of 1864.

In the matter of Thos. McKee Grier, 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 value of it, and if none stating the fact, the whole attested under oath, with the vouchers in support of such claims.

THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee.
Guelph, 2nd November, 1867. dw1

COW LOST.

STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, near Golden's mills, a brindled cow, with white spot on forehead and shoulder, and white on the belly. She is about 6 years old, and with horns turned inward. Any person giving such information to the owner as will lead to the recovery of the animal will be rewarded.

DANIEL CARTER.
Guelph, 30th October, 1867. dw3in

ESTRAY STEER.

CAME on the premises of the subscriber, Lot 5, Con. 2, Guelph Township, about six weeks ago, a one year old Steer, red with some white spots. The owner can have him by proving property and paying expenses.
JAMES' KEOGH.
Guelph, 1st November, 1867. wain

A Large Stock of New French Fruits

At E. CARROLL & Co's
No. 2, Day's Block
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867.

BOOTS AND SHOES

THE Neatest, Cheapest, Best Fitting and Best Wearing Boots and Shoes, manufactured from the best brands of French Calf, Goat, Kid, &c., Sewed or Pegged are to be had at

THOMAS BROWN'S NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE

He would advise all who are not satisfied with such Boots and Shoes as they get elsewhere to call and give him a trial, and be convinced that

The Boots and Shoes he makes are the Best they ever Had.

Repairing neatly done. All orders attended to promptly.

THOMAS BROWN,
Guelph, 8th October, 1867. dw Day's Block, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Gore Bank,
Ontario Bank, and
Montreal Bank Bills

TAKEN AT A PREMIUM

AT CUTHBERT'S

Book, Jewellery and Fancy Store.

Guelph, 29th October.

The EXHIBITION

Prize SHIRTS and DRAWERS

For Sale At the Guelph Cloth Hall.

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, October 5, 1867. dw

MONTREAL BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM.

JOHN McNEIL

INVITES his customers and those in want of BOOTS AND SHOES to call at his establishment and be convinced that, without doubt, he has

The Largest and Best Stock

to select from in or out of the County of Wellington, no matter what the pretensions of others may be to the contrary.

MY GOODS ARE ALL NEW!

and made to my special order, I can therefore recommend what I sell as being second to none.

Home Manufactured Goods always on hand.

ALL WORK WARRANTED.

No Barnum Humbug on this side of Wyndham Street.

JOHN McNEIL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Emporium, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario.
Guelph, 41st November, 1867. ds9 w733 1f

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also fine Straw for beds.
TERMS CASH.
JOHN WEST.
Guelph, July 22. daw-1f

New Crop Teas

At E. CARROLL & Co's
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. No. 2, Day's Block.

CAUTION.

I HEREBY give notice that a promissory note, dated 7th October, 1867, for \$50, payable to Daniel Heffernan or bearer, made by me, has been obtained from me without value, and that I will not pay the same.
JAMES SIMPSON.
Guelph, 17th Oct. 1867. ds9

Marriage Licenses

ISSUED by authority, at the Division Court Office, Guelph.

GREAT BANKRUPT SALE



HOGG & CHANGE, GOLDEN LION, GUELPH,

Have Bought a WHOLESALE BANKRUPT STOCK of DRY GOODS, value over

\$40,000!

AND ARE NOW OFFERING THE SAME AT ABOUT ONE HALF ITS VALUE.

TREMENDOUS BARGAINS!

CALL AT ONCE. Goods are being offered at Great Reduction on manufacturers' cost. We have bought this large Bankrupt Stock, and are determined to offer the whole at such prices as will ensure a complete clearance in a short time.

Goods Wholesaled 20 per cent. under Hamilton or Toronto prices.

HOGG & CHANGE,

20,000 Cotton Bags, 900 No. 1 Buffalo Skins, 170 do., Lined, Cotton Yarn at Manufacturer's Prices. 20,000 Overcoats, Saeque and Shooting Coats, Vests and Pants—No. 1 GOODS.

Guelph, 2nd November, 1867. dw

GREAT BARGAINS!

STAND ASIDE!

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING

AT TREMENDOUS LOW PRICES.

A. O. BUCHAM

HAVING again visited the Eastern Markets, begs to announce that he has purchased for cash the entire Wholesale Stock of one of the best Dry Goods Houses in Montreal at less than 50c. in the dollar, and will

On and After TUESDAY NEXT

offer the whole Stock at unparalleled prices. A. O. BUCHAM always keeps on hand the best and most select stock of Goods, and will never be undersold by any person, no matter what his pretensions may be. And in order to do a large business this season, he has secured an immense stock, which will be sold at prices far below the mark.

Cheap Dresses and Shawls.

MANTLES AND JACKETS AT ASTOUNDING PRICES.

TRIMMED BONNETS and HATS AT PRICES WHICH MUST SATISFY EVERY PERSON.

Splendid Grey Cottons - - - - - 10c per yard	Beautiful wide Fancy Winceys - - - - - 12c per yard
Superior White Cottons - - - - - 12c "	For-lard Delaines - - - - - 12c "
Best Striped Shirtings - - - - - 20c "	Double Width Fancy Lustres - - - - - 12c "
Good Red Flannel - - - - - 25c "	First-rate Ticking - - - - - 15c "
Fast Colored Prints - - - - - 8c "	Heavy large Blankets - - - - - \$2 per pair.
Best Heavy Gingham - - - - - 15c "	

Damaaks, Morreens and Lace Window Curtains at a tremendous reduction from regular prices.

CLOTHING. CLOTHING. CLOTHING

Men's and Boys' Ready-made Clothing in great and splendid variety at surprising prices. The best Goods only manufactured by us, and such as can be safely recommended to any person.

Don't Forget Tuesday next. A. O. BUCHAM.

Guelph 31st October 1867 dw

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS

OF STAPLE AND FANCY.

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured. REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS, MANTLE CLOTHS. Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.

GEORGE JEFFREY