

A HUGE MONOPOLY IN OIL.

The London *Prototype* says:—In our last, we briefly referred to a scheme recently inaugurated in this neighborhood, to raise the price of illuminating oil. Some further facts have since come to our knowledge, which are worthy of being laid before the public. The combination is not directly among the refiners, but is altogether a huge one-man "monopoly." A certain wealthy Yankee, a resident of Chicago, named Judge Higgins, who possesses, it is said, a capital of between five and six millions of dollars, recently decided to speculate in Canadian oil, and that on a very large scale. He visited this neighborhood, and the oil regions of Bothwell and Petrolia, ascertained the quantity of oil in stock in the refineries, visited other refineries throughout the Dominion for the same purpose, and after satisfying himself as to the quantity on hand, made a bid for the whole. After assuring refiners that his object was simply to raise the price from its present low figure to one more remunerative to them, and this being the only possible way to bring about such a desideratum, he succeeded in his purpose, and we believe has purchased or leased some fifty-two oil refineries throughout the Province, for a term of four months, until the 1st of December next, as well as the entire stock of oil at each. In the meantime, the refiners are bound not to manufacture, unless for export; and the whole available stock of oil in Canada has thus become the property of one man. The price, in consequence, will be raised, probably from 9c to 15c to 25c to 30c per gallon, wholesale, and from 20c to 25c to 50c to 75c, or perhaps even higher, retail. Who but a Yankee would have ever thought of such a speculation; how Mr. Higgins must laugh at the gullibility of Canadians. Further, while Mr. Higgins holds all the refined oil, and prevents the refiners from manufacturing until December, he in the meantime is about to purchase up all the crude stuff at the wells, and elsewhere, which, during the next four months, he will store away, and consumers will be left entirely at his mercy for their supplies. Dealers should be cautious not to invest too largely in oil: this unique monopoly cannot remain permanent, and by the end of December, unless a similar arrangement is entered into by Mr. Higgins and the proprietors of the refineries, the article will speedily again come down to reasonable rates. We await with interest the next Yankee-Canadian speculation. This monopoly of Mr. Higgins takes effect from the 1st of August.

THE FAKIR.

There was a large house last night to greet the second appearance of the Fakir of Vishnu. The programme as promised, was entirely new, and some clever tricks were performed. Gifts were distributed as on the preceding night, and lucky ones went home congratulating themselves. It was rather amusing to see the anxiety with which the envelopes that were handed to every one at the door were opened in order to ascertain whether they contained blanks or numbers. If the former were found the countenance of the unlucky individual became as blank as the card, while the expectation of being put in possession of the leading or some other prize lighted up the features of those who found numbers. The principal prize announced for to-night is a walnut-cased dressing bureau and mirror. A number of gifts and a new programme await those who attend.

STILL DEFECTIVE.

The newly constructed tanks after being subjected to such repairs and improvements as it was believed would make them water tight, were filled up again last night, and sad to relate were almost empty this morning. About two feet of water remained, which shows that they have been made a little better since they were first tested, but they are yet very far from being efficient. It is certainly a most unfortunate business.

FIRE AT PARIS.

A fire broke out in Paris on the night of Thursday 23rd inst. in the clothing shop of Messrs. Roberts & Young. The fire was speedily subdued by the active exertions of those present, but not before goods to the amount of \$400 or \$500 had been destroyed, and the building damaged to the extent of about \$300. The building was insured.

EEL PRESENTATION.

A gentleman in Galt, presented the officers of the Battalion assembled there for drill, with an eel which he caught in the Grand River. It was pronounced savoury food. The question whether there is any affinity between the eel and the snake was not discussed after dinner.

The murderers of Prince Michael of Serbia have been tried and shot.

The ex-Prince Karageorgewitch, who is commonly believed to have been the instigator of the murder, has been summoned by the Serbian Court, but he will not make his appearance.

THE COAL TRADES.

We find in a statement made by W. S. Jevons, based on the latest returns, the following interesting statement in relation to the annual product of coal in various countries. Great Britain produces 101,630,000 tons; the United States, 25,870,000; Prussia and the Zollverein, 20,610,000; France, 10,710,000; Belgium, 9,935,000; Austria, 4,500,000; British North America, 1,500,000; Russia, 1,500,000; Spain, 30,000; New South Wales, 250,000; Ireland, 123,000—making an aggregate of 176,565,000 tons. It appears that of the total known product of coal in the world, Great Britain raises over 75 per cent., although the population of that island is not one-fortieth of the population of the whole world. Taking the people of the United States and British North America engaged in coal mining to be of Teutonic origin, that branch of the human race produces 73 per cent. of all the coal taken from the bowels of the earth. When we consider the effect which the use of coal has upon the manufactures, commerce and civilization of the world, we can form some idea of the tremendous force extended by the scattered descendants of the old Teutonic inhabitants of Northern Europe.

DIED.

BOUTL.—In Guelph, on July 30th, Florence Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. Stephen Boutl, aged 11 months and 20 days. The funeral will take place from her father's residence, Woolwich street, on Saturday, August 1st, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

McELDERRY.—On the 25th inst. William infant son of Mr. C. A. McElderry, Brooklyn, New York.

New Advertisements.

CHALMERS' CHURCH.

DIVINE SERVICE will be held in the COURT HOUSE at 11 a.m., and half past 6 p.m., on SABBATH NEXT. The Rev. Mr. Dunlop recently from England, will officiate. Sabbath School at 3 o'clock. Guelph, July 30. w1-d Sat.

REMOVING

Removing in a few days to the
Canada Clothing Store
NO. 40.
C. & T. MEREDITH,
NO. 10.
N. B.—The Canada Clothing Store will still be carried on in the same premises. do
Guelph, July 29th.

Canada Clothing Store

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

BARAINS

Positively selling off at
20 PER CENT BELOW COST
COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHS, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c. which for quantity and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.
A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from \$10 to \$45, in good working order.
Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.
RICHARD AINLEY,
Guelph, 29th July.

LOOK OUT!

FOR YOUR OWN INTERESTS.

All in want of BOOTS & SHOES,

That are worth calling such, can get them
At Brown's Custom Boot & Shoe STORE, GUELPH.

As all goods are made under his personal superintendence, and the material used the best that can be had in the market. With his lengthened experience in the business, together with his wonderful success in pleasing his customers, warrants him in saying without fear of contradiction that his goods are the
Neatest, Most Durable and Cheapest

That can be had in this or any other Town west of Montreal.
THOMAS BROWN,
No 2, Day's Block, Wyndham-St.
Guelph, July 27. daw-1f

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

The Highest Market Price paid for
Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wool Pickings.
At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 25. dw

THE AMERICAN METHOD

For the Pianoforte,
A Short Comprehensive and Practical System.
By EDGAR A. ROBBINS, Professor of the Pianoforte.

This work meets the daily requirements of the Pianist. It combines harmony with those indispensable points recommended by all eminent masters for daily practice, and is so systematized as to readily impart a knowledge of the art of understanding and executing the difficulties involved in the piano music of all the various schools. It is likewise adapted to all players, from the beginner to the finished artist.
Price \$4.50. Mailed, post-paid. OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail at
A. H. R. KENNEDY'S
FLOUR AND FEED STORE,
UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH
Guelph, July 24. dw-1f

The Silver Question!

WE, the undersigned Bakers of the Town of Guelph agree to take silver on and after the 1st August next, at the following rates only:
The British Shilling for 24 cents
do Sixpence 12 "
The American 50c. piece 43 "
do 25c. " 24 "
do 10c. " 09 "
do two 5c. " 09 "
do one 5c. " 05 "
SAMUEL WRIGHT. ANDREW ARMISTEAD.
JOHN HARRIS, JR. WILLIAM SIMPSON.
THOMAS WATSON. HENRY BERRY.
Guelph, 24th July. dw2

American Cholera!

DIARRHÉE REMEDY.

An unparalleled Remedy for
Cholera Morbus, Diarrhœa, Dysentery and all Summer Complaints.

A bottle should be in every house. Prepared by
A. B. PETRIE, Chemist.

IF YOU WANT FLY PAPER

That will kill flies, buy it at
PETRIE'S Drug Store,
Market Square.
Guelph, 14th July. daw

GUELPH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

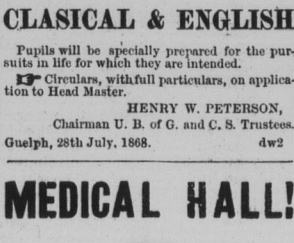
J. MURISON DUNN, B.A., L.L.B.,
HEAD MASTER.
GEORGE H. PORTER, 2nd Master.

THE above Institution will re-open on **MONDAY, 10th August.** There are **TWO DEPARTMENTS.**

CLASSICAL & ENGLISH

Pupils will be specially prepared for the pursuits in life for which they are intended.
Circulars, with full particulars, on application to Head Master.
HENRY W. PETERSON,
Chairman U. B. of G. and C. S. Trustees.
Guelph, 28th July, 1868. dw2

MEDICAL HALL!



Ontario, Guelph.

JUICE OF THE GRAPE

RECEIVED direct from the Vineyard a fresh supply of the celebrated
GRAPE WINE.

Manufactured expressly for
Family and Medicinal Purposes.
IN BOTTLES AND ON DRAFT.
E. HARVEY & CO.,
Chemists, &c., Wyndham Street.
Guelph, July 28, 1868. dw1

DRILL SHED, GUELPH.

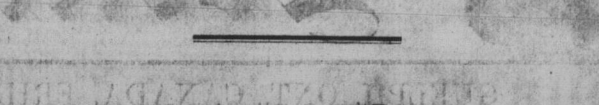
POSITIVELY 4 NIGHTS ONLY.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 29, 30, 31 and AUG. 1st.

GRAND OPENING

OF THE POPULAR
GIFT SOIREES MAGIQUE!
BY THE ORIGINAL
FAKIR & VISHNU
In his inimitable Gift Magical Soirees.
150 BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS
To be given away nightly, ranging in value from 15 cents to \$150.
Admission, 25c. Family tickets, admitting six persons \$1. Front seats reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them.
Doors open at a quarter past 7; to commence a quarter past 8 o'clock.
G. H. TWOMBLY, Agent.
Guelph, July 25. do 7f

New Advertisements.

Don't Miss this Chance.



THE GOLDEN LION

100 Fancy Shawls worth \$5 to \$8 each will be offered at \$1.75 each.

200 French Delaine, Challi and Cicillian Stripe Dresses, at \$1 to \$1.50, worth from \$2.50 to \$4 per Dress.

50 Extra Stylish Ladies' Jackets at \$2, worth \$5 each.

THESE GOODS WILL BE OFFERED ON

FRIDAY MORNING 31st JULY

AT NINE O'CLOCK, BY
JOHN HOGG
GOLDEN LION, GUELPH.
Guelph, 30th July, 1868. dw

BRITANNIA HOUSE,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

FOR THIRTY DAYS,
Commencing on Wednesday, 5th of August.

THE GOODS WILL POSITIVELY BE SOLD AT AND

BELOW COST

FOR CASH ONLY.

The Stock consists of a very Superior Assortment of Canadian Goods,
Tweeds, Blaudcloths, Satinettes, Blankets, Yarns, Underclothing, Millinery, Mantles, Dress Goods, Muslins, Prints, Grey and White Cottons, Ready-made Clothing, &c., &c.

Parties desirous of laying in a choice assortment for Fall and Winter wear will do well by calling early, as the most desirable Goods will soon be picked up when reduced to our cost price. This is no blow, but a BONA FIDE clearing sale at cost.

Any Goods booked during Sale will be charged at regular prices.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 29th July. dw

KEEP COOL.

SELLING OFF FOR LESS THAN COST A LARGE LOT OF
Butter Coolers
Wine Glasses
Goblets, Tumblers
Decanters, &c.

As the subscriber intends giving up this branch of the business, Great Bargains will be given.
HUGH WALKER,
Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph
Guelph, 18th July. dw

Great Western Railway.



CHEAP EXCURSION

WOODSTOCK AND LONDON.

A PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN GUELPH.

On Tuesday 4th August, AN EXCURSION TRAIN

Will leave Guelph at 7 a.m., for Woodstock and London.

Returning will leave London at 7.15 p.m., and Woodstock at 8.30 p.m., for Guelph.

Fare for the round trip,
ONE DOLLAR.

THOMAS SWINYARD, Gen. Manager.
Guelph, July 29th. dw

CHEAP FIREWOOD!

THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply **Firewood**, consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, if delivered, \$2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at \$1.75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning off underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer.

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE
Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of J. L. Lewis, Esq., Guelph, June 15. d-2m

New Catechism FOR THE PEOPLE.

WHO do the Largest Boot and Shoe Business in Guelph?
PREST & HEPBURN.
Who have the largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?
PREST & HEPBURN.
Who have the Newest and Best Styles of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?
PREST & HEPBURN.
Who have always been ahead in Style, Material, Workmanship, Neatness and Durability?
PREST & HEPBURN!
The subscribers being the only Manufacturers in Guelph, are in a position to offer inducements to the public which no other House in the Trade can do. CALL AND SEE, and you will be convinced that large and varied as has always been our Stock the one now on hand far exceeds anything ever shown by us in the past.

Support Home Manufacture

And keep your money in the County.
Remember our Goods are all **Warranted.**

TERMS Cash, and no Second Price.
PREST & HEPBURN.
Guelph, June 18. dw1f

CASTLEGARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,
GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.
OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do 1f

STANDARD Life Assurance Company

(Established 1825.)
Accumulated Fund \$3,700,005 1s. 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

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS AND SULPHUR SPRINGS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NORTH AMERICAN HOTEL, PRESTON, ONTARIO.

THESE popular Baths are open for the accommodation of the public. The Spring which applies in-use Baths possesses Medicinal qualities not surpassed by any other in America.
S. CORNELL, Proprietor.
ton, June 16. daw 3m

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that if their accounts are not settled by note or otherwise on or before
The FIRST day of AUGUST NEXT,
they will be placed in court for collection. If paid before that time silver will be taken at par in sums not exceeding \$50.
Guelph, 22nd July. N. HIGINBOTHAM. dw1f

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

CHURCH-ST. GUELPH.
MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 1st of April. Vacancies for two or three boarders. Guelph, 6th April, 1868. w