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### Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.  
WEDNESDAY EV'NG, MAY 6, 1868.

## The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUGH  
A Tale of the Covenanters.

The latter was quite conscious, and as they drew him over the side of the boat a deep groan escaped him, and, pressing his hand upon his side he sank down in the bottom of the skiff.  
Richard whose energy seemed to be as strong as ever, swung round to the landing place, and clambered into a larger boat which lay there, half filled with men.  
No sooner had he got over the gunwale, than a heavy hand was laid upon his shoulder, and a rough voice sounded in his ear, "You are my prisoner."  
"Your prisoner!" echoed Richard, looking round in astonishment.  
"Ay, if it be so that you are named Richard Wayland."

Richard Wayland is the name I have been always known by, answered the youth, whose astonishment was unabated.  
"Then I tell you, you are my prisoner. Here is the warrant for your apprehension."  
"Fiddlers and panchies, what's the meaning of that," cried Sir Gilbert, who, with others, had now assembled at the landing place, and were looking in amazement upon the scene.  
"The youth is arrested upon a charge of murder," replied the officer, as he handed a pair of fetters, and advanced to fasten them on Richard's limbs.  
"Stand off," roared the youth, with an attitude of defiance. "This outrage I shall not submit to."

"Sorry to incommode you, young man," but my orders are imperative. I have followed you all the way from Edinburgh to make the capture; so you had better keep quiet. I should be sorry to do a harsh thing to a brave fellow like you, but duty is duty, and I daren't depart from it. The crime you are charged with is a serious one."  
"But the charge is false and ridiculous. Who is said to have been murdered by me?"  
"An old man called Jabez Cringan. The information is lodged by Captain Allen, of Birkenleugh."

"The cursed vagabond!" roared Sir Gilbert. "Has he begun the pit cool his spite already?"  
"Do your duty, officer," said Richard, calmly. "Fetter me as you will, I will not resist. I merely say I am innocent—aye as innocent as the child that hangs upon the breast. Jabez Cringan was never murdered by me."  
Who speaks of the murder of Jabez Cringan? shrieked a hoarse voice from the other boat, and the trooper whom Richard had saved raised his livid and distorted face, and glared wildly round him. "Where is the youth fettered and in the hands of the officers he covered back into the boat, and a frightful expression passed over his features.  
"He it was who saved me—he!" muttered the trooper, and he groaned again with internal agony; but it seemed as if he was also enduring some horrible mental suffering.—He crouched down in the boat, covered his face with his hands, and asked them to cover him over with a cloak.  
Having secured their prisoner, the larger boat put off at once from the landing-place for the shore, and Richard was not even permitted to bid his friends farewell. The Baronet was frantic; but he shouted to Richard to keep up his heart. The youth responded with a serene smile, and tried to wave an adieu with his manacled arm.  
The Governor of the Bass having now made his appearance, the order for Walter's release was delivered to him, and that youth was declared at liberty to leave the island, with certification that if he was found in Scotland after the expiry of three days he should be recaptured, and incarcerated in the same stronghold.  
Gladly enough he bade farewell to the gloomy rock, but the joy of liberty was sorely damped by the seizure of Richard Wayland, and the danger by which that youth was environed. He and Marion must leave their friend the Baronet in grief and anxiety—unable to aid, unable to comfort him, unable even to wait the issue of events as regarded Richard, and the charge of murder which had been brought against him.

CHAPTER XXX.—THE TRIAL OF RICHARD WAYLAND FOR THE MURDER OF JABEZ CRINGAN.  
Neither Richard Wayland nor his friends sought to delay his trial. He and they alike felt that the sooner the issue was determined the better. Some prisoners over whom the charge of a serious crime hangs seek to gain time, and use all the means which the law allows to postpone the day of assize. It need not be supposed that this is, always a sign of guilt, for even in the case of innocence the means of defence may not be at hand, and time may be required to produce the evidence necessary to their vindication.  
But it is only guilt which seeks delay for the sake of delay, or presses despatch in the hope that the adverse evidence may not be collected.  
Richard Wayland had no such considerations to influence him. Conscious of his innocence, yet unable to do anything more for its manifestation, his only wish was to know the best or the worst as quickly as possible. When first he had been told that he was suspected of having murdered Jabez Cringan, he treated the suspicion with scornful indifference. His own nature being singularly truthful, he had no fear that the false trial established itself as the true in the face of enquiry, and never dreamed it possible that any amount of circumstantial evidence against him could make him appear in the eyes of his judges guilty of a crime, and the very commission of which he had been ignorant for many weeks after the deed had been done.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE STATES GRAIN MARKET.—MORRIS, Edward Bill & Co., as quoted in the New York Times, thus notice the business in breadstuffs in the States during the past fortnight:—"The tone of the market for flour has considerably changed in the interval since our last circular, and there is a more buoyant feeling and a greater confidence in the stability of prices. The demand for England, the West Indies and South America is more active, and the stock, although rather in excess of last year at this period, is still light, and the high price prevalent throughout the west, for both flour and wheat, gives no promise of any great activity among the milling interest during the summer. Southern kinds are in moderate supply and firmly held. For California there has been a limited but not active demand. At yesterday's market, prices were firm on all medium and better grades, but quiet on the lower kinds. As yet we are without receipt of wheat from the canal, but a portion of the supplies which have been detained all winter will probably reach the seaboard during the present week. Sales, for export, to some extent, have been made for that to arrive. The market has been quite irregular, the scarcity on the spot has enabled holders to realize higher rates, and gives a strong tone to the trade. Rye is scarce, and has advanced materially. Indian corn, with a liberal stock in store, and free receipts, has been fluctuating daily in price, and closes dull and inactive."  
The Swedenborgians of Portland on Wednesday dedicated one of the finest churches in that city, which takes the place of the one burned in the great fire of 1800.  
It is said that about \$5,000 are annually expended in Boston for music in the churches. At one church alone cysts \$6,000. The highest price paid

## UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS IN GUELPH.

MR. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer, pursuant to instructions from the VEN. ARCHDEACON PALMER, will offer for sale by Public Auction.

ON THE GROUNDS, On Thursday, 21st May, 1868,

At 2 o'clock, p. m., precisely,

### Tyrcahtlen Survey,

All the unsold Building Lots on the As shown on the Registered Plan, viz: Between Arthur Street and the River Speed,

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

Southerly Side of Queen Street, Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25.

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These Lots are situated in the most attractive and highly cultivated quarter of the Town, and possess the additional advantage of being in the immediate vicinity of the business centres.

Each Lot will be put up at the very low upset price of \$150, and sold without any reserve to the highest bidder. The purchaser of any one lot to have the privilege of taking an additional number of the adjacent lots at the same price.

TERMS OF SALE. One-fourth cash, or by approved note at three months, with bank interest, the balance in three annual instalments, with interest yearly at 7 per cent. on the unpaid principal.

TITLE INDISPUTABLE. The undersigned will show a copy of the registered plan, and give every information to intending purchasers.

PALMER & LILLIE, Auctioneers, Guelph, May 2, 1868. dw Day's Block.

## Apothecaries' Hall!

## Sewing Machine Oil.

JUST received, a supply of very fine Oil, made to suit.

## Sewing Machines

Superior to all other Oils. Will wear longer, and does not clog up the finest parts of the machine.

## A. B. PETRIE,

Chemist, Market Square. Guelph, April 23. daw tf

## BUCKWHEAT FLOUR

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

## MAPLE SUGAR!

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

## BISCUIT

Arrowroot, Cream, Fruit, Victoria, Abernethy, Wine and Ginger Nut BISCUITS

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

## AMBER SYRUP

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

## OPPOSITION LINE

## TO CALIFORNIA

via Panama, carrying United States mails, and also via Nicaragua.

## NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

will dispatch one of their Fast and Elegant Steamships from NEW YORK.

Every Ten Days.

Rates for First, Second and Third Cabin VERY LOW For Special Berths, Tickets &c. apply to J. W. MURTON, General Passage Agent.

## 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 Flaming Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Crescent, Guelph, 27th Aug, 1867.

## Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.

## SHOE TOOLS & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine, Trimmings, Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER, 114 Yonge Street, Toronto. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

## TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Curved Blades, Straight-edged, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Hartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

## TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Calliper Rules, Calliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Stubs Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

## Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Straws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Adair's Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street, Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

## FRUITS

FRESH ARRIVALS AT No. 2, Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Canned Peaches "Pears "Plums "Cherries "Apples, &c.

BOTTLED JAMS Strawberry Gooseberry Damson Currants, &c.

A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

E. CARROLL & CO., No. 2, Wyndham Street. Guelph, April 20, 1868. daw

## Toronto Advertisement

## W. & D. DINEEN

BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of

## HATS, CAPS AND FURS

Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st. Wholesale and Retail. TORONTO. Toronto, 28th March, 1868. dwet

## STANDARD Life Assurance Company

(Established 1825.) Accumulated Fund £3,700,005 Is. 4d. Stg

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Agents at Guelph.

THE STANDARD strongly advocates the Bill now before the House under which Insurance Companies are required to make certain deposits with the Government. The STANDARD is ready and willing to make any deposit required, thus guaranteeing to the fullest extent the Policy Holders. Every information to those desirous of insuring will be given at the office of

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Town Hall Buildings. Guelph, 18th April, 1868. dw

## GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD, Looking Glass and Picture Frame MANUFACTURER, 79 King-st. West, TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Roses, Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to Toronto 1st April 1868. dwly.

## WALL PAPER.

1868. IMMENSE ASSORTMENT OF WALL PAPER AT

## DAYS BOOKSTORE.

MY Stock of WALL PAPER is very large and well selected. The patterns are of ELEGANT DESIGN, and imported this Spring from England. I am determined to sell Wall Paper at extremely LOW PRICES this Season; my constant object being to supply Goods as LOW as possible.

T. J. DAY, Bookseller, Opposite the Market, Guelph, April 20th, 1868. dw

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FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS AT HOME

## MERRY CHIMES:

CONTAINING Elementary Instructions, Attractive Exercises and several Hundred Popular Songs. THIS NEW BOOK will be superior to all similar Works, in many points essential to a popular Instruction Book in Vocal Music and Collection of Melodies for the Young. FORTY EDITIONS have already been published, and the demand continues unabated. Many of the Songs have been written expressly for the work, and none of the songs are old and time-worn singing through a dozen books, but NEW and sparkling, adapted to all Occasions, and Alive with the Spirit of the Times.

Price 50 cents. Sent postpaid. OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

## New Advertisements.

1868. KINGSTON PENITENTIARY 1868.



## NEW GOODS

Suitable for Spring and Summer Wear, among which will be found all the Latest Styles.

## INSPECTION INVITED!

THESE GOODS have been selected from the best makers in the Dominion, and can be confidently recommended as equal, if not superior to any in the market, and at

Prices Lower than any House in the Trade. For cash only. All work warranted. Guelph, 1st May, 1868. dw JOHN CRIDIFORD.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

GRAND OPENING OF

## SHOW ROOM

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE

## PHILIP BISH,

WILL SHOW ON FRIDAY, the 24th of APRIL, 1868,

Some of the Greatest Novelties in MANTLES & MILLINERY

Ever exhibited in Guelph, which for extent and quality is no surpassed in the Province.

Ladies should Call at once and Examine the Pattern Bonnets and Mantles.

The above Department is superintended by a first-class artist. Ladies can rely on having every attention by calling at the BRADFORD HOUSE, Guelph.

PHILIP BISH, Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 23, 1868. daw tf

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WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

## ANOTHER CHEAP LOT OF GREY AND WHITE COTTONS!

500 PIECES NEW

## Canadian Tweeds, very Cheap

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TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of

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GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c., EVER OFFERED IN GUELPH.

## Large Display of Hats & Caps

English, French and American Styles.

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AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX

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Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.

Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, w'ter, would you expect to get them first-class but at

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Call on 20th March 1868

## Savings Bank.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.

The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 21st of December.

The terms in other respects have been made as favourable as possible to depositors.

Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.

For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible. R. J. DALLAS, Cashier. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw-4f

## NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP

THE subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has leased and fitted up the Blacksmith Shop, being that old and well-known stand on Canadian Street, near Goldie's, formerly known as the People's Mills, where he intends to carry on the Blacksmith business in all its branches.

HOSE SHOENING.—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoening. As the subscriber intends to keep none but a first-class horse-shoer, the public can rely on getting all work in that line done in a satisfactory manner.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—The subscriber begs to intimate to farmers that he is now manufacturing, and has for sale first-class Steel Mould Board Ploughs (Gray's pattern). Ploughs of other patterns made to order. Wagons and all kinds of Farm Implements made to order and repaired on the most reasonable terms.

WOOD WORK.—A first-class wood worker kept in connection with the shop. The subscriber having long experience in the above business, hopes by strict attention to the wants of his customers to merit a share of public patronage.

Don't forget the Stand, near Goldie's Mills. CALEB CHASE, Guelph, 24th April, 1868. dw-4fw

## TORONTO SAFE WORKS.

J. & J. TAYLOR'S PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES, ALSO Fire & Burglar Proof COMBINED.

The only real security against FIRE AND BURGLARS! READER, if you want a reliable safe, purchase none but

## TAYLOR'S

Remember the best is the cheapest! We also manufacture every description of Fire and Burglar Proof Safes, such as Vault Doors, Locks, &c. Please send for a Price List.

J. & J. TAYLOR, Manufacturers, 198 & 200 Palace-St., Toronto. Toronto, April 11, 1868. daw tf

## INDIA AND CHINA TEA COMPANY

A LARGE SUPPLY OF THIS CELEBRATED TEA FOR FAMILY USE.

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## NEW Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WALD BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.

The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept. The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.

TOM and JESSEY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner. Guelph, 27th December, 1867 dw6m

## R. GALBRAITH TAILOR,

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Parties Furnishing their Own Goods Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.

Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with neatness and Dispatch. Guelph, April 8, 1868. dtf wim

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FIVE good men wanted in every Township, to sell on salary. CHAS. H. DITSON'S SAFES, LOCKS and CAN OPENERS. Address, enclosing \$1 for samples and terms, if Agents cannot sell, return samples and get your money back. A. KENNEDY & CO., Box 909, Chicago, Ill

Guelph, 9th April, 1868. dw

## ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.

Montreal, 30th March, 1868. L. W. DECKER.

## W. B. COWAN, M.D.

HOMEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon, and Lecturer. Graduate of New York Homeopathic College, and Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the State of New York.

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