

The Guelph Mercury DAILY AND WEEKLY. OFFICE: - - - EAST MACDONELL STREET. McLAGAN AND INNES, PUBLISHERS AND PROPRIETORS.

The Evening Mercury CONTAINING the latest News by Telegraph up to the hour of going to press, is published at 5 o'clock every afternoon (Sunday excepted), and mailed to all parts of the country by the evening mails on the following TERMS: Single copy, one year, \$4. Single copy, 3 mo's \$1.6 months 2. Single do. 1 week 10c.

"The Weekly Mercury" PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY. IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPER in the DOMINION, containing 40 columns of reading matter.

TO ADVERTISERS. Business men will find THE EVENING AND WEEKLY MERCURY to be invaluable advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are far in advance of any others in North Western Canada, and is the only means by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser.

Book and Job Printing, Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.

H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE Opposite the Market Shed. CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Mouldings, Shorts, Bran, &c.

Valuable Property! FOR SALE LOW. TOWN OF GUELPH. 1.—Lots 7, 8 and 9, Perth Street, with large frontage on the Erasmus Road.

BRICK FOR SALE. 200,000 WHITE BRICK FOR SALE AT MORRISTON. JAMES MORISON. Guelph, 17th Jan, 1868. d2w2

NOTICE. THE business of Messrs. BLAIR & GUTHRIE will be continued by the same office by the surviving partner, Mr. Guthrie. Guelph, 4th January, 1868. d1w1

EMPLOYMENT WANTED. BY two men willing to act in any capacity as labourers or general servants. Character excellent. Apply at this office, or to N. Higginbotham, Druggist. Guelph, Jan. 24th, 1868.

THE RED MILL. THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grains can rely on having them ground the same day. Chopping done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED FOR SALE AT THE MILL. GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing. GEORGE BALKWILL. Guelph 16th December, 1867. d2w2

Warden's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the Warden will attend at the office of the County Clerk on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock for the transaction of County business.

INDIA & CHINA TEA COY. Home Depot at London and Liverpool. Canada Depot, 23 Hospital Street, Montreal.

THE India and China Tea Company beg to call the attention of the Canadian community to their directly imported Teas, which for purity and excellence will be found unequalled.

PRICES: Rich full-flavoured Tea, for family use, real genuine, and fine article 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.

CHEAP Photographs. THE FERGUS NEWS RECORD.—Messrs Watt Bros. have sold this paper to Messrs J. & R. Craig, who enter upon their duties on the 1st February.

W. BURGESS. BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that having received a large lot of FRAMES suitable for

Christmas Presents, he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly REDUCED PRICES.

PICTURES of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art. Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store. W. BURGESS. Guelph, 13th December, 1867. dw

Sale of Real Estate. In the matter of Partition between John Carroll and Martin Dooley, and Ellen McDonald and Others.

ON FRIDAY, 10th APRIL, 1868 at noon, the South-easterly half of the rear or South west half of Lot Three, in the first concession of Division B, of the Township of Guelph, containing thirty eight acres more or less, together with the right of road used by Green and Ballister.

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. R. CAMPBELL. OFFICE, next door to the A. P. Dentist's office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

W. B. COWAN, M. D. HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Accoucher. Graduate of the New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. d1w1

Teeth Extracted Without Pain. Guelph, 20th June, 1866.

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE. Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.

J. E. SPAFFORD. Reference—Rev. E. A. Peck, Stratford P. O.

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, & C. Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury. OFFICE: - - - MACDONELL STREET. TUESDAY EV'G. JAN'Y 28, 1868.

Local News. Cattle Fairs. Elora, 1st Tuesday of every month. New Hamburg, 1st Tuesday of each month. Guelph, 1st Wednesday of every month.

County Council. The Council of the County of Wellington met to-day at 2 o'clock. Members all present. John Smith, Esq., Reeve of Pilkington, was re-elected Warden, the vote being 27 for and 5 against the motion.

REMOVAL.—Messrs Lemon & Peterson have removed their office to the first floor over the Bank of Commerce, in Mr Hogg's new building, corner of Wyndham street and Market Square.

They are already beginning to make preparations in Hamilton for the Provincial Show, to be held there next fall, in so far as that steps are being taken for the accommodation of the troops, in order to leave the Crystal Palace clear.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The missionary meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Church, in this town, which was held on Monday night last, was well attended. Several interesting addresses were delivered, not the least popular being that by Rev. Mr. McDougall, returned missionary to British Columbia.

SOIREE in ERAMOSA.—The members of the Rev. Mr. Barrie's church in Eramosa, will hold a soiree on the evening of Thursday, the 6th of February. Quite a number of ministers from the surrounding district are expected to be present and deliver addresses.

MILITARY CONCERT at ELORA.—The Drill Shed at Elora was crowded on Monday night last in anticipation of the martial strains of the Wellington Battalion Band, and of the other music, vocal and instrumental, which was to make up the complement of the concert.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE ESQUELING ELECTION.—The Milton Champion says Mr Clay disclaimed on Monday last, and the Judge orders that Mr McNaughton at once take the seat which rightfully belongs to him.

GUELPH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—At the weekly meeting this evening a short lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Howie. The Rev. Mr. Jefferson, a colored gentleman of some distinction will also address the audience.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.—Messrs. Ticknor & Fields have sent us the February number of this magazine which gathers popularity with age. The present number is a most interesting one, and the plate "Wake Up" is beautiful.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—We have received from the publishers Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, the February number of this first-class magazine. The articles are as usual written with vigour.

AN ARMED PEACE.—The London Economist sets forth some figures concerning the cost of the "peace establishment" of Europe that are slightly startling. Just now, peace reigns supreme among all those States, and yet the standing armies embrace 2,800,000 men, ready to be increased by the call of war to 5,000,000.

It is stated that the Hon. Chas. Sumner and his wife separated by mutual consent on the ground of incompatibility of temperament and opinions which precludes the possibility of happiness.

In Halifax Mr. Thomas Bushel was convicted of having inserted in the Express a notice of the birth of a child to a widow named Mrs. Jane Smale, and fined \$40.

Board of School Trustees. The Board met last night. Present, Mr. Peterson, chairman, Messrs. Pirie, Fraser, Newton, Knowles, Mitchell, McNeil, Harvey, Innes, Drs. Herod and McGuire, and Rev. Mr. Ball.

Mr. Innes presented the report of the Special Committee on the appointment of an Assistant teacher to the Grammar School. The Committee recommend that no Assistant teacher be appointed in the room of Mr. Walker, also that as soon as a sufficient number of the pupils signify their intention to learn German, they recommend that the Board engage a German tutor.

On motion the Chairman vacated the chair, and Rev. Mr. Ball took the same. It was then moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. McNeil, That the thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby tendered to H. W. Peterson, Esq., Chairman, for the close attention he has given to all business which has come before the Board during the year, and for the courtesy he has invariably manifested in presiding over its deliberations.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the chairman in conveying the thanks of the Board to Mr. Peterson, expressed his entire concurrence in the motion, and bore testimony to the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties, and the deep interest he had taken in every one of the best speeches of the evening.

Good Templars' Soiree. The Good Templars' Soiree at Ennottville, in aid of the Farmers and Mechanics' Library, came off on Wednesday evening, 22nd inst., and in point of numbers was a complete success.

After some discussion the sixth resolution was carried, and a bill founded on the resolutions was introduced and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Curling Match. A curling match between some of the hotel-keepers of town, came off yesterday on the ice above Mr. Goldie's mills. We noticed previously that the stakes were an oyster supper.

At the conclusion of the game, the oysters were enjoyed at Mr. D. Bunyan's Saloon.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

THE new Municipal Council met on the 20th inst. at noon, in the Town Hall. All the members present. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors having severally subscribed to their declarations of qualification and office.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. TORONTO, January 27. Hon. Mr. Cameron introduced a Bill to incorporate the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company.

Hon. J. S. McDonald introduced a Bill to abolish the Heir and Devise Commission.

Mr. Baxter inquired whether it is the intention of Government to make good to the several county agricultural societies the loss sustained by them in consequence of the failure of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Hon. Mr. Carling said the Government had nothing to say in answer to this question, as this money had been paid by the Government of Canada previous to Confederation.

Mr. McKellar moved an address for a return of the principal and interest due on Crown, Clergy, Grammar and Common School Loans—the principal and interest to be given in separate columns.

Hon. Mr. Richards moved the concurrence of the house on the resolutions adopted in committee of the whole on Friday night last respecting free grants of land to actual settlers.

The first five of these resolutions were then adopted *seriatim*. On the motion that the 6th resolution be concurred in, Mr. McKellar said he did not intend to offer an amendment; but he wished to enter his protest against the resolution as it stood.

What he did not like in it was this—that licentiates—men occupying large tracts of land in that part of the country intended to be set apart for settlement, were allowed to take the timber after the settler had gone on the land.

He believed—and his opinion was strengthened by a document distributed in the house, in the lumbering interest—that the lumbermen themselves were willing to concede the settler more favourable terms than those proposed by the Government.

The latter were not going to allow a settler's patent to issue until he had been five years on the land, whereas the lumbermen proposed that it should issue when the settler had been only three years there.

It was quite clear that even before three years expired the lumbermen would take good care to carry off all the timber on these settlers' lots.

It was a most objectionable thing that a man with a license should be allowed to come on lands occupied by the actual settler and take away his timber.

After some discussion the sixth resolution was carried, and a bill founded on the resolutions was introduced and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Sir Henry Smith's bill for the Independence of the Legislature, after a sharp debate, got the six months' hoist. After a lengthy debate Mr. Blake's bill respecting dual seats and the disqualification of members also got the six months' hoist by a vote of 32 to 30.

The second reading of Sir Henry Smith's bill for a Homestead Exemption Act was deferred till Monday.

Hon. Attorney General McDonald's bill entitled "An Act to repeal chap. 110 Consol. of Canada, respecting prison inspectors, so far as relates to public asylums, prisons, hospitals and reformatories in Ontario," was read a second time.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. Edinburgh, Jan. 27th.—A heavy gale passed over the counties of Scotland yesterday, Houses were unroofed, blown down, etc., and much damage done.

Dublin, Jan. 27th.—A gun ship in this city was entered by a party of men, who carried away nearly half a ton of powder. The police immediately got on the track of the robbers and have arrested twelve persons on suspicion.

London, Jan. 27.—The morning papers publish a letter from the Fenian prisoner, Burke. He denies any knowledge of the conspiracy to blow up the Clerkenwell prison, and declares he had no intention of escape.

Paris letters say the reports on army bill are quite unfavorable. The adoption of the bill was received with manifestations of disfavor, and the measure is decidedly unpopular in the departments.

London, Jan. 27.—The trial of Sir Culling Eardley, for bigamy, was concluded to-day. Testimony showed the prisoner married Miss Magee in New York, in the year 1859; and that in 1867 he married Miss Allen in London, and that the second marriage took place while the first wife was living.

London, Jan. 27.—The trial of Sir Culling Eardley, for bigamy, was concluded to-day. Testimony showed the prisoner married Miss Magee in New York, in the year 1859; and that in 1867 he married Miss Allen in London, and that the second marriage took place while the first wife was living.

Havana, Jan. 27.—The famous Imperial General, Marquez, arrived here from New Orleans yesterday. He escaped from Mexico in disguise and reached New Orleans some weeks ago.

New York, Jan. 28.—The Herald's Havana special from Mexico City says: The Mexican Congress passed a resolution authorizing ministers of foreign affairs and interior to retain both their portfolios and their seats in Congress.

San Francisco, Jan. 27th.—Late advices from the northern coast give accounts of an unusually severe winter. Communication with Oregon was interrupted.—Floods had caused an immense destruction of property throughout the territory.

PRESENTATION TO CYRUS W. FIELD.—A superb service of silver, ordered by Mr. George Peabody for presentation to Mr. Cyrus W. Field as a recognition of the eminent services of the latter in connection with the Atlantic Cable, has just been completed in New York.

There are twelve pieces in all, viz: Soup tureen and stand, four vegetable dishes, one large epergne, two fruit dishes, one cake stand, ice cream stand, decanter and coffee urn. On opposite sides of each dish are medallion likenesses of Messrs. Peabody and Field.

In addition there is the following inscription:—"In testimony and commemoration of an act of very high integrity and honour, together with a coat of arms and motto—'Sans Dieu rien'—of the Field family. Most of the service is lined with gold.

The design of the epergne is a symbolical figure representing the genius of liberty standing on a celestial globe, with the signs of the zodiac surrounding the sphere. The handles of the tureen and vegetable dishes display the British lion holding a shield. The handles are flanked by oak and ivy leaves—emblematical of strength and everlasting friendship.

The entire weight of the set is 700 ounces; its cost is about \$4,600.

AN ARMED PEACE.—The London Economist sets forth some figures concerning the cost of the "peace establishment" of Europe that are slightly startling. Just now, peace reigns supreme among all those States, and yet the standing armies embrace 2,800,000 men, ready to be increased by the call of war to 5,000,000.

Besides this, the five maritime States expend annually about \$30,000,000 on their navy—where 213,887 men are held in service. Moreover, the cost of the enforced absence of these men from the industry and production of the country, calculated on the very meagre basis of a shilling (English) per day, is nearly \$200,000,000 per annum.