

Emigration from Great Britain.
The emigration last year from the United Kingdom was less than any year since 1862, being only 195,953, which was 8,929 less than the preceding year, and 15,882 less than the average of the four previous years. Of the 195,953, 55,494 were English, 88,622 Irish, 12,866 Scotch, and 31,193 foreigners. 159,275 went to the United States; the Irish being rather less than one half of the whole number, and nine-tenths of the whole number leaving Ireland. In fact, of the 159,275 emigrants who went to the United States from the United Kingdom, there were 79,571 Irish. The remainder of the Irish emigrants were divided pretty equally between British North America and Australia. The amount remitted by emigrants in order to aid their friends to emigrate, was, from the United States, £540,884, 11s. 3d.; from Canada and New Brunswick, £2,145, 5s. 9d.; making a total of £2,686, 10s. 12d. The only colonies which promoted immigration by means of public funds were, Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia. During the year, 741 single women were sent to the colonies, of whom 266 were selected by Miss Rye. The remittances have recently been increased. The number of persons sent out to New South Wales during the year was 670. The number assisted to South Australia was only 349. At present no passages to that colony are granted, but £30,000 has been voted by the Legislature for that purpose. The other South Pacific Colonies have ceased to supply funds in aid of emigration.

MARRIAGE OF THE EMPEROR OF CHINA.—An Oriental spectacle, reminding one of some of the scenes described in sacred history, and the marriage of Ahasuerus, was witnessed at Peking on March 27th. The young Emperor of China having reached the age of fourteen, the time had come when a wife had to be chosen for him. One hundred and twenty young girls, ranging from 11 to 19 years old, were admitted to the palace on the previous evening as candidates. Seven were chosen from the number, who had to submit to an examination before the Empress-mother—whose business it is to make the choice. Letters from Peking, of the 2nd April, inform us that the young lady upon whom the choice of the Prince and his mother fell, was born at Monkden, in the province of Ching-King, that she attained her eleventh year, and she was extremely beautiful.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.—California has long since established a good reputation as a wine-producing State, and some of her enterprising citizens now propose to go into another field of industry, heretofore peculiar to foreign countries, that of raising silk. They have the mulberry trees and worms, and they think that with patience and perseverance they can so multiply both as to make them in a few years yield plenty of cocoons. There is no lack of Chinese, accustomed to the business, to supply the necessary labor, and enough Frenchmen to direct them, and the climate of the State is said to be even more favorable than that of France or Italy. With all these advantages and the known enterprise of California, we do not see why it should not produce silk as well and as cheap as any other part of the world.

INFAMOUS ATTEMPT.—The Belleville *Intelligencer* reports that on Saturday night last, nine freight cars were thrown from the track of the G. T. R., near Shannonville, and smashed up. It was found that a rail had been removed; and a man was shortly afterwards found concealed in the grass and arrested. The evident intention was to throw off the night express going east. The suspected man gives his name as James Scott, and his stories conflict.

THE EMPEROR AND THE ARMY.
Attack made by M. Thiers on the 1st which the Minister of Finance brought down in the Corps of two or three days ago is not which that clever Liberal has the policy of Napoleon's government. He has before now depicted the eloquence the mischievous results that would follow the of an empire into one great school in which every man be taught during a long apprenticeship the profession of arms. Notwithstanding what he and Liberals may say, the Emperor his way, and Chassepots will manufactured and every French soldier, at least for a time. Public accounts show a deficit as done for some time, and gain finds it necessary to raise meet the army expenditures. Napoleon's tendency of Napoleon's description scheme is already and should he live long he witness revolution or winter the poorer classes to a state of want border-line, and how is it to be when every man will have to exclusively the occupation of a being eight or nine of the very his life? In a civil capacity men would be both consumers; under the new act they are consumers of their country can without detriment to its financial support in what may be considered so large a proportion of the population. Switzerland the European countries a military force large in the total number of seems to do so with her finances, but in that somewhat undignified, economical plan is adopted the soldiers to do farm work, so that while every man he is also a civilian. France, however, of her doing this; she arms and she seems to them down even for an shows better than the error the advantages and a better country derives from truth when he said that and good management cure for the financial has seen prosperity soil of France when her not engaged in war, and campaign with Austria nothing and lost much prospective view of the French nation, and characteristics of the Napoleon to govern with such as he exercises. Louis chased from Paris chiefly avarice had induced him public money in his private and why may not Napoleon's expenditure prove himself and the extinction of the Mexican and affairs excited discontent; riots in some parts in connection with the Army Bill, and clever is, successful as he has been in disturbing the revolution in the French people out and prove too strong repeated query, wherefore all preparations? finds no answer. Two weeks ago that the long delayed arms between France and about to begin immediately at Napoleon would avenge he once received from or with less fortune be Prussia could manage the Germany without French. This opinion was strengthened by the announcement made by Cabinet, that in case of a on the two powers, Italy a neutrality; but the rolls its waters placidly the boom of hostile cannon heard upon its shores. But which people retain any of their ancestors they will proud in tones not to be mistaken that the Emperor should reasons for maintaining an the expenses of which Government on the market for a loan.

SEA-SERPENT.—A respondent of the *Diritto* writes that a sea-serpent six metres in circumference head resembling that of a stang, with two arms or which lashed the water, a with teeth long, large and eyes, large and severe, and mane resembling has been seen lately by in the neighbourhood of a monster followed a, evidently astonishing, the divers as they were.

New Advertisements.
JAS. MASSIE & Co
IMPORTERS,
OFFER FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING GOODS:
TEAS—Hf Chests Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Twankay and Japan. Chests and hlf. chests Souchong and Congou. Caddies Orange Pekoe.
COFFEES—Bags Green and Roasted Java, Jamaica, Maracabo, Laguayra and Rio.
SUGARS—Barrels Crushed A. Dry Crushed, Ground, Yellow Refined No. 2, 2 1/2 and 3. Hbds and Barrels Demerara and Porto Rico.
TOBACCO—Caddies and Boxes of all the standard brands in 10's, 4's and 8's with a large assortment of Virginia Twists.
RICE—Bags Arracan and Patna.
FRUIT—Boxes Layer, Bunch and Valencia Raisins. Barrels choice and new Currants. Bags Filberts, Walnuts, Almonds and Brazil. Boxes and bbls. new French and German Prunes. Cartons choice new French Prunes.
SPICES—Cases finest Nutmegs and Cloves. Bags and bbls. Black and White Pepper. Jamaica Ginger, Allspice and Cinnamon.
SYRUPS—Bbls. Amber, Golden and Standard.
PICKLES & SAUCES—A full assortment of Cross and Blackwell's, Morton's, Felt's &c.

We would call particular attention to our Stock of the following, which for purity and genuineness cannot be surpassed.
WINES—Graham's, Sandeman's and Otley, Cramp & Co's Old Ports. Domest's, Penmarina's, Gordon's, Cozen's and Miza's old and Pale Cheries. Claret in Wood and Bottle, from \$5.00 per case and upward.
BRANDIES—Hennessey, Martell, Otard's and Jules Robin & Co., in Wood and Bottle.
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WHISKIES—Old Rye, Malt, Monongahela, Magnolia, Hestep's Plain and Toddy.
ALE—Bass', Jeffrey's and Molson's in Wood and Bottle—very fine and highly recommended.
PORTER—Guinness' XX and XXX, bottled by Burke and Blood, Wolfe & Co.

To Cash and PROMPT PAYING BUYERS, offer special inducements, as we are desirous to clear out the whole of our present stock before our NEW PREMISES are completed, to save the cost of removing
JAS. MASSIE & Co.
Guelph, July 6, 1868. daw tf

GT. WESTERN RAILWAY.
ON AND AFTER
MONDAY, 6TH JULY,
THE TRAINS LEAVING
HAMILTON FOR GUELPH
At 6:25 a. m., & 2:50 p. m., from
Guelph, for Hamilton
WILL CEASE DAILY RUNNING, AND WILL RUN ONLY ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS.
THOS. SWINYARD,
General Manager
Hamilton, July 6, 1868. d 3t

H. METCALF,
(Late Smith and Metcalfe),
WISHES to inform his customers and the public that he has opened a
SHOP NEXT DOOR to MR. HAZELTON'S,
Nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel, where he will be prepared to attend to the wants of customers and the public. He has on hand a lot of
TRUNKS and SADDLES
Slightly soiled by removal at the late fires, will be sold cheap.
Guelph, July 3, 1868. d 6 wtf

SHEET MUSIC.
SHEET MUSIC,
A VERY LARGE QUANTITY.
At 50 per Cent. below Publishers' Prices,
At **W. J. McCURRY'S,**
Bookstore, Guelph.
Guelph, July 3, 1868. d 6t

TO PRINTERS.
WANTED, at this Office, immediately, a good industrious boy who has been at the Printing business a couple of years, and is an expert hand at setting type. To such an one, good wages, steady employment will be given, and an excellent opportunity afforded of learning the business in all its branches.
McLAGAN & INNES,
Guelph, June 29th. Mercury Office, Guelph.

Harvest Gloves
A QUANTITY of very superior Harvest Gloves for sale: Wholesale at
No. 3, DAY'S OLD BLOCK
GORDON STREET,
And by Retail at the principal Stores in Town. They are strongly made and cheap.
D. HOLT,
Town Hall Building.

COW STRAYED.
STRAYED from Guelph on the 25th ult, a yellow colored Cow, with some white spots and a white face. She was of large size and in good condition. Any person returning her to the undersigned, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be rewarded.
Guelph, 4th July, 1868. GEO. S. HEROD. dwtf

APPRENTICE WANTED
WANTED, at the Mercury Office, Guelph, a stout, active lad, over 15 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the Printing business. Apply at once.
McLAGAN & INNES, Proprietors.
Guelph, June 29th.

Cow Strayed or Stolen.
STRAYED on Friday 20th June a red cow with white spots, four years old, was at the point of calving when she left. She has a part of the hair of her tail cut off square. Was in good condition. Any one returning her to the owner, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be rewarded.
Guelph, July 2nd 1868. ALLAN SIMPSON. 2dlw. Blacksmith.

NEW BOOKS
AT
DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
GUELPH.
THE History of a Mouthful of Bread,
And its effect on the organization of men and animals.
BY JEAN MACE.
The Servants of the Stomach
BY JEAN MACE.
DEAD SEA FRUIT,
A NOVEL.
BY M. E. BRADDON.
At Day's Bookstore,
Guelph, July 3. dw Opposite the Market.

TOBACCOES!
JUST received superior gilt edge, fine cut
CHEWING TOBACCO,
At **GEORGE WILKINSON'S.**
YOUNG Canada, fine cut
Sweet Smoking TOBACCO,
At **GEORGE WILKINSON'S.**
PLUG TOBACCOES, in
CHEWING AND SMOKING
of the best brands and qualities.
At **George Wilkinson's,**
Next the Telegraph Office.
Guelph, June 29. daw lw

New Catechism
FOR THE PEOPLE.
WHO do the Largest Boot and Shoe Business in Guelph? PREST & HEBURN.
Who have the largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes in Guelph? PREST & HEBURN.
Who have the Newest and Best Styles of Boots and Shoes in Guelph? PREST & HEBURN.
Who have always been ahead in Style, Material, Workmanship, Neatness and Durability? PREST & HEBURN.
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 & HEBURN.
Guelph, June 18. dwtf

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Factory Cheese!
At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**
SMOKED, Sugar-cured HAM'S!
At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**
BOTTLED ALE AND PORTER
At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**
SARDINES, LOBSTERS,
SALMON and
At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**
BISCUITS
ALL KINDS, FRESH
At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**
STANDARD
Life Assurance Company
(Established 1825.)
Accumulated Fund £3,700,005 1s. 4d. Stg
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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,
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Great Slaughtering in
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And Ladies' and Girls'
Straw Hats
Ladies' Trimmed Fashionable Bonnets at \$1.50 worth \$3
Ladies' extra do. at \$2, worth \$4.
Ladies' Straw Hats, fine quality, at 25c, worth \$1
Ladies' extra fine do, at 37c worth \$1.50
Girls' Black Straw Hats at 15c worth 30c
Girls' extra fine do, at 37c worth \$1

ASTOUNDING PRICES!
In Ladies' Cloth and Silk Jackets.
Surprising Prices in Muslin Dresses.
Tremendous Bargain Ladies' White Cotton Hose.
Call at once at **THE GOLDEN LION**—it is the Cheapest and Best Assortment in the Dominion of Ontario.
John Hogg
Guelph, June 29, 1868. daw tf

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OUR VOLUNTEERS.
RICHARD AINLEY,
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CANADA CLOTHING STORE
At a great reduction for Cash, will, without Reserve, sell off the whole stock, consisting of
READY-MADE CLOTHING, CLOTHS, HATS, CAPS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, &c., &c.,
At such prices as were never before offered in Canada. As the whole stock will be disposed of within **Two Months,** let those who want goods of the best quality, at a nominal price, call immediately.
The Stock will be offered in Bulk, or in Lots to Suit Purchasers.
To parties wishing to purchase the whole stock, liberal terms will be given.
All persons indebted to Mr. N. Croft, either by Note or Book Account,
Are requested to settle with Alfred A. Baker, Esq., Division Court Clerk, who is authorised to collect the same.
RICHARD AINLEY.
Guelph, June 25, 1868. daw tf

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A NICE LOT OF STRAWBERRIES AT
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Fine Apples,
Oranges and Lemons,
Cocoa Nuts, &c.
HUGH WALKER,
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Gents' and Ladies' RUBBER GUARDS, all Styles—Cheap. Also,
Collar & Cuff Buttons, Shirt Studs,
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