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**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
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### The Maiden's Choice

OR THE LAIRD OF HIRKENLUCH.

**A Tale of the Covenanters.**  
Your mother begins with saying that she could not go to the grave without putting on record, so that after she was gone it would not be said that she had been untrue to her duty since her marriage. She then avows that Sir Gilbert Barton was her betrayer, and that she herself with her own hand laid the child at the bedside. She also sent a letter to Lady Barton telling whose the child was. So this accounts for the interest her ladyship took in the infant, and the care she expended in its upbringing. Lady Barton, it seems, admitted your mother for her forbearance in not publicly exposing the ill-behaviour of her son; and to show her gratitude for this, she, years after, took you into her service, and treated you with the kindness she did. I have no doubt that the communication your mother tried to make to you when she was at the point of death related to this—hence her use of Lady Barton's name. I can also now understand the meaning of signs she tried to make to me when her power of speech was gone. She pointed to her cabinet, no doubt wanted to tell me that the paper was in the secret drawer. But she died with the words unspoken, and but for me accidentally touching the spring last night, we might not have known the truth till the knowledge would have brought insupportable agony. Now, Helen, you know all!

"Aye," murmured the stricken girl, "and the sum and substance of the dreadful revelation is that Richard Wayland is my brother!"  
"It is, it is," sighed Cringan, in a pretended tone of pity.  
"And we can never be married!" moaned Helen.  
"Never," responded her father.  
"Poor Richard! poor Richard! What will he say when he knows the impassable barrier that lies between us and wedded happiness?"  
"But he must not know it," returned her father.  
"What! how?" cried Helen. "Must not know it! Not tell Richard of the discovery that has been made? How else is our engagement to be cancelled? I must tell him."  
"And break your oath?"  
"My oath? He echoed, "Oh, heaven! my promise of secrecy, I forgot it. But you will release me from it?"  
"For what purpose, Helen? That you may dishonour your mother's memory by revealing her shame?"  
Helen uttered a wailing cry.  
"Oh, no, no. May my lips be withered by the blast of death the moment they open to breathe the words to mortal which would tell of her departure from virtue."  
"I was sure you would see it in that light," said her father, in a tone of undisguised satisfaction. "But how will you break with Wayland?"

"I know not yet, I know not yet," she groaned. "But one thing is certain—I cannot remain at Branksome. I must go."  
"Of course not," rejoined Cringan, intensely glad to hear her say so. "You must come home to me, and I will do all I can to make you comfortable. You will come, won't you?"  
"Yes, yes, I will come," she absently replied.  
"Then I will go now, and leave you to think how you are to do with Richard and the servants. But never forget, my child, that the honour of your mother's name and memory is in your keeping."  
"And may God forsake me in my hour of need if I do not keep these stains and bright! moaned the poor girl who had been so cruelly and infamously deceived.  
The matchless hypocrite had the hardihood to kiss her cold cheek, and then he went away, leaving her to the solitude of her own room.  
"It's all right," he chuckled, and rubbed together his lean and withered hands. "The will be parted, she will come home, and the Captain will strike in to woo and win her.—Then I shall have gold—gold in abundance and who shall enjoy such happiness as Jubert Cringan?"

**CHAPTER XVII.—THE PARTING OF THE LOVERS—FAREWELL TO BRANKSOME.**  
Helen Cringan sat for a long time in her room in a dull heavy stupor, caused by the weight of misery that had fallen upon her. So crushing was the blow that had been dealt that she was conscious only of fits and starts of utter magnitude, and only slowly awoke to a realization of the particular anguish which it was to produce. This anguish was just in proportion to the fact that she was leaving her father's house, and the delicious knowledge of loving an object which she deemed altogether worthy of her affection, and being in her turn the object of a noble, manly love. Her heart, undimmed by sorrow and lighted by the purest and brightest of earthly hopes, had made her the very incarnation of girlish beauty and she was about the last concerning whom the gloomiest cynic would have been inclined to prophesy evil things. But in one hour all the brightness had fled, the hopes vanished, the joy was gone, and misery, utter, dire, unobtainable misery—rushed into their place. No wonder that she was appalled, benumbed, and bewildered by the terrible darkness that without a warning had descended on her life.  
But the stupor, which was the first effect, was blessing itself compared with the keen and excruciating anguish which succeeded when she was able to reflect on the tidings her father had brought, and the position in which these now placed her. Her first thoughts were of an unworldly and filial kind. No longer was her mother's shrine pure and holy, as her faith and memory had kept it. That neck and gentle mother, who had hitherto been to Helen the ideal of purity and goodness, whose love she had cherished with religious devotion—that mother she discovered to be fallen and degraded.—Oh! how her heart recoiled from this dreadful presentation. It was so utterly opposed to all she had ever seen or known of her mother, that had any one but her father told her of it, and had his authority been anything but her mother's own written confession she would have hurled back the slander upon the utterer with indignant scorn. But alas! her father, her reason, her instinct were assailed by testimony not to be gainsaid. That mother, who had been in her eyes sanctity itself, had sinned, and the fruit of her sin was Richard Wayland—her lover, her betrothed.  
Oh! if the doubt had not crossed her mind that her father had deceived her! Full well could she remember the sorrow and suffering endured by her mother, for whom she was not her ways, nor his thoughts her thoughts, and from the time he gave himself the passion for the acquisition of gold, her life had been joyless and miserable, and the closing years of it had been years of privation and hardship. Helen knew this—she knew it at the time, and grieved for her mother's hard fate. But she had never seen that mother's sweetness, or patience, or uncomplaining submission desert her, and she died at last without one murmuring word.

**TO BE CONTINUED.**  
IN SPITE OF HIS TEETH.—In answer to an enquiry as to the origin of this expression, we refer the curious to the history of King John, who once demanded of a certain Jew ten thousand marks, on refusal of which he ordered one of the Israelite's teeth to be drawn every day till he should consent. The Jew lost seven and then paid the required sum.—In spite of his teeth.

**ILL-USED SERVANTS.**—It is related by an English paper, that the servants of a member of parliament from Dorsetshire, thirty in number, recently waited on their employer just as he was about to receive His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge as a visitor, and declared that, unless their request was granted they would leave his service. They wished a change in their bill of fare. Inquiry brought out the fact that they had for breakfast, tea and coffee, eggs, bacon, toast and bread and butter; for lunch, bread, cheese and ale; for dinner, hot joints and pastry; for tea, bread and butter; for supper, meat, bread, cheese and ale. They wanted mutton chops and beefsteak for breakfast. The request of the poor starving creatures was granted.

**NAPOLEON AND THE TEMPORAL POWER.**—We hear continually from Rome of the work going on to strengthen it as a military position. The French are doing so much to help the Pope fortify that the belief is encouraged that he is before long to be left to take care of himself. Another portion of the French force is to be withdrawn; but whether for political reasons, or because the soldiers are badly accommodated is not quite clear. It is not any more probable now than it was a month back, that the Emperor will abandon the Pontifical territory, unless he can be sure that no new invasion will be attempted. To be running to and fro across the Mediterranean, with the ships and soldiers to do police duty, is neither economical, dignified nor politic for France. The leaders of the Roman revolution are active as ever in their exile, have not thought of relinquishing their purpose, and their Chief is ready for another forward movement as soon as the road is open. It lies between the Italian government and France to see that things go on according to rule.

**CHEATING UNCLE SAM.**—A tobacco manufacturer was fined last week six thousand dollars and cost one thousand dollars, for having defrauded the United States Government of twelve thousand dollars by false returns. The latter amount had also of course to be handed over. A man in this person's employ was convicted of a similar offence and fined one thousand dollars; both to remain in prison until the penalties are paid.

An enterprising genius in Paris proposes to organize a company to dig for gold in the comeries. He calculates that there are buried in Paris every day more than 125 persons; and that of these at least ten have auriferous jaws, and that in these ten there may be an average of ten auriferous teeth.

### COMMERCIAL.

**The Guelph Markets.**  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, Feb. 28, 1868.  
Flour, @ 100 lbs. \$3 75 @ \$4 00  
Fall Wheat, @ bush 1 65 @ 1 70  
Spring Wheat, @ bush 1 47 @ 1 52  
Oats, @ bush 70 @ 75  
Barley do 70 @ 75  
Hay, @ ton 11 00 @ 12 00  
Straw, @ 100 4 00 @ 5 00  
Shingles, @ square 1 00 @ 1 50  
Wood, @ cord 20 @ 25  
Eggs, @ dozen 14 @ 15  
Butter, @ lb. 13 @ 14  
Cheese, @ lb. 8 @ 9  
Turkey, each 6 00 @ 6 50  
Cucumbers, @ pair 20 @ 25  
Ducks, @ pair 20 @ 25  
Potatoes, @ bush 6 00 @ 7 00  
Apples, @ barrel 2 00 @ 2 50  
Lamb, @ lb. 4 50 @ 6 00  
Beef, @ lb. 4 00 @ 5 00  
Pork, @ 100 lbs. 8 00 @ 9 00  
Sheep Pelts, each 5 00 @ 6 00  
Lambskins, @ 4 00 @ 5 00  
Hides, @ 6 00 @ 7 00

**Money Market.**  
JACOBSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, February 28, 1868.  
100, 1412  
Greenbacks 107 @ 70 to 70 1/2; Sold at 70 1/2.  
Silver bought at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; sold at 4 1/4 to 4 1/2.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55; sold at 56.  
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 97; sold at 98 1/2 full rate in silver.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**  
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.'s report by Special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury."  
MONTREAL, February 28, 1868.  
Flour, Family, \$7 00 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 1/2 to \$7 50; Welland Canal, \$7 00; Best Flour, \$6 50 to \$8 50; Oats 46 c to 47 c; Barley \$1 10 to \$1 6; Butter, 15 c to 16 c; Store packed lard 10 to 12 c; Ashes, 50 c to 55 c; Peas \$3 00 to \$5 00.  
Flour, smaller arrivals; unchanged in prices or demand. Green Wheat, no sales; Peas quiet; Barley in better demand; Oats quiet. Premiums on Mess Pork in small demand, other grades no country; Hogs firm and unchanged; Ashes; Potatoes; Peas; no other demand.

**Toronto, February 27, 1868.**  
Flour, Receipts, 9000 bush; No. 1, at \$7 50; No. 2, at \$7 00; Welland Canal, \$7 00; Best Flour, \$6 50 to \$8 50; Oats 46 c to 47 c; Barley \$1 10 to \$1 6; Butter, 15 c to 16 c; Store packed lard 10 to 12 c; Ashes, 50 c to 55 c; Peas \$3 00 to \$5 00.  
HAMILTON, February 27, 1868.  
Fall wheat, \$1 65 @ \$1 75; spring do, \$1 25 @ \$1 60 per bush; Barley—\$1 @ \$1 10; Oats—62 @ 65 c; Peas—55 @ 60 c; Pork—30 @ 35 c.

**GUELPH LUMBER MARKET.**  
(Compiled by Messrs. Gowdy & Stewart, of Wellington Lumber Yard.)  
Clear 1 1/2 inch Plank from \$20 00 @ \$25 00  
" 1 1/2 inch Boards " 12 00 @ 16 00  
" 1 1/2 inch Flooring " 14 00 @ 18 00  
Common 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 inch Flooring " 14 00 @ 18 00  
" 1 1/2 inch Boards and 2 1/2 inch Plank " 12 00 @ 16 00  
Sawing all sizes up to 16 feet " 12 00 @ 16 00  
" and distilling from 48 to 20 " 12 00 @ 16 00  
Shingles No. 1 Saw " 22 to 30 " 15 00 @ 16 00  
" 2 Cut " 15 00 @ 17 50  
" 3 Cut and Sawed " 12 00 @ 15 00  
" Split " 20 @ 25  
Laths 6 feet " 0 40 @ 0 45  
Water Lanes per barrel " 1 50 @ 2 00  
Plaster (Cork) " 4 50 @ 5 00  
Guelph, Jan. 30, 1868.

**JOHN HARRIS,**  
CONFECTIONER, and  
BISCUIT Manufacturer.  
Wholesale and Retail!  
My Goods are all made of the best material, and having no rent to pay, am prepared to offer to  
Wholesale Purchasers  
Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.  
JOHN HARRIS,  
Market Square, Guelph.  
Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867.

**PLATT & CO'S**  
Wholesale and Retail!  
JOHN HARRIS,  
Market Square, Guelph.  
Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867.

**OYSTERS**  
Received daily by Express. Wholesale and Retail.  
GEORGE WILKINSON.  
Next door to Telegraph and Exp. Office.  
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868.

**REMOVED TO TORONTO**  
**OLD DR. ANDREW'S**  
Dispensary for  
Private Diseases

where he continues to treat in both sexes with unlimited success, all diseases of a private nature, and Chronic Complaints, at his office, 109 Queen Street west, near Simcoe Street.  
Persons wishing to consult the Doctor do so with the utmost secrecy, as his office is so arranged that it is impossible for patients to see each other. Advice free when obtaining the office.  
Particular attention given to Female Complaints.  
**DR. ANDREW'S FEMALE PILLS,** infallible in correcting irregularities, removing obstructions from the system, whatever, and the only safe, sure, and OBTAIN REMEDY for all those afflicting complaints so peculiar to the female sex, which have not been cured by the Doctor for many years. Explicit directions, stating when they should not be used, with each box. Pills sent to any address on receipt of one penny. All letters must be addressed (post paid) Dr. Andrew's Dispensary, Toronto, C. W., and contain in a post age stamp if an answer is desired.  
Hour of Consultation from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. Toronto, 27 and 28, 1868.

**NATIONAL**  
**Steamship Company.**  
(LIMITED.)  
STEAMERS Weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown.  
A Steamship of this line, consisting of the Queen Erin, England, Virginia and Helectia, Louisiana and France, leaves NEW YORK from Pier 47, North River, every Wednesday and Friday on Wednesday of each week, calling at Queenstown each way. The size of these Steamships admits of very rapid sailing, and all passengers are accommodated in the most comfortable manner. Large and plenty of deck room is allowed, whilst the fare is of the best quality, well cooked and ample.  
An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge. Ticket issued in this country to parties wishing to engage for the passage of their friends from Liverpool, Queenstown (Ireland), for \$35, American money.  
For tickets, special berths, and all information, apply to  
**J. W. MURTON,**  
General Passage Agent, No. 9, James Street, Hamilton, 28th Nov., 1867.

**BOOTS & SHOES**  
At Wholesale Prices.  
HAVING a large stock of BOOTS and SHOES, which must be sold during the NEXT TWO MONTHS, I will offer the same during that time at Wholesale Prices. Note prices and be convinced that you will save from 25 to 50 per cent. per pair by buying at the  
**Kingston Penitentiary**  
BOOT and SHOE STORE.  
**Men's Coarse Boots!**  
FORMER PRICES.—No. 1, \$8.00; No. 2, \$7.25; No. 3, \$6.50.  
PRESENT PRICES.—No. 1, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.50; No. 3, \$2.25.  
Boys' Boots from \$1.70. Youth's Boots from \$1.35 with a large variety of everything in the line at equally low prices.  
Don't forget the place—Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store.  
All work warranted.  
**J. CRIDFORD,**  
Guelph, 4th November, 1867.

**LUMBER, LUMBER, GOWDY & STEWART**  
Wellington Lumber Yard, Guelph.  
BE it to inform retail dealers and the public generally that they have started a general store at the Grand Trunk Railway, where they will keep constantly on hand all kinds of Lumber, Lath, Shingles, &c. Also, cut to order, all kinds of bill stuff, and shipped to any station on the line of railway.  
will be carried on as usual, under the supervision of Mr. F. A. NICHOLS, SMALL, who has everything kept in the shape of Lumber that is kept in a retail yard.  
**Flour and Feed as Usual.**  
The subscribers trust that by strict attention to business and moderate charges that they will receive in the future, as in the past, a liberal patronage from the public.  
All orders for Lumber to be sent to any station but Guelph must be addressed to the subscribers, Mr. F. A. NICHOLS, SMALL, who will personally on Monday morning to Thursday evening, and in Guelph from Friday morning to Saturday evening.  
**GOWDY & STEWART,**  
Guelph, 20th June, 1868.

**WILLIAM BROWNLOW**  
Carpenter and Undertaker,  
In rear of the Wellington Hotel,  
**DOUGLAS STREET, GUELPH**  
THE subscriber begs to return thanks for past patronage, and to inform the public that he is now open for business, and to receive orders for all kinds of work, and to receive prompt attention. A Hearse for hire.  
Guelph, 6th June, 1867.

**JOHN TOVELL,**  
**COFFIN MAKER,**  
Douglas Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Sept. 29, 1867.  
**Valuable Tavern Stand FOR SALE.**  
THE subscriber offers for sale the following valuable Tavern Stand in the village of Rockwood:  
THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, close to the Railway Station. It is only recently built, contains 17 apartments, and has a very large and well finished Hall, Billiard Room, and comfortable parlours, stables and driving shed. The house is well supplied with hard and soft water, with wood shed, pig sty, and garden, and all other conveniences. From its nearness to the station, and the excellent accommodation it supplies, it does the largest and most profitable business in Rockwood.  
THE WELLINGTON HOTEL. This house is situated in the heart of the village, and close to the mills and stores. It was rebuilt this summer after being burnt down, and is now rented for \$225 a year. It contains 11 apartments, with stone wood shed, driving shed, pig sty, and large frame stable. There is a plentiful supply of water on the premises. There is a 20-d-garden attached to the house.  
For terms and other particulars apply to the undersigned (by letter or post) at the Commercial Hotel, near the G. T. R. Station, Rockwood.  
WILLIAM STOVEL,  
Rockwood, 20th October, 1867.

**THE CONFESIONS & EXPERIENCE**  
OF A REVIVAL.  
PUBLISHED for the benefit, and as a CAUTION to Youth, Men and others, who suffer from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay of Manhood, &c., occurring at the same time, the Means of self-cure, by one who has tried himself after undergoing considerable suffering. The applicant, by paying postage on his letter, will receive a copy free of charge, from the author.  
**NATHANIEL MAYFAIR, Esq.,**  
720-3rd  
of a revival.

**BRITISH AMERICAN**  
**COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.**  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
(From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.)  
Toronto, 13th September, 1866.  
Messrs. MORRISON & WRIGHT,  
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.  
DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial students obtained by the young men educated at your College.  
We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he has never had any previous experience, has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient Book-keeper.  
We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, I gave a decided preference to one of your graduates. In short, we have no hesitation in saying that, as far as our experience goes, your course of training is incomparably adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man.  
Yours truly,  
LYMAN & MACNAB,  
(From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.)  
Toronto, May 21, 1867.  
Messrs. MURDOCH & WRIGHT,  
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.  
DEAR SIR,—We are eminently recomending your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers. The young men in our employ have testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different in course and different methods, the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated by your system of tuition, and so minutely and knowledgeably applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.  
Your efforts are worthy of every appreciation in founding a sound commercial education on the intelligent youth of Canada, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part, and not the incapacity of the tutor.—We shall ever give and advise preference to your pupils for an office hand, and feel glad to thus attest our experience of the same.  
We remain, gentlemen, yours, &c.,  
MORRISON, TAYLOR & CO.,  
Wholesale Provision Dealers,  
For Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c., address  
**MURDOCH & WRIGHT,**  
Guelph, 4th Feb., 1868. (dw) Toronto.

**Great Cure of Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia in Canada.**  
Consecon, Prince Edward Co., C.W., March, 1867.  
Messrs. Young & MacNab, Sirs—Having proved within my own person that there is at last a medicine that will indeed cure Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia, I am induced to make this statement under oath, which is to certify that I have been severely afflicted for the last three years, according to the Doctor's statements, with Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia. I had a feeling of sinking and was unable about the stomach, worse than pain, eructations of wind, occasional pain, drowsiness, constipation, uneasiness in the right side, headache, a poor appetite, &c., and was greatly reduced in strength. Hearing your new Indian medicine, the Great Shoshonee Remedy, spoken of so highly, I tried a bottle with your Pills, from these I must say I found but little change, but I took another and then found my health improving. I continued it until I have taken about ten bottles, using the Pills, and I find that I have quite recovered. I eat heartily without pain or uneasiness. I can well and have pleasure in attending to my business. The doctor remarked to me I was looking much better. I told him that the Great Shoshonee Remedy was doing it. I have recommended the Remedy in seven or eight places, and it has invariably done good satisfaction, and I would strongly recommend it to all afflicted as I was.

Sworn before me at Consecon, C.W., this 2nd day of March, 187.  
J. M. CADMAN, J. P.  
A Commissioner in and for the County of Prince Edward, C.W.

**AMROSE WOOD,**  
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For Diseases of the Throat, Lungs, Liver, Diarrhoea, various Skin Diseases, Burns, and all diseases arising from Impurities of the Blood. We boldly state that this great remedy has never been equaled. Where was there ever such a cure as that in the person of Wilson Strong of Brighton, C. W., of Consumption, or that of Peter C. Y. Miller, of Barnstons, C. W., of Consumption, or that of Amrose Wood of Consecon, C.W., of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, or that of Henry Hosny of Napanee, C. W., of Rheumatism, who had actually been on crutches for years, in spite of all treatment heretofore, and is now well. Scores of such cases might be mentioned had we space.  
Call at the Drug Store and get a Circular of unquestionable certificates on the Great Shoshonee Remedy and Pills, and satisfy your doubts.  
Price of the Remedy in large pints \$1. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers, as well as Agents for Guelph—N. Higginbotham, E. Harvey, A. B. Petrie, Wholesale Agent—N. Higginbotham.

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THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeit Watches, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the net Gold value of American Currency. The Company by thus paying out duty, costs and charges on their Watches into Canada, will supply to the people of the Dominion the

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We are frequently asked why we don't advertise prices. We reply that as we only supply the trade and as our Watches are now kept by most respectable houses, the public can rely on being served at a fair advance on the Manufacturer's List. Our trade marks are AMERICAN WATCH CO., WALTHAM TRACY & CO., WALTHAM WATCH CO., P. & B. BARTLEY, Wm. ELLERY, HOME WATCH CO. Guaranteed in all cases by special certificate (except the Home Co., which is warranted by the seller. The purchaser should always require the guarantee, as there are Swiss counterfeiters for sale in some places.  
**ROBBINS & APPLETON, New York, General Agents.**  
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December 10th, 1867

**Commercial Union Assurance Co'y.**  
STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 23rd Vict., Cap. 33, Section 11.

THE Capital of this Company is £2,500,000 sterling, divided into 50,000 shares of £50 each.  
The number of shares registered is 46,000.  
Calls to the amount of £5 per share have been made, under which the sum of £250,000 have been received.  
THE LIABILITIES of the Company on the 1st day of July, 1867, were:  
On Assets and Bills, £ 25 14s 3d  
On Estimated Liabilities, including Duty, Fire, Life, and Marine Losses, 36,000 0s 0d  
£31,144 3s 3d

THE ASSETS of the Company on that day were:  
Government Securities, £58,787 13s 4d  
Consols, 254,652 0 0  
New 3 per cents, 31,569 17 11  
86,912 18 5  
Bills (Drafts not matured), £13,193 8s 3d  
Cash at bankers and office, 7,806 4 3  
Stamps in hand, 482 15 9  
On deposit at bankers, &c., 23,000 0 0  
44,482 8 6  
Other Securities, £ 9,000 0 0  
Madras Railway Debentures, 2,786 3 3  
Lancashire and Yorkshire Debentures, 15,458 1 9  
Dohli Railway Stock, 10,900 0 0  
Ceylon Company's Debentures, 29,875 5 7  
Great Southern of India Railway Shares, 10,530 0 0  
Canada's per cent. Stock (included), 78,050 10 7  
65,588 0 0  
28,729 14 3  
174,570 0 0  
£247,914 12 2

**FIRE BRANCH.**  
Amount of Losses due and unpaid, £12,895 0 0  
do do on suspense, nil  
Payment retained, 800 0 0  
13,695 0 0  
Amount of Premiums—  
Earned during the Year, £2,753 8s 1d  
Unearned, 35,000 0 0  
£7,753 17 7

1. JAMES ROSE, of the City of Montreal, merchant, one of the General Agents for Canada of the Commercial Union Assurance Company do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statement is correct and true.  
JAMES ROSE.  
Sworn before me, at the City of Montreal, this 30th day of January, 1868.  
A. M. DELISLE, J. P.

**Agents for Guelph, McLACAN & INNES.**  
Guelph, Feb. 12th, 1868.

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**A small lot of very fine Clover Seed on hand**  
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Guelph, 17th January, 1868.

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The Great Clearing Sale of  
**DRY GOODS!**  
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Guelph, 11th December, 1867.