## NOTICE.

Frederick Garrod is no longer authori-zed to act as Agent for THE MERCURY, or to collect any accounts whatsoever due to this Office.

## HAMILTON AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.

RAILWAY. We see by the Hamilton papers that a meeting of the Provisional Dir-ectors of the above Railway was held on Thursday, when it was resolved that stock books will be opened in Ham-ilton on the 1st of April. The report of Mr. Askin, the eugineer who made a preliminary survey of the propos-ed route, was submitted to the Dir-ectors. A committee was also ap-pointed and empowered to engage an engineer and secretary, as soon as a gaurantee fund, of two thousand dollars is obtained, and to obtain a map of the route. prepare a prosmap of the route, prepare a pros-pectus, and to attend to any other preliminary business that may be re-

Serious work.
 TRAFF/C RETURNS,
 Mr. Brodio has handed us the folly lowing returns of trafficent the Great Western Station, Guleph, for the month of February :--Wheat - Epped, 55,250 lbs : main, 64,800 lbs : dioan, 360,000 lbs : dressed hogs, 40,800 lbs : general goods, 684,509 lbs : earnings, st, 659,86. Live stock--horses, 10 : catcle, 352 : sheep, 158 : earnings, g5,89,60. Freight received for Feb-ruary 1872, 2,853,334 lbs : do for 1871, 1,197,519 lbs. Increase, 1,655,815 lbs. Earnings for 1872, \$3,518,65, do 1871, \$1,555,39. Increase, \$1,963,26. Live stock shipped for February 1872-230 cattle, 152 sheep, for the same month in 1871-005 cattle, sheep, none. Increase in cattle 125, do in sheep 152. Increase of freight for same, \$128, Passenger traffic for 1872,2100, do for 1871 16.1. Increase 469, and increase in fares \$726,23.

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 SATURDAY EVEN'G, MARCH 9, 1872

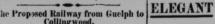
 SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNTS.

 We are now sending out our accounts to at absoribers in arrays. We want, then

THE magistrates of Learnington, Ont., have decided that a militianan is bound to give his officer six months notice of his intention to retire from the force, notwithstanding that he may have served the full term of three years for which he enrolled, and the opinion has been endorsed at militia headquarters.

opinion has been endorsed at minita headquarters. ANOTHER religious sect in England. Its members are called "Comprehen-sionists." We quote from a bulletin which they have put out :---- "What is called Comprehension? It is a prac, tical co-operation in every direction to unite mankind into one church." "The principle," we are further told, "of this church is in the character of the individual as having a feeling of personality---an inclination to separ-ation and an attraction to amiability. The creed is a belief in the Beyond!" After wasting a good deal of time in the attempt to comprehend this Comprehension, we have given it up, our liveliest feeling being that it is hardly worth while to propound a religious creed in the shape of a con-undrum. The mode of voting proposed by a

rengious creed in the shape of a con-undrum. THE mode of voting proposed by a British Ballot bill is thus described in the second elause of that measure :-"In the case of a poll at an election, the votes shall be given by ballot. The ballot of each voter shall consist of a paper (in this act called a 'ballot pa-per') showing the names and descrip-tion of the candidates. At the time of voting it shall be marked at the back with an official mark, and deliv-ered to the voter, having secret. Iy marked his vote on it, and folded it up so as to conceal his vote, shall place it in a closed box, in the pres-ence of the officer presiding at the polling station (in this act called "the presiding officer") after having shown to him the official mark at the back."



map of the route. prepare 4 prospectus, and to attend to any of the routed. The marked is at may be required.
 From Mr. Askin's report we gather that the county through which it is proposed by a privise Ballot ball is thus described in the case of a poll at an election, the value of the measure -- "In the case of a poll at an election, the value of the construction of the proposed line from a point near the value of the measure is a privise shall be only and to extend on the portion of the proposed line from a point near the value of the other within the poling the numerous mill sites on that stream to Cheltenham, and there to Paisley and Lockton, over perfectly level ground to where hilds, ofter may a scious difficulty to lines passing through them in an easterly and means offer the same obstruction of the fulles at the caledon Hills " are met. These hills, ofter may a scious difficulty to lines passing through them in an easterly and means offer the same obstruction of the fulles at the same obstruction of the fulles of the other presiding officer") after having shown to him the official mark at the back."
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 **EDITORIAL NEWS.** WE understand that the Bank of Upper Canada lauds to the amountof \$30,000 have been sold by the Govern-ment during the past month.
 A MEETING was held in Woodstock and facisibility of having the Creation value Raisbility of having the Creation raisbility of the representativesto maintain an accegdited minister at the Value raisbility for generations. He had, when a raisbility for generations. He had, when a raisbility for generations. He had, when a raisbility for generation for the same for the represention raisbility for generat The Murderer of Earl Mayo.

WE beg to call attention to Mr Hors-WE beg to call attention to Mr Hors-man's advertisement about Ploughs The Plough referred to is having a large demand, so great has it become that three car loads have been forwarded to Mr. Horsman to supply the farmers in this meighborhood this Spring. All pronounce them the best general purpose Plough made; as a guarantee of this we need only say that they are manufactured at the celebrated Agricultural Works of F. W. Glen, Oshawa. The price it will be observed will be kept at \$13, the old fig-ure, until the 1st of April, when it will be raised to \$15 in consequence of the ad-vance in Iron and Steel. We should therefore recommend our farmer friends to loose no time in procuring one at Mr. John Horsman's, Hardware Merchant of this town.

> -AT-Day's Bookstore.

Bonar's Light and Truth The Gospels The Lesser Epistles

Bonar's Family Sermons Bonar's Old and New Bonar's A Stranger Here Bonar's Catechism of the Scot-tish Reformation

Bonar's Story of Grace Bonar's Night of Weeping Bonar's Eternal Day

Bonar's Morning of Joy Bonar's God's Ways of Holiness Bonar's Hymns of Faith and Hope

SIXCASES NEW BOOKS Just Opened AT--

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH TO RENT — A Dwelling house and Workshop, opposite Deady's Hotel. Apply to G. A. Bruce, Guelph Carriage Works, or to James Barclay, builder, Trustees for m8-64

PRESENTATION BOOKS AT ANDERSON'S

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· OF Sunday at Home 1871: Leisure Hour

1571:

Quiver 1871;

Good Words 1871 ;

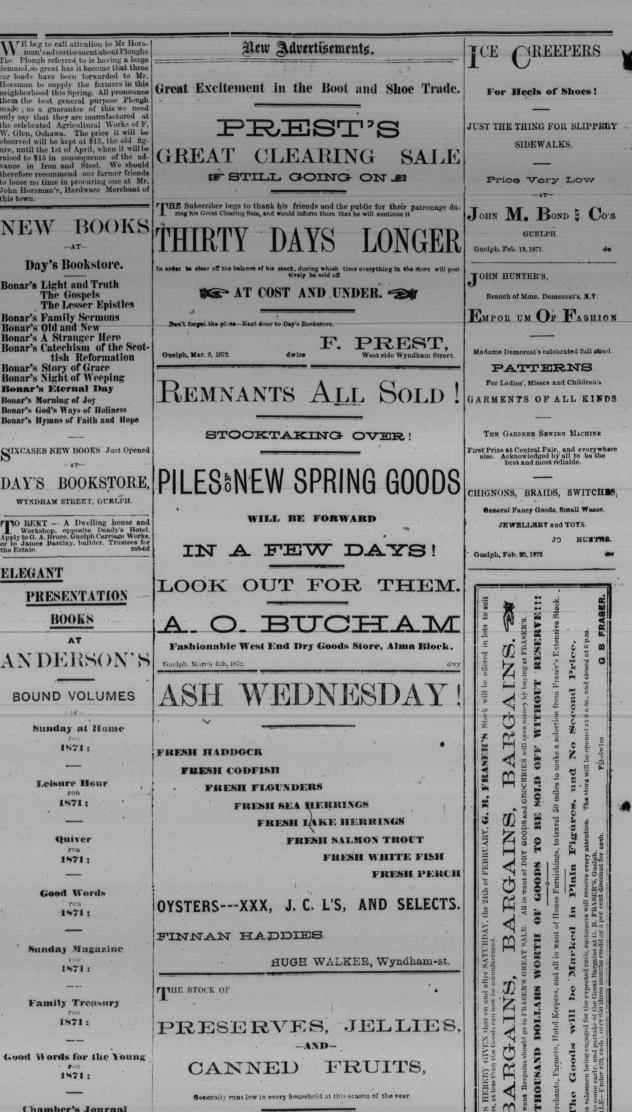
Sunday Magazine

1871 : ----Family Treasury

1971:

Good Words for the Young 1871;

Chamber's Journal



Generally runs low in every household at this season of the year

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