

the field. No lover of Ireland would ask him to designate the time or place, he said, from a public platform, but the green flag will be hoisted as soon as everything is prepared. A move will be made when ready, but not an hour before. He warned the Irish people against those who were trying to urge on advance.

Silver! Silver!

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

On and after the first day of August next, silver will only be taken at this office in payment of accounts, and for subscriptions at four per cent discount for large silver, and ten per cent discount for small silver. Up to that date silver will be taken in payment of all accounts and subscriptions at par.

McLAGAN & INNES,
Mercury Office, Guelph, July 11, 1868.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

TUESDAY EV'G, JULY 28, 1868.

THE BRIBERY BILL.

The cable conveyed to us on the 14th inst., the intelligence that the new Bribery Bill was before the House of Commons, and that a clause providing that election expenses be paid out of the local rates, and not by the candidates, having been expunged, the bill after a long discussion finally passed. The old system of enquiry by committee has been a failure—men who have been returned to Parliament retaining their seats, although it was clear as noonday that their election had been neither more nor less than the triumph of wealth and influence over principle. The application of the golden spur had carried them into the Commons at a gallop, and we all know that when a member has once taken his seat protests are seldom of avail. If we are to credit the assertions of Mr Bright the present House is the most corrupt that ever sat in England, and so potent has wealth been in biasing suffrage that the honorable gentleman is of opinion that the letters M. P., which follow the names of members, mean money power.

If such are the facts at the present momentous epoch, it becomes doubly important that bribery and corruption should be prevented by more prompt and rigorous measures than those hitherto employed. England has entered on a series of reforms, all of which are very good, and might have been better for the country had they been accomplished in a different order. The commission on education did not begin its labours until some time after the bill extending the suffrage had passed, whereas had the reform in education preceded the latter by a few years, there might have been somewhat less necessity for a stringent bribery bill. The qualification of voters in England is at present very low, and not all those who have votes are incorruptible, or above being influenced by a bank note, and here is little doubt that the Government, hard pressed and appealing to the country on a question like the disestablishment of the Irish Church, will not spare cash if it can secure a majority and the safety of their position. If money can prevent the connection between the State and the Irish Church being broken up, the efforts of Mr. Gladstone and others have for the present been in vain.—But bribes are not always in cash, nor are they always distributed to the poor. Promises of endeavours to procure a commission in the army, or a place in the customs or excise for the sons of even wealthy men, are sometimes, if not always, considered legitimate transactions, and if so "where," says a high authority, "is the justice of prosecuting and punishing the greedy tradesman or shopkeeper who entreats himself with stipulating for the payment of some £5 or £10?—The fact is, it is altogether impracticable to put down bribery at elections, making the word in its enlarged sense, where poor men have that in their possession which rich men are eager to acquire, it is the merest drivelling to suppose it possible to hinder the farmer from selling, and the latter from buying."

There is no doubt some truth in the latter assertion, and perhaps votes will not cease entirely to be bought and sold, until men become imbued with higher ideas of politics, and look upon the suffrage more in the light of a sacred trust. But if the new bill does not prevent the evil it will perhaps confine it within narrower limits. It imposes serious disabilities on persons who are detected in giving or receiving bribes, and takes away from the House of Commons the duty and privilege of enquiring into election transactions, and places them in the hands of the Superior Courts of Westminster. And particularly the enquiry to be prompt, searching, and made on the spot. It is said that even the Judges themselves shrink from the responsibility sought to be thrust upon them.

It is thought the California wheat surplus for export this season will reach 1,000,000 tons.

HOLIDAY.—A petition to the Mayor to proclaim the 4th of August as a civic holiday was carried round the town yesterday, and received over fifty signatures. The memorial was presented last night, and we understand that his Worship will issue the requisite proclamation. Our readers are aware that on the day mentioned the match for the silver ball and championship will be contested between the "Young Canadians," of Woodstock, and the "Maple Leaf" Club, of Guelph. The Manager of the Great Western has been telegraphed to absent an excursion to London, and we have no doubt, knowing the liberality of the Great Western, that the request will be acceded to. As this will be the last holiday of the season, and probably the last excursion, we are almost certain that many will avail themselves of the reduction of the fare to indulge in a trip, and the interest felt in the match to be played that day will bring to Woodstock more visitors than it has seen on one day for a very long time.

There is a panic in the Ministerial camp at Ottawa, on account of the state of matters in Nova Scotia, and Sir John and Sir George are at last waking up to the serious state of affairs there. The ministerialists say that Nova Scotia is going to declare herself out of the Union and refuse to pay revenue to the Ottawa Government. The Coalition, among other sins, has made a frightful mess of the Nova Scotia questions. From the beginning they started wrong with the tariff.

New Advertisements.

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

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 supervision, 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-tf

MEDICAL HALL!



Wyndham Street, Guelph, Ontario.

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

SERVANT WANTED.

WANTED in a small respectable family, where there are no children, a clean, tidy servant girl, who can do general housework. Apply at the Mercury Office, Guelph.
Guelph, July 24. dw1

New Advertisements.

SPEED LODGE No. 180.

AN Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on **TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 28th**, when a full and punctual attendance of the brethren is requested.
JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.
Guelph, 27th July, 1868. dtd

SHAWL FOUND.

FOUND by the subscriber, on the 24th of July, on the Erasmus Road, between Guelph and John Benn's saloon, a shawl. The owner, by proving property and paying expenses, can have the same. A bill of goods was included in the parcel, from Henderson & Co., Perth, to a Mrs. Barnhart.
WILLIAM ROADHOUSE,
July 27. d4 w1 Lot 9, Con. 7, Erin.

HAND WANTED

A helper in the Blacksmith Shop. Apply immediately at the Excelsior Works.
J. B. ARMSTRONG.
Guelph, July 24. daw 1w

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 48 "
do 25c. " 24 "
do 10c. " 9 "
do two 5c. " 9 "
do one 5c. " 5 "

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 OF VISHNU

In his inimitable Gift Magical Soirees.

150 BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS

To be given away nightly, ranging in value from 15 cents to \$1.50.
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 at a quarter past 8 o'clock.
G. H. TWOMBLY, Agent.
Guelph, July 25. do 71

J. MURISON DUNN, B. A., L. L. B.

HEAD MASTER OF THE GUELPH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Private lessons in Classics, French and the higher English branches.

Pupils prepared for entering the Law Society the Universities, or any of the Medical Schools.
Guelph, July 25. d4 w1

Guelph Steam Foundry

AND AGRICULTURAL WORKS,
UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

MILLS & MELVIN

HAVE now on hand a complete assortment of Gray's and Paterson's celebrated

STEEL PLOUGHS,

CAST IRON PLOUGHS of the most approved patterns.

CULTIVATORS, SCARIFIERS, HORSE HOES, DRAG SAWS, STRAW and Turnip Cutters,

Agricultural Furnaces, (greatly improved from those now in use) Stoves, Pumps, &c.

All kinds of CASTINGS made and finished to order. TINSMITING, in all its branches, carried on. RIVE TROUGH, RIVE PIPES, &c., made and put up in town or country.
Guelph, July 27. 1y

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail at

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE,
UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH

Guelph, July 24. dw-tf

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between Drs. Orton and Clarke is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the firm will please call and settle their accounts at the office of Dr. Clarke, Quebec-st.

WM. CLARKE,
HENRY ORTON,
(Signed) R. ORTON.
Guelph, 17th July, 1868. dw1m

Stilton Cheese.

FROM

CROSS & BALKWILL,

LONDON, ENGLAND,
ONE CASE

STILTON CHEESE

IN FINE ORDER.
GEO. WILKINSON,
Guelph, July 25. daw tf

New Advertisements.

COMMENCING ON THE 25th JULY.

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE

OF THE SEASON

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

PHILIP BISH

WILL COMMENCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 25th, TO SELL THE WHOLE OF HIS STOCK OF

FANCY & STAPLE DRY GOODS

AT COST,

COTTON GOODS.

All kind of Cotton Goods will be sold at less than this season's price of importation.

Bargains in Dress Goods.

Dress Goods less than half-price. Another lot at 12 1/2c, usual price 25 to 30c. These are the goods that have astonished everybody.

If you want to get a Dress call at once as they will be sold in a few days.

MILLINERY & MANTLES.

The balance of the MILLINERY AND MANTLE stock will be sold regardless of cost.

Great Remnant Sale.

During the Sale one counter will be used exclusively for REMNANTS, the accumulation of this season's business. They will be sold at prices which must astonish every one.

This is Positively the last Clearing Sale of the Season.

Parties studying their own interests, and wishing to get rid of Silver at par should call at once and satisfy themselves.

No Goods charged during the sale, unless at regular prices.

PHILIP BISH,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

COMMENCING ON THE 25th JULY.

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-3m

NOTICE TO CRICKETERS

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

Bats and Wickets,

AT HALF PRICE,

AT W. J. McCURRY'S

Bookstore, Wyndham Street.
Guelph, July 24, 1868. dot

ARRIVED.

JUST ARRIVED

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

50 White Granite Toilets
25 Printed do do
Fancy Stone and Parian Water Jugs
Butter Dishes, with Strainers
Bird Fountains, Seed Boxes & Baths
Corn Starch and Jelly Moulds
Engraved Bar Bottles
Sherry Coddler Tubes
100 dozen New Pattern Tumblers and Wine Glasses
25 dozen Lager Beer Jugs
Glass Bowls, Cream Jugs, Water Jugs
Tea Sets, in China, White, and Coloured Ware,

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, July 18th, 1868. dw

CASH, CASH.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FROM and after the **FIRST OF AUGUST** I intend to do a strictly Cash business, and will positively open no more accounts with any one. I also propose to offer at all times the best stock of Boots and Shoes to be found in Ontario at the Lowest Cash Price.

All parties indebted either by note or book account are requested to pay up before the 31st instant, and save costs.

JOHN MCNEIL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 17th July. dw

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

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 sum not exceeding \$30.

N. HIGINBOTHAM,
Guelph, 22nd July. dwf

A CARD.

MR. W. WARNER CLARK

MAKES this opportunity of intimating to the inhabitants of Guelph and its vicinity that he has rented the store fronting the Market Square lately occupied by Mr. Day, and intends opening a

Music and Stationery Store,

Where he will be happy to supply all who may favour him with a call with

MUSIC BOOKS, SHEET MUSIC, PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS, VIOLINS AND CONCERTINAS, FLUTES, PIPES, ETC.

AND ALL KINDS OF

PLAIN & FANCY STATIONERY

Guelph, July 24. daw tf

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