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Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1v

PETRIE'S
Furniture Cream!
Producing, with half the usual labor, a most
BRILLIANT POLISH
On all kinds of Cabinet & French Polished Furniture, Varished and Japaned articles of every description.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE:
Shake the bottle well, and apply a small quantity with a woollen cloth on the article to be polished; continue rubbing for a few minutes, then finish off with a clean soft rag, when a most beautiful polish will be produced.

PREPARED ONLY BY
A. B. PETRIE,
Chemist, Corbet's Block, Guelph.
Guelph, 3rd April. dw

New Crop Teas!

1000 Half Chests
NEW CROP TEAS

The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising
Young Hysons and Hysons
Hyson Twankays
Twankays
Imperials
Gunpowders
Souchongs
Congous
Colored Japans
Natural Leaf Japans
Oolong

REFORD & DILLON.
Toronto, 31st March. dw

PUBLIC NOTICE.
NEW PROVISION STORE!
West Market Square,
(Adjoining John Harris')
FLOUR, FEED

and POTATOES—any quantity. Also smoked Hams to be had.
HIRSCH & KENNEDY.
Guelph, March 24. dw

MONEY TO LEND.
The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.
LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.
Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dwf

BILLIARDS
GREAT EXCITEMENT.
Billiard Hall Refitted
New Style Tables
Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.
Guelph, 23rd February. do1

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.
CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH
MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1869. do

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favours, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS McGRATH, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block.

No. 1
COAL OIL
ONLY
40c. per gallon
AT THE MEDICAL HALL.

E. HARVEY & CO.
Chemists and Druggists,
Guelph, April 7. dw

1869. SPRING 1869

AND SUMMER
DRY GOODS
Seasonable and New.
WM. STEWART
Has now a full shop of NEW DRY GOODS, purchased and imported

DIRECT FROM THE
BRITISH MARKETS
W. S. gives the BEST VALUE and GREATEST

BARGAINS
Of any House in the trade.
Terms Strictly Cash.

Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham
LACE CURTAINS
CHEAP.
WM. STEWART.
Guelph, 16th April. dw

REMOVAL OF
GARLAND'S
Hat and Cap Store.

THE er as removed to the splendid
Day's Block, late Petrie's Drug Store
And has now in stock an immense assortment of
Hats, Caps, Furs, &c.,
In all the latest and most fashionable styles and colours, which will be sold very cheap.
Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly understands the wants of customers, and invites the public to call and see his goods, as he can sell them a better article at a cheaper price than they can get elsewhere.
The highest price paid for raw Furs.
F. GARLAND.
Guelph, March 15, 1869. 3md&w

CAUTION.
I hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 2nd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it.
F. PREST.
Guelph, 11th March. dwf

WHITWASHING AND WALL
Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, in rear of Messrs. Robins and Tilton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station.
Guelph, March 31. do 3m

MBER, LUMBER.

VDY & STEWART,
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WOOLWICH STREET
GUELPH.

Who they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from 1x3 Batten to Joisting 30 feet long, and cut to order all kinds of Bill Stuff on short notice.

DRESSED LUMBER!
Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.

GOWDY & STEWART.
Guelph, 3rd April, 1869. dwd-wif
17 Elora Observer and Pergus News Record every till fortd.

LUMBER YARD.
Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph.

OLD FACE IN THE OLD PLACE.
The subscriber begs to inform the public that he has commenced the lumber business in the old stand occupied by GOWDY & STEWART.

Opposite the Alma Block, Guelph
Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

Also, Water Lime and Oatsine Plaster, and Flour and Feed

of all kinds cheap for cash as usual. By strict attention to business, he trusts to share a part of public patronage.
FRANCIS SMALL,
Guelph, April 5, 1869. dwj

To the Trade.

JUST RECEIVED,
700 BOXES CHEESE OF
Extra Quality.

275 BOXES VERY CHOICE

PING SUEY & MOYUNE
YOUNG HYSON.
ex Prussian.)
Guelph, March 9

JAMES, MASSIE & CO.
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CUTHBERT'S
Guelph, 20th April. dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. R. CAMPBELL.
OFFICE box 4001
Office, Wyndham street, Guelph.
References.—Drs. Clarke & Orton, McGregor and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan & Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott and Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. Teeth extracted without pain.
Guelph, 13th Jan 1869 dw

Evening Mercury.

FRIDAY EV'G, APRIL 23, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous

New Buildings and Improvements in Guelph.

With the return of spring, the torpidity in building operations gives place to activity and enterprise; and as the weather becomes more open and genial, fresh impetus is given to the ever onward march of progress. Navigation may now be said to be fairly open on all the lakes and on the St. Lawrence below Quebec; while throughout the greater portion of Ontario the farmers have commenced their spring work in earnest, and are now busily engaged in ploughing and seeding. Although winter maintained its reign somewhat longer than usual, its more genial successor has put forth its power without that waywardness which, sometimes characterizes it, and under its influence snow, ice and frost have disappeared as by magic, giving place to a mild atmosphere and green fields.

Guelph building operations promise to be very brisk this season—much more so in fact than in many previous years; and the number and style of many of the new buildings will give employment to scores of mechanics and laborers. There are not enough masons in town to supply the demand, and to push on the work that will be required, more will have to be obtained from other places. The wages now given at Guelph are two dollars a day. Carpenters are receiving \$1.50, and both these and laboring men are plentiful at present.

The following are the new structures about to be erected in this town:—
A storey and a half brick cottage for the Misses Mickle, on a park lot on Mitchell's hill, near Dr. Clarke's, and facing the river Speed. It will be built in the villa style, and having an elevated position, will present a very handsome appearance. Its dimensions are 34 by 44, with four rooms on the ground floor, and six on the upper. Mr. Stephen Boulton is the architect and builder, and in fact has the contract for the entire work—painting and all. It is to be finished and ready for occupation some time in June.

Mr. Henry Berry is about to put up a large three-story brick and stone building next to Massie's Block, Upper Wyndham street. It is to be used as a wholesale bakery, to meet the increasing requirements of Mr. Berry's business, and will be similar in its construction to the stores in Massie's Block, with handsome cut stone and plate glass fronts. Its dimensions are 70 by 36. The first floor is to be used for the wholesale bakery trade—the bake-house being in the lower storey or basement. In the front the office and sample room will be situated, and the hinder part of the store is intended for the purposes of a large store-room. The second floor will be divided off for the boiling, drying and lozange rooms; while the whole length and breadth of the third storey, with the exception of a small pan room, will be used as a cigar factory. All these different floors will be reached by a spiral staircase. Underground, at the rear of the building, the ovens are to be placed—everything being arranged with a view to adopt the latest improvements in this class of buildings, and to promote facility and convenience in the prosecution of business. The architect is Mr. S. Boulton; Messrs. Pike & Davidson have secured the contract for the mason and brick work, while the carpentering will be conducted by Mr. James Barclay, and the plastering by Mr. Wm. Day. The contract for the painting and glazing is not yet given out. The store will be finished about the fifteenth of September.

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meeting of the vestry will be held on Monday next, when the committee will present a report recommending that the church be built on the present site, and that the cost of the edifice do not exceed \$30,000. It is in contemplation also to make the present square lot of an oval shape, giving to the town a larger portion of the corners, so that when a church is built a clear view can be had from one end of Wyndham st. to the other. Of this new church, however, more anon.

Mr. George Bruce, carpenter, is building a commodious stone dwelling house on Oxford street, which will add to the good appearance of that portion of the town.

Messrs. J. & R. Stewart are erecting a new planing factory opposite Massie's block, Upper Wyndham street. It is to be 40 by 70, three storeys in height, with basement. An addition in the rear of the building is to be put up for the engine and boiler. Messrs. Pike & Davidson are the contractors for the mason and brick work.

Mr. Horeman, hardware merchant, is putting up a stone stable in rear of his dwelling house, and certain additions and improvements are being made in Mrs. McElderry's house on the Elora road.

Besides these we have here mentioned there are other buildings in contemplation, which will be noticed so soon as their erection is positively determined. In the meantime we may add that, gratifying as the building prospects are in Guelph this season, it would be well were there a much larger number of small cottages built for the accommodation of artisans and laborers, who, fortunately for the welfare of the town, are increasing in numbers year by year; and the capitalist who would put up a number of these dwelling-houses would secure a fair pecuniary remuneration for his enterprise, and receive the thanks of the public generally.

The Late Flood.
Further Damages in Waterloo.

The large mill dam connected with Mr. Elias Snyder's grain and flouring mills at Waterloo village, at length gave way, and slides, staves, cord-wood, fences, bridges, and even houses were swept away with the destructive and madly rushing floods of water. Some small houses, says the Chronicle, were entirely carried away with the flood, while larger ones were forced from their foundations. Cattle in their stables were deluged and nearly drowned, and many houses in positions before supposed to be far above high water mark were flooded to the depth in some instances of three or four feet. In St. Jacobs the mill pond in connection with Mr. B. D. Snyder's mill was carried away. In Hawkeville the mill pond was also destroyed. Preston is in some parts completely immersed. The bridge over the Speed has been carried off and the stables of the Cambridge hotel have been removed to some distance from their original position. In New Hamburg the ravages have been very large. Three of the bridges in the village have been swept away, while mill ponds have suffered the common lot of all mill ponds at this season.

THE DAMAGES ABOUT MOUNT FOREST.
The Examiner of Thursday says: On Wednesday morning the dam owned by Mr. John Martin, on the south branch of the Saugeen, near the village, gave out at the northern end, and about thirty feet was speedily carried off, and the wash continues. This is the fifth casualty of the kind, in a greater or lesser degree, which has befallen Mr. Martin, and he has with him in this disaster, the entire sympathies of the community.—[Thursday's despatch informed us that the dam was swept away.] The dam on Bell's creek, carried off by Mr. Lambert, of Minto, is a complete wreck; Mr. A. Townsend's on the same creek, is somewhat damaged; and this side of Orchardville, near the Owen Sound Road, and Kirby's, a few miles below, on Batey's Saugeen, have also been destroyed. The dams on the lower Saugeen, and on Dickson's creek, belonging to Mr. John Dickson, have been considerable damaged. The bridge on Bell's creek, at Stewart's, McIntyre's, Maguire's, Sivil's, and Livingston's, and at Neil Buchanan's, on the Lower Saugeen, in Egremont, have been either carried off, or are rendered impassable for teams.

LATER.—In addition to the above casualties, we have to note that before going to press, that Mr. David Yeomans' dam has been carried away. The first signs of its giving out are said to have been noticed about five or six o'clock last evening by the appearance of muddy water below the dam, and subsequently a slight whirl in the water near the pier at the north end. The whirl gradually enlarged, creating a furious current; the boom above the bridge then broke, liberating an immense collection of saw logs—about 1,000 or 1,500—and finally the whole gave way, carrying with it the centre pier of the bridge, not a vestige of the dam being left. The torrent covered the flats below, raising the water around Mr. Yeomans' for a short time to a dangerous height. The north pier of the bridge has also been considerably undermined, but efforts are now being made to save it, which it is hoped may be successful. In the meantime the bridge is unsafe, and for miles above and below the village, there is now no way by which teams can cross. We hear, also, that the dams owned by Mr. Dixon, mentioned above, were yesterday carried off. The bridge on the county line, near Carmody's, is also gone. Mr. Reid's dam, however, we are informed, is yet safe.

THE FLOOD EXAMINER.
Speaking of the damage done above Guelph, the Elora Express says: On the Guelph road the water rose rapidly, and undermined the bridge, at foot of Hirst's hill, and carried it away—the timber being lodged in the flats below. The bridge at Mr. Felix McGinn's was compelled to succumb before the flood. The Irvin River has not been known to be so high for many years and no fewer than six bridges which cross that stream in Garafaxa, have been carried away, and the approaches thereto completely swept out. The lay roads are perfectly fluted, and it is with difficulty that either man or horse can go over them. In Elkington, Nelson, and Peel, we hear of small bridges and culverts torn up in every

direction, and the amount of road work to be done this season will be enormous. Whyte's mill dam and the Huston milldam are gone, and all the bridges on the 8th concession, Maryboro. The 4th concession bridge is gone, the Glenallan milldam is gone, the bridge at Glenallan is gone. The river is covered with rails and timber—fences which have been up for the last sixteen years, and never before disturbed by the stream, have floated off bodily. The dam at Doon Mills has gone, carrying a part of the distillery.

THE FLOOD ON THE BUFFALO AND LAKE HURON RAILWAY.
The trains on the Grand Trunk Railway were cancelled on Wednesday on account of the freshet at Dunnville, Ont., the track being submerged for a quarter of a mile east side the station at that place. The train which left Buffalo at 4:45 returned, being unable to get through. The Grand River has overflowed its banks, and the water has nearly submerged the village of Dunnville bordering on the stream, causing great destruction of property and a cessation of business. We have learned of no loss of life. Other towns along the bank of the river are suffering from submerision.

THE FLOOD IN MONTREAL.
At Longueuil on Wednesday night the inhabitants were so much alarmed at the increased rise in the water, that the alarm bell was rung to awaken the people and prevent them from being drowned. In the Lachine district the water has also very deep. The flood in the city has stopped the manufacture of gas, and the city is in total darkness this (Thursday) evening. The inundation is very nearly as bad now as it was during the great flood of 1891, and there is as yet no prospect of relief by the ice breaking up—Custom House is getting surrounded, and the water has reached Lemoiné street on McGill. The yards, and even some portions of the roadway on Craig street west are flooded, as in Bonaventure-st., nearly to Bonaventure building. The railcars cannot come farther than Point St. Charles now. No communication has been had with St. Helen's Island since Monday. Longueuil is badly flooded, and Laprairie to an alarming extent, the water in the latter place being nearly up to the eaves of the houses. A signal of distress has been hoisted, and much loss of life and farm stock has probably occurred.

THE OTTAWA AND PRESCOTT RAILWAY FLOODED.—No train left Ottawa on Thursday morning, in consequence of the submerged state of portions of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway. The train from Prescott this morning has got through the Kempsville swamp and passed Osgood station. It is feared that when the frost is out of the swamp the ties will be loosened there, and the road be impassable.

FLOOD AND LOSS OF LIFE AT GRANBY.
A number of citizens who were on Thursday looking at the flood from the principal bridge in Granby, Province of Quebec, were drowned. The water, which is very high, having undermined one end of the bridge, it gave way, and the end of the bridge fell about 25 feet, sliding the people who were on it into the water, which is running swiftly at that point. One or two who were on the bridge escaped, and 11 persons were drowned.

LOSSES BY THE LATE STORM ON THE ENGLISH COAST.—A Scotch paper states that on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., the loss-books at Lloyd's contained no less than forty-nine wrecks on the Saturday and Sunday previous, nearly all being coasting vessels. On Easter Monday, also, during the grand review at Dover, the 20,000 volunteers were drenched with torrents of rain, and performed their evolutions in wet clothes and a foot of mud. The storm drove Her Majesty's training ship on the stone pier, where she became a total wreck, all the crew and boys, 68, having fortunately been saved. It was one of the severest storms that has visited the shores of England for years.

"St. George for Merrie England."
St. George, the patron saint of England, and one of the seven champions of Christendom, was born of noble christian parents and was a tribune in Rome in the days of the Emperor Diocletian. It is asserted by some writers that he was a native of the island which for centuries has held his name in such reverence; but this is extremely doubtful, and we shall not here discuss where or exactly when he was born, as nothing certain is known about him so far as the time and place of his nativity. The historian King Gibbon says that St. George was an unscrupulous bacon contractor, born in a fuller's shop in Epiphania. This spiritous St. George has, however, been repudiated by nearly all other authorities, who agree in saying that the genuine hero was another personage altogether from the one alluded to by the brilliant author of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." St. George suffered martyrdom for his christianity at Rome, and throughout his career was a brave warrior and the champion of the weak. The spot where tradition alleges he slew the dragon is still pointed out in Asia Minor. During the Crusades King Edward the Third brought the knowledge of the martyred saint to England, and he and his knights adopted him as the patron of their country and chivalry. We read that at the battle of Neville's Cross, between the Scots and English, King Edward's wife, Queen Philippa, "having commended her troops to God and St. George," left the field just before the engagement. In many of Shakespeare's plays he represents the English soldiers as invoking the aid of St. George during their invasion of France; and up to the present times the renowned champion retains his place in the breasts of Englishmen—so much so, that it is only the other day that we saw the statement that a number of prominent Catholics had determined to have a special service at Rome to pray for the aid of that saint to bring about the conversion of England to the christian faith.

Today (Friday) is the anniversary of St. George, and we observe that, generally speaking, the day is to be celebrated with much spirit both in Canada and the States. In New York there is to be a grand dinner at Delmonico's, and at Hamilton, London, Montreal, Goderich, Belleville and other places. Appropriate celebrations are to take place. Toronto and Guelph are behindhand this year; but there are reasons for the non commemoration of the day by our home society which we need not here dilate upon, only hoping that next year they will exhibit a little more life and energy—and in this respect imitate their sister societies of St. Andrew and St. Patrick.