

NOTICE.—Hereafter local editorial business notices will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line in every edition of the Mercury.

EMIGRATION.

The languishing department of emigration is likely to receive from this Province a stimulus in the shape of an appropriation of \$10,000. The sum is not a large one, but its being included in the estimates shows that the Government have in some measure hearkened to the voice of the people, and are becoming converts to the belief that before a country can be really great or prosperous it must first be moderately filled with a working industrious population.

However, our Government appears to have been gathering strength while it indulged its lethargy and is now waking up, and promising to its efforts cease, to outdo, in some respects, even Yankee liberality. It is now proposed to make each adult settler the recipient of a free grant of 200 acres. In some cases there will be a possibility of making a good extensive farm out of this allotment, but in other instances it will be found to be little enough, that is supposing all the stories we hear of the unsettled regions to be true.

The Centre Riding. The deputation chosen at the meeting of Reformers at Fergus, on Monday, proceeded to Toronto to-day, to tender the Hon. George Brown the unanimous nomination of the Convention—and we may also add of the Reform party in the Riding—as their candidate for the House of Commons.

Parliament, especially at the present time. Many questions of the deepest moment will come up for discussion during the next session of Parliament—questions involving large expenditure, and intimately associated with the well-being and prosperity of the Dominion.—To have a man like Mr. Brown in the House while these matters are under discussion, is to have a guarantee that anything which savours of extravagance, or jobbery, or wasteful expenditure in any shape will be checked if possible, or at least fully exposed.

WHAT'S UP?—We are informed that the crafty Dr. Clarke attended Divine Services in the Catholic Church last Sabbath. As the Dr. is not in the habit of going there, except when an election is on the tapis, we should like to know what's in the wind. A few days will tell, however.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The members of the House of Commons attended at the bar of the House of Lords to-day, when a brief speech from the Queen was read by Royal Commission.

The House of Lords then adjourned until the 11 of February next. The House of Commons also adjourned to meet on the 29th of December.

Mr. John Bright has issued an address to his constituency in Birmingham, preliminary to his re-election. He says:—I have accepted office in Mr. Gladstone's Administration, and must obtain your sanction. I trust the confidence you have so long placed in me will not be withdrawn.

William E. Baxter, member of the House of Commons for Montrose, has been appointed Secretary of the Admiralty. The new Ministry has decided to recall Earl Mayo from India and retain Sir John Lawrence as Viceroy for one year, at the expiration of which the Marquis of Salisbury will be appointed to that post.

Memorials to the Queen asking for the release of Fenians, imprisoned in various parts of the Kingdom, were circulated and extensively signed at all the Catholic churches on Sunday last.

ATHENS, Dec. 14.—The Government of Greece rejects the summons of the Sultan, amid great popular enthusiasm.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Dec. 16th, 1868. G. Harasen, Sandwich; J. Cowan, A. Murehead, John McDonald, Montreal; A. Bayne, Woodstock; R. McMurray, J. Smellie, J. McGarvin, Toronto; J. Cornwall, A. Doyle, London; W. Ferguson, Buffalo; D. Curtis, Brantford; J. Williamson, Ontario.

SKATES.

Skates, skate straps, skate ginitets, skate screws, a large variety of skates suitable for ladies and gentlemen, quite cheap, at

JOHN HORSMAY'S, Hardware Merchant, Guelph.

New Advertisements.

To the Electors and Ratepayers OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

After a number of years' services in your Council, as well as in the Board of School Trustees, I have resolved, at the desire of many partial friends, to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year. If the length of the term which I have spent in behalf of the interests of our good town can be a recommendation to your favor, respectfully urge this claim. After nearly ten years' Municipal life, I think none will deny to me sincerely and fearlessly of purpose in the discharge of public duties, whilst I have ever sought to promote the welfare of the town in every possible way that lay in my power.

As there are many important and new questions affecting the public welfare likely to arise during the coming year, I have determined personally to interchange views with you during the short time left before the election. Amongst the most prominent of the questions, as you are aware, are the following, and which deserve the most anxious consideration: 1. The indebtedness of the town on account of the Municipal Loan Fund. 2. The question of Railway Extension northward. 3. The Union Station. 4. The change in the Municipal and Assessment laws. 5. The new School Law and Central School question. 6. Town Hall enlargement. 7. Increased economy in the expenditure on our roads and sidewalks, and the introduction of a thorough system by which they will be gradually made permanently good.

It is not possible for me in the scope of a brief address like this, to discuss these important matters, but I shall have ample opportunity hereafter to do so. I may briefly observe that I consider no step should be taken involving the expenditure of any large sum of money with reference to any of these questions without the opinion of the ratepayers being first duly obtained. Our present liabilities are heavy, taxation sufficient, and our future, in a measure, fraught with perplexity. Still, I think, with prudence and judgment, the town of Guelph is bound to flourish, and increase in general prosperity.

Respectfully soliciting your kind support and influence,

I am your obedient servant, GEORGE S. HEROD.

Guelph, 16th December 1868.

B. L. S.

SOLELY with Messrs. James Masie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of

GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, Dinner and Tea Sets, GLASSWARE, &c.

Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the

Store, Next door to the Alma Block, Guelph.

LANGDON FOR WINES AND LIQUORS.

LANGDON FOR TEAS.

LANGDON FOR SUGARS.

LANGDON For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.

LANGDON For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY.

LANGDON For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE.

JUST received 500 Bbls. SALT; 100 Bbls and 500 Bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 50 Bbls. Lard and HERRING.

Guelph, Dec. 15.

APPRENTICE WANTED.

Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once Guelph, 2nd December.

New Advertisement.

"GRECIAN BEND."

A. O. BUCHAM

Solicits the notice of Ladies to his

Stock of New Hoop Skirts,

JUST OPENED,

Including the Newest and most becoming Styles, as well as a LIMITED

SUPPLY of the GRECIAN BEND.

The prices at which we are offering this lot of Skirts, puts the

VERY BEST GOODS WITHIN THE REACH OF EVERY PERSON.

SUPERIOR SKIRTS, made of first-class steel, from 37 1/2 cents up. OUR BEST SKIRT, thirty-eight springs, three inch tape, double fasteners, ONLY \$1.

Wynham St., Guelph, December 15.

ASPEED LODGE, No. 180.

An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th, at half-past 7 o'clock.

JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, Dec. 11.

LAST NOTICE.

Having placed my books in the hands of A. A. BAKER, Esq., all accounts must be paid up

On the First Day of January Next, Will be entered in the Division Court for collection.

S. HIGGINOTHAM. Guelph, Dec. 7th 1868.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

To the Electors of the North Ward: GENTLEMEN,

At the request of a number of Ratepayers I have consented to become a candidate for the office of Councillor in place of Mr. James Mays, who retires.

Should it please you to elect me I shall endeavor, to the best of my ability, to further the interest, not only of the North Ward, but the Town generally.

I am, Gentlemen, Yours, &c., JOHN A. WOOD.

Guelph, Dec. 15.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry

This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving, and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs, while even Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the balsam has produced an infinity of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY. From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me. About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the Lungs and general debility so much so, that our family physician declared him to have a "Scattered Consumption." He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in similar affliction. I think all it purports to be—THE GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIMES. The above statement, gentlemen, is my voluntary offering to you in favor of your Balsam, and is at your disposal.

Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SON, 18 Tremont-st., Boston, and for sale by all druggists generally.

GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.

Amesbury, Mass., Oct. 13th, 1861. Mr. Grace—Sir:—Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe abscess upon my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues. Yours with respect,

JAMES DEAN. I certify to the truthfulness of the above statement. H. S. DEARBORN, M.D.

SETH W. FOWLE & SON, Boston, Proprietors, sold by all Druggists, at 25 cents a box. By mail 35 cents. Northrup & Lyman, General Agents, Newcastle, Ont. law 1/2

SOUTH WELLINGTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the above Society will take place at the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Guelph, on

Saturday, 16th January, 1869, at two o'clock, P.M.

NOTICE.

In accordance with the provisions of the new Agricultural Act, it will be necessary for all who wish to vote at the Annual Meeting to pay their subscriptions for the ensuing year, prior to the 1st of January, 1869.

GEORGE MURTON, Secy., S. W. A. S. Guelph, Dec. 15.

R. J. JEANNERET,

rom England. Established in London, Oct. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

Guelph, December 17th.

New Advertisements.

Sale of Cloths and Clothing!

A. THOMSON & CO.

WOULD intimate that as their Mr. Thomson is retiring from business, the whole of their stock must be sold and the business wound up. To facilitate this, they have determined to

Commence a Clearing Sale on Monday 31st Dec.,

When they will offer their immense stock of

Cloths and Clothing, Shirts, Drawers, Hats, Caps, &c.

AT COST AND UNDER. As this is a rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at auction prices, they would recommend all to take advantage of the great bargains which shall be given.

There will positively be no credit given during this sale. All indebted to the firm are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts at once.

A. THOMSON & CO Guelph, 17th December 1868

EVENING DRESSES

HEFFERNAN BROS.

ARE now opening out a choice assortment of NEW AND FASHIONABLE Materials for BALL AND EVENING DRESSES.

Irish Poplins Colored Crapes Colored Tulle Fancy Alpaca

Muslins, Tulle, &c. ALEXANDER AND OTHER WHITE KIDS—Cheap. A beautiful variety of

SILK and VELVET RIBBONS for SASHES Artificial Wreaths, Head-Dresses, &c.

HONITUN, CLUNY, AND VALENCIENNES LACE SETS, COIFFURES, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.

OPERA CLOAKS—New, Fashionable and Cheap.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS. Britannia House, Wynham St., Guelph.

G. B. FRASER'S

CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR'S

GIFT SALE!

WILL BEGIN on MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.

\$40,000 worth of Dry Goods to be Disposed of.

CHOICE OF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE!

A GIFT for EVERY PURCHASE of ONE DOLLAR and Upwards,

Consisting of Fine Gift Scarfs, Ear-rings and Brooches, Combs, Brushes, Needle Cases, Cluny Ties, Cluny Collars, Worked Muslin Sets, Ribbon Ties, Clouds, Crinolines, Gloves, Stockings, Socks, India Rubber Braces, Breakfast Shawls, Chest Protectors, Hoodies, Muffs, Damask Covers, Piano Covers, Table Cloths, Table Napkins, Tulle, Antimacassars, Buffalo Robes, &c., &c. or

FIVE PER CENT. DISCOUNT WILL BE RETURNED IN CASH ON PURCHASES OF ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.

A PRIZE of a SILK DRESS

OR A SUIT OF CLOTHES

Will be given to the LARGEST CASH BUYER DURING THE SALE, in addition to the GIFT awarded at the time of purchase.

The GIFTS will be given away Pro-Rata, so as not to cause disappointment to either large or small buyers.

The party who receives the PRIZE will confer a favor on the Montreal Warehouse by an acknowledgement through the public press.

G. B. FRASER,

December 13, 1868. Montreal Warehouse, Wynham Street, Guelph

BUY YOUR

CHRISTMAS FRUIT

At WALKER'S, this year's Crop, 1868.

CROWN LAYER RAISINS, LONDON LAYER RAISINS, WEST END LAYER RAISINS, SULTANA RAISINS, VALENTIA RAISINS, SEEDLESS RAISINS,

CURRENTS, new and large Turkey Figs in layers, very large; Dates, German and French Prunes.

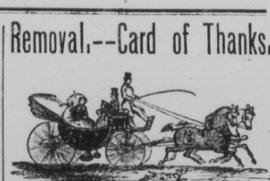
HUGH WALKER,

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Electors of the North, East, South and West, take notice that Hugh Walker is now receiving daily thousands of those celebrated Oysters from J. Ladington & Co., Baltimore. Extra quality for the Holidays. Sold by the Case, Egg, Pint, Quart, Gallon, or by the Hundred. Wholesale to the trade at city prices.

HUGH WALKER, & CO., Sole Agent for Ladington & Co., Baltimore.

Guelph, Dec. 12.

Fruit Depot, Wynham Street, Guelph.



Removal.—Card of Thanks.

WM. HOOVER, CHAMAN and Livery Stable Keeper, begs to thank his patrons and the public for their support, and to inform them that he has

Removed to the New Stone Stable, in rear of Miller's Hotel, WEST MACDONNELL STREET

Orders may be left at his office in the Stable, at his house, near the Alma Block, or at Miller's Hotel, and will be promptly attended to.

THE CAB STAND

For the winter will be at the corner of Mr. Hogg's Dry Goods Store, Guelph, Dec. 16th, 1868.

PROVIDE FOR THE LONG WINTER EVENINGS!

The long evenings are upon us, when the laboring man, mechanic, &c., can devote their leisure hours to the improvement of themselves and families by procuring and reading

GOOD BOOKS!

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market, will be found

BOOKS entertaining and useful, BOOKS amusing and instructive, BOOKS of Travel and Adventure, BOOKS suited to every condition, BOOKS welcomed in every Family, BOOKS of History and Biography, BOOKS elegantly printed and bound, BOOKS good, new and cheap, BOOKS for Christmas and New Year's, BOOKS your certain fortune,

At extremely low prices for CASH ONLY, at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market, Guelph, Dec. 11.

AUCTIONSALE

OF

BOOKS,

TO-NIGHT,

At M. Shewan's Old Stand, Wynham Street, Guelph.

J. B. THORNTON, Manager of Sale, Guelph Dec. 8, 1868.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR

—AND—

AMBER SYRUP

At John A. Wood's.

SNOW MATS,

At John A. Wood's.

SNOW BROOMS

At John A. Wood's.

SPLIT PEAS,

At John A. Wood's.

SPANISH CHESTNUTS

—AND—

ENGLISH FILBERTS,

At John A. Wood's.