

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET
SATURDAY EV'G, APRIL 13, 1868.

THE ABYSSINIAN WAR.

If any reliance is to be placed on a telegram which reached us on Friday, the object of the Abyssinian expedition has been attained and the British army may turn, first its steps, and afterwards the prow of the vessels which conveyed it on its journey to Africa, homewards. It is reported that Theodore's courage failed him as the invading force shortened the distance between them and Magdala, and that he has released the captives on whose account the expedition was first undertaken. If the rumour be true the fact is a most important one for the captives, for most people imagined that Theodore would cut their throats before they could hear the sound of the British bugle. We almost fear that the news is too good to be true, for reliable intelligence received only a few days ago represented the King as having taken up a strong position, with a number of big guns pointing in the direction from which he expected the invaders. But suppose it true, what about the indemnity? An army of 36,000 men have not been conveyed to Abyssinia, and maintained there so long for nothing, and who in strict justice should pay the costs? Already the greater part of two millions sterling has been absorbed by the expedition, and Englishmen will not be so silly as to lose this amount if the barbarian King or his country is worth it.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have landed in Ireland, and the cable informs us of the splendour and enthusiasm of their reception. It is seldom that the Irish people have an opportunity of looking upon Royalty, and it is no wonder if they should appear a little ill-bred and rude in staring at it, jamming and crushing for an opportunity to stare. When Her Majesty visited Ireland many years ago, so anxious were the people to see her that even public works were stopped within a radius of twenty miles from every city through which she passed, and the employees rode, if they could afford it, or walked if they could not, to gaze upon their Queen, until the streets were perfectly packed full of human beings who could not get into windows or on the house tops, and the Royal carriage and cortege could with difficulty make their way. Previous to the accession of Her Majesty, the last Royal visit that was paid to Ireland was by "the finest gentleman in Europe," George IV, in 1821. His reception was enthusiastic, and so highly gratified was His Majesty that on his departure Lord Sidmouth, by his commands, addressed a letter to the Lord Lieutenant, expressing "his entire approbation of the manner in which all persons acting in civil and military situations in the city of Dublin and its neighborhood had performed their several duties during the period of His Majesty's residence in that part of the kingdom." We hope that when the Prince of Wales sets sail for England he will be able to express himself as highly pleased with his visit as was his illustrious relative. The state of the country is somewhat different now from what it was in 1821, but it would be a sad blot on Ireland were she to show herself deficient in that hospitality for which she is famed, or offer the slightest insult to the person of her future King.

Progress of the Pacific Railway.

The track of the Union Pacific Railway has now been extended across the highest point in the Rocky Mountains which is to be passed by the iron-horse in his journey to the Pacific, the head-light of the locomotive car now shining over toward the Great Salt Lake Basin. Five hundred miles of this railroad have been built and equipped in two years, and we are assured that the result of this year's labors shall be even greater, proportionately, than that of former ones. A great deal of grading, rock-cutting, &c., has been done during the winter, when track-laying was necessarily suspended, and it is said that the grading is done for a distance of 100 miles beyond the end of the completed road. Iron sufficient to lay 200 miles of the track has been accumulated, and probably not less than 300 more miles will be added to that now in operation before the beginning of 1869. Helping to make up the industrial army which will accomplish this result will be more than 8,000 additional laborers, 1,000 mechanics, bridge builders, &c., 2,000 teams, and 1,500 waggons and carts. From Omaha to San Francisco is 1,845 miles. The Union Pacific Company expect to have from 800 to 900 miles of road in operation this year, while the Central Pacific, building the western end of the through line, will have completed almost 400 miles. The gap of from 500 to 600 miles which will then remain between the ends of the two roads will, by the end of one more year, be nearly or entirely closed.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, April 17.
A message was received from His Excellency, recommending provision to be made for the wife and family of the late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee.
Senator Mitchell, in moving for an answer to His Excellency's address, warmly eulogized the manner, public and private, of the deceased statesman. Other Senators also paid a glowing tribute to the worth of the deceased statesman.
An Address, assuring His Excellency that the Senate would heartily concur with the House in making such provision, was agreed to; and the Senate then adjourned, further to mark their respect for the memory of Mr. McGee.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.
On motion of Sir J. A. Macdonald, the House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider the following resolutions:—
Resolved—That the annual sum of \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to commence from the 7th day of April, 1868, and be settled on the widow of the Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, late member of the House of Commons of Canada, for the electoral district of Montreal West, for the term of her natural life, and that the same be paid without any deduction whatever.

Resolved—That a sum of \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to be vested in the Minister of Finance of Canada for the time being, in two separate sums of \$4,000 each, for the use of each of the two children of the late Hon. T. D. McGee, late member of the House of Commons for the electoral district of Montreal West in such manner as the Governor in Council shall direct.
He made an eloquent speech in support of the resolutions, in the course of which he pronounced a well merited eulogium on the late Mr. McGee. Other members followed in the same strain, when the resolutions were adopted, and having been reported were concurred in by the house.

A bill to provide for the widow and children of the late T. D. McGee was then introduced and read a first time.

The House went into Committee of supply, when several items were passed. Mr. Macfarlane introduced a Bill to incorporate the Bank of Agriculture, second reading for Monday next.

New Advertisements.

Apprentice Wanted.

WANTED, an apprentice to the Drug business. Apply personally at the Apothecaries Hall.
ALEX. B. PETRIE.
Guelph, 18th April, 1868.

GIRL WANTED.

WANTED a girl for general house work. Apply at this office.
Guelph, 18th April, 1868.

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.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE Building Committee of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, will receive Sealed Tenders up to Two o'clock.

On SATURDAY, the 25th Inst. For the erection of a Manse, either of Stone or Brick, according to Plans and Specifications to be seen at the store of James McLean, Aberfoyle.—The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. Sealed Tenders marked "Tenders for Manse," to be addressed to Mr. George McLean, Aberfoyle P. O., up to 2 o'clock p.m., on the 25th inst., when the Tenders will be opened at Mr. James McLean's store.
GEORGE McLEAN, Sec. of Com.
Puslinch, April 18th.

AUCTION Sale
OF VALUABLE

Real Estate.

THERE will be offered at Public Auction at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph, at the hour of two o'clock.

On THURSDAY, 30th of April, by Mr. W. S. G. Knowles, that desirable and beautifully situated property known as the Cunningham farm, being composed of Lots Nos. 7 and 8, Division A, and part of Lot No. 24, Division A, in the Township of Guelph, containing 87 acres, more or less. This valuable property is in close proximity to the business part of the Town of Guelph, is beautifully situated, and offers an inducement to purchasers very rarely met with.

There will also be offered at the same time and place, Village Lots Nos. 39 and 27, on the North side of Mill street, in the Village of Eden Mills, containing one-fourth of an acre each, more or less.

Terms very liberal, and will be made known at time of sale. For further particulars apply to D. McFarlane, Guelph, or Buchanan & Co., Hamilton, Hamilton, April 18th, 1868.

FARM LOTS

FOR SALE CHEAP, in good settlement, with every convenience. Apply to
C. J. BLOMFIELD, Sec.,
Canadian Land and Emigration Company,
Toronto Bank Buildings, Toronto.
April 17, 1868. daw 1m

Medical Dispensary

HARVEY'S PATENT

BENZOLINE

For instantly removing
Grease, Oil, Wax, Paint, Tar and other Spots from Silk, Velvet, Cloth and Kid Gloves, Carpets,

And all kinds of fabrics, without injuring the most delicate colors. Price 50c per box.
Sole Proprietor,
E. HARVEY,
Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
April 16.



AUCTION SALE

Unclaimed Baggage

FREIGHT, &c.

On Wednesday next, 22nd Instant,

WILL be sold by public auction, at the East-Grant Shed of the Great Western Railway Station, Hamilton, a large quantity of valuable unclaimed Freight and Baggage, including

An Omnibus,
Two Sleighs,
One Waggon,
Planing Machine
And a quantity of Machinery

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, a. m., sharp.

By Order, **THOMAS SWINYARD,**
General Manager.
THOS. BURROWS, Auctioneer.
G. W. R. Office,
Hamilton, 16th April, 1868.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR

At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

MAPLE SUGAR!

At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

BISCUIT

Arrowroot,
Cream,
Fruit,
Victoria,
Abernethy,
Wine and Ginger Nut BISCUITS
At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

AMBER SYRUP

At **JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

HORSE BILLS



PROPRIETORS and Travellers of Stallions will please note the fact that at

THE MERCURY OFFICE

Macdonnell Street, opposite the Great Western Hotel Stables, second door east of the Golden Lion, Guelph.

They can get better, cheaper and handsomer Horse Bills than at any other office in the County, and printed while they wait.
Orders by post will be promptly attended to, and forwarded by the earliest conveyances.—Give us a call.

McLAGAN & INNES.

EVENING MERCURY BUILDINGS, Macdonnell-st
Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

AUCTION SALE.

REAL ESTATE

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

MR. N. CROFT has instructed the undersigned to sell by public auction

On Tuesday 28th of April, on the premises, that most desirable Lot, known as Lot 785, corner of Suffolk and Dublin Streets, Canada Company Survey, in the Town of Guelph. The Lot is well fenced, with ornamental trees growing thereon, and is a first class one for building purposes. Also, Lot 9, on the London Road. The above Lots are well adapted for homesteads for business and professional men, or as an investment. Sale at 2 o'clock

Terms liberal, and will be made known at time of sale, or on application to the proprietor, and at the office of the auctioneer.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer,
Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

The Music Book

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS AT HOME

MERRY CHIMES;

CONTAINING Elementary Instructions, Attractive Exercises and several Hundred Popular Songs. This New Book will be found Superior to all Similar Works, in many points essential to a popular Instruction Book in Vocal Music and Collection of Melodies for the Young. FORTY EDITIONS have already been published, and the demand continues unabated. Many of the Songs have been written expressly for the work, and none of the songs are old and time-worn-sung through a dozen books, but New and sparkling, adapted to all Occasions, and Alive with the Spirit of the Times.

Price 50 cents. Sent postpaid. OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.
Boston, April 14, 1868. daw 1f

NOTICE.

In consequence of building an addition to my Brewery, I have opened a depot on Norfolk Street, for the sale of my XXX ALE in bottles, and appointed Mr. John Nicholson my agent.
THOMAS HOLLIDAY,
Guelph, 15th April, 1868. dim

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.
MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.
L. W. DECKER,
Montreal, 30th March, 1868.

House Servant Wanted.

APPLY to **MRS. SHARPE,** Waterloo Road, April 7th, 1868. (410)

W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Acupuncturist. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Masie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street.
Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. 4p1f

BRITANNIA HOUSE

Clothing Ware-rooms.

We have now on hand the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted

Stock of Ready-made Clothing!

IN GUELPH.

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER

We keep a First-class CUTTER, and guarantee a perfect FIT.

HEFFERNAN BROS.

Guelph, 16th April, 1868

OPENING

An Immense Stock of

New Spring Goods

Particular notice is requested to our STAPLE GOODS, which are the best in the trade.

Guelph, April 15, 1868. **A. O. BUCHAM.**

No. 1, Wyndham Street., Guelph.

JAMES CORMACK,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of

CLOTHS AND CLOTHING

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,
EVER OFFERED IN GUELPH.

Large Display of Hats & Caps

English, French and American Styles.

And the Newest received Monthly.

Guelph, 15th April, 1868. **JAMES CORMACK,**
Wyndham-st., Guelph

1868. SPRING 1868.

Important and Startling Announcement.

FIRST ARRIVAL OF SPRING GOODS

AT THE

BRADFORD HOUSE

THE Subscriber has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his **SPRING STOCK**, which for extent, cheapness and quality is not surpassed in the Dominion, and

This Week will shew the following Attractive Lines

POPLINS—In all the New Colours, from \$6 per dress.
PLAIN AND FANCY SILKS in every shade.
PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS—New Styles.
CASHMERE—In beautiful colours and patterns.
HOSIERY—White and Coloured in large variety.
GLOVES—A beautiful assortment, including Jovian's Black and Col'd Kid.
" Alexandr's do do

And the Largest Assortment of Small Wares in Ontario.

UNRIVALLED BARGAINS!

MR. JEFFREY being very early in the Market this Spring, and having bought heavily in STAPLES previous to the great advance, I will sell all

Cotton Goods at December Prices

BEING FULLY TEN PER CENT CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN GUELPH, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR PRE-TENTIONS MAY BE.

THE MILLINERY AND MANTLE SHOW ROOMS

WILL BE OPENED IN A FEW DAYS.

As this Department has always been acknowledged to have no rival in the West, extra attention has been given this season to place it still further ahead of any attempt at competition. Due notice will be given of the OPENING DAY.

The Furnishing Department, as usual, is Large and Attractive.

Inspection invited. Will be glad to show the Stock and give List of Prices.

PHILIP BISH.

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 8, 1868. daw 1f

THE SPRING TRADE

STEWART

SPRING DRESSES,
NEWEST STYLES.

SPRING DRESSES,
BEST MATERIALS.

SPRING DRESSES,
MOST MODERATE PRICES.

STEWART

HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least **One-third Lower.**

STEWART

HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART'S

CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

STEWART'S

STOCK OF TAPESTRY is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 70 cents.

STEWART'S

NEW SILKS.
BLACK AND COLORED.

DRESS GOODS.

CHEMISES, CAMLETS, REPS, POPLINS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

MANTLES.

SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

JACKETS,

SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

LACES.

COLLARETS, TIES, FALLS, MUSLIN AND LINEN SETS.

PARASOLS.

RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c.

HOSIERY,

SILK, SPUN AND COTTON.

GLOVES,

KIDS, SILK AND LISLE.

SMALL WARES,

BELTS, BUGLE TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS IN VARIETY.

PRINTS.

BRILLIANTES, PIQUETS, SHIRTINGS AND SKIRTINGS &c.

STEWART

Is now showing for the Spring Trade

NEW DAMASKS,
NEW REPS,
NEW CHINTZES,
NEW LENO CURTAINS,
NEW MUSLIN CURTAINS,
NEW LACE CURTAINS.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, April, 1st, 1868. dw