## A Tribute to the Genius of Burns.

Mr. John G. Whittier wrote the following letter to the Burns Club of Washington, in response to an invitation to be present at their festival.

AMESBURY, 1st Month, 18th Day, 1869.

DEAR FRIEND: I thank the Club represented by thee for remembering me on the occasion of its annual festival. Though I have never been able to trace my ancestry to the Land of Cakes, I have—and I know it is saying a great deal—a Scotchman's love for the poet whose fame deepens and ripens with years. The world has never known a truer singer. We may criticise his rustic verse and compare his brief and simple lyrics with the works of men of longer scrolls and loftier lyres; but after rendering to Wordsworth, Tennyson, and Browning the homage which the intellect owes to genius, we turn to Burns, if not with awe and reverence, with a feeling of personal respect and affection. We admire others; we love him As the day of his birth comes round I take down his well-worn volume in grateful commemoration, and feel that I am communing with one whom living I could have loved as much for his true manhood and native nobility of soul as for those wonderful songs of his which sing themseves forever.

They know little of Burns who regard him as an aimless versifier—"the idle singer of an idle day." Pharisees in the Church and oppressors in the State knew better than this. They felt those immortal sarcasms which did not die with the utterer, but lived on to work on the divine commission of Providence. In the shout of enfranchised millions, as they lift the untitled Quaker of Rochdale into the British Cabinet, I seem to hear the voice of the Ayrshire poet:

"For a' that and a' that,
It's comin' yet for a' that:
That man to man the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

With hearty sympathy and kind greetings for the Burns Club of Washington, I am very truly, thy friend.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.


## PERUVIAN SYRUP.

A protected solution of the Protoxide of Iron supplies the blood with its Life Element, Iron, giving strength, vigor and new life to the whole system.

If the thousands who are suffering from DYSPEPSIA, DEBILITY, FEMALE WEAKNESSES, &c. would but test the virtues of the Peruvian Syrup the effect would not only astonish themselves would please all their friends, for instead of living cross, 'all gone' and miserable, they would be cheerful, vigorous and active.

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## COMMERCIAL.

### Guelph Markets,

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 8, 1869.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Flour ₩ 100 lbs | $ 2 50 | @ | $ 2 75 |
| Fall Wheat, ₩ bush | 1 00 | @ | 1 08 |
| Spring Wheat ₩ bush | 0 95 | @ | 0 97 |
| Oats ₩ bush | 52 | @ | 0 54 |
| Peas ₩ do | 0 80 | @ | 0 84 |
| Barley do | 1 15 | @ | 1 25 |
| Hay ₩ ton | 10 00 | @ | 14 00 |
| Straw | 3 00 | @ | 4 00 |
| Shingles, ₩ square | 1 00 | @ | 1 50 |
| Wood, ₩ cord | 3 00 | @ | 3 50 |
| Wool | 0 24 | @ | 0 25 |
| Eggs, ₩ dozen | 0 20 | @ | 0 22 |
| Butter, (store packed) ₩ lb | 0 18 | @ | 0 20 |
| do (dairy packed) ₩ lb | 0 20 | @ | 0 21 |
| Geese, each | 0 50 | @ | 0 67½ |
| Turkeys each | 0 75 | @ | 1 50 |
| Chickens, ₩ pair | 0 25 | @ | 0 30 |
| Ducks, do | 0 40 | @ | 0 50 |
| Potatoes, per bushel | 1 00 | @ | 1 12 |
| Apples, ₩ bag | 1 00 | @ | 1 25 |
| Lamb, ₩ lb | 0 04 | @ | 0 05 |
| Beef | 4 00 | @ | 7 00 |
| Beef, ₩ lb | 0 05 | @ | 0 12 |
| Pork, ₩ 100 lbs | 8 75 | @ | 10 00 |
| Sheep Pelts each | 0 40 | @ | 1 00 |
| Lambskins | 0 50 | @ | 1 00 |
| Hides | 5 50 | @ | 6 00 |

### Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, Feb. 8, 1869.

Gold, 135½.
Greenbacks don't at 72½ to 73, sold at 73c to 74c.
Silver bought at 4½ dis.; sold at 3½
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 00

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'

MONTREAL, February 8, 1869.

Flour—Extra, $5 40 to $5 50; Fancy, $5 10 to $5 10; Welland Canal Superfine, $4 95 to $5 00 Superfine No. 1 Canada wheat, $4 90 to $5 00 Superfine No. 1 Western wheat, $4 95 to $5 00 No. 2 do., $4 40 to $4 50; Bag flour, $2 40 to $2 50 Wheat—Canada Fall, $1 16 to $1 17; Spring, $1 16 to $1 17; Western, $1 10 to $1 11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 45c to 46c Barley, per 48 lbs. $1 20 to $1 30. Butter—dairy 20c to 24c store packed 20c to 24c. Ashes—Pots $5 40 to $5 40, pearls $5 50 to $5 55. Pork—Mess, $25 50 to $27 00; Prime, $7 00 to $7 50. Peas, 90c to 90c.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 6.

Fall wheat $1 05 to $1 08; spring wheat $1 00 to $1 00; flour, No. 1 super, $4 50, extra $5 25; barley $1 05; peas, 83c to 85c; oats, 52c to 53c.

### HAMILTON MARKETS.

Hamilton, Feb. 6.

Barley, 1 20 to 1 25; peas, 80c to 90c; oats, 48c to 50c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 03; white wheat, 1 12 to 1 12; red winter, 1 02 to 1.04.


## LUMBER & WOOD YARD.

CHARLES HEATH

HAS opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on

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Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to suit purchasers.

CORDWOOD

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.

FLOUR & FEED

Also for sale, Flour and Feed delivered in any part of the Town according to order.

All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to.

CHARLES HEATH

Guelph, May 14, 1868



# JACKSON & HALLETT,

NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

WE HAVE ON HAND, as below, which will be sold either WHOLESALE OR RETAIL at the Lowest Cash Prices:—

| FISH | FISH |
|---|---|
| 100 Barrels No. 1 Labrador Herrings, | 150 half Barrels Trout, |
| 50 Barrels Round Herrings, | 60 half Barrels White Fish, |
| 150 half Barrels Lake Herrings, | 30 quintals Dry Cod Fish. |

## 200 barrels Goderich and Onondago Salt.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUSHELS DRIED APPLES.

WINDSOR WHISKIES—20 Barrels extra Old Rye. 100 Barrels Superior Whiskies. Scotch and Canadian Malt Whiskeys.

COAL OIL, 150 BARRELS. WHOLESALE, BY THE BARREL ONLY.

With a full assortment of GENERAL GROCERIES.

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Guelph, February 4 dw

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$15,000 WORTH OF

# CANADIAN GOODS

To be rushed off before the 1st March, at the BRITANNIA HOUSE.

IN ORDER to make room for Spring Goods HEFFERNAN BROS. are determined to clear out their Immense Stock of Canadian Goods

AT PANIC PRICES!

Consisting in part of TWEEDS, FULL CLOTHS, SATINETTS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, carts, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, &c. Call at once, and call early.

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HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.

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THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and Invested Funds.

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Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks.

Eighty per cent. of the Profits of the whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders.

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Trotter & Graham, Agents for Guelph.

Guelph, Feb. 6, 1869. d1y

## A. R. McMASTER & BRO.,

ARE NOW OPENING THEIR

# FALL IMPORTATIONS,

And will be glad to see their friends and customers at

23 YONGE STREET, TORONTO.

Toronto, September 1. dwtf

## XXX OYSTER PANIC XXX

AT WILKINSON'S.

## PLATT & CO'S BALTIMORE OYSTERS!

RETAIL at reduced prices. WHOLESALE at reduced prices.

Guelph, 3rd February. dw GEORGE WILKINSON, Sole Agent.

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Physician and Surgeon.

OFFICE—Merrick-st. directly opposite the Market, and in rear of the Royal Hotel.

Can be consulted at all hours day and evening, on all Chronic Diseases. Diseases of Women and Children. Midwifery, &c., together with those of a private nature. He has devoted over 30 years to the treatment of the above-named diseases, and the success so far has been without a parallel, as may be seen from the numerous testimonials in his possession.

No Mercury Used—Patients at a distance can be treated by corresponding with the Doctor, stating the symptoms of the disease, age, length of time afflicted, &c., and receive his celebrated remedies by express, or as otherwise directed, securely packed from observation. A reasonable remittance on all such applications will be required.

Female Pills.—Dr Davis' celebrated Female Pills for Irregularities, Suppression of the Menses, Leucorrhœa or whites, and all female difficulties, have been before the public for years, and are universally admitted to be best remedy for which they are recommended of any now in use.

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Hamilton, 1st July, 1868. dw

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Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dwtf

## OPENING NOTICE.

## The GUELPH BAKERY

Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his bread business to Archibald Gilchrist, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST

Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the store

NEXT DOOR TO THOMAS SODEN'S

Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.

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Guelph, 19th December do

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RINTOUL BROS, General Agents, 24 St. Sacrament Street. JOHN DOUGWORTH, Inspector.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, 14th Nov. dw


## Speed Lodge, No. 180.

THE Regular Monthly Meeting of Speed Lodge, No. 180, will be held in the Masonic Hall, over the Bank of Commerce, on **Tuesday Ev'ng next,** February 9, 1869, at half-past 7 o'clock. By order. R. CUTHBERT,

Guelph, Feb. 4, 1869. d21 Secretary.


SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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HARTFORD CONN.

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LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.

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|---|---|
| Amount insured fiscal year 1867 .... .... .... | $45,647,191.00 |
| Income received " " " .... .... .... | 7,530,886.19 |

During its last fiscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its deceased members, nearly $2,000,000, and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to its accumulated capital. The whole record of this Company has been one of prudent management and prosperous advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its ratio of expenses to income has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.

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Guelph, 28th December. d

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Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

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AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Joints of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlects' Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

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

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

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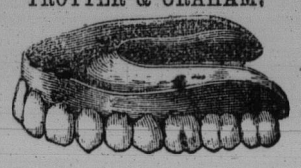

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Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1868. d3m

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