

**Preparing for the Struggle.**  
In Britain the notes of preparation for the coming general election are already beginning to be heard. The Tories, knowing full well that this will be the last and greatest struggle to keep the Church of England in connection with, and under the favour of the State, are resorting to the most desperate shifts to inflame the bigotry and intolerance of the people. An association has been formed in London, called the "Finsbury Union," with a view of scouring the return of two Conservative members to Parliament for that district, and pledged to sustain the Irish branch of the Episcopal Church, has issued a circular to the clergy of Finsbury, marked "private and confidential," in which all the "faithful" are earnestly enjoined to "unite for the promotion of our civil and religious liberties, the stability of the throne, and the greatness and prosperity of the nation." To show how unscrupulous the members of this Association are, and to what lengths they and sticklers for Church and State connection generally will go, we quote the following sentence from the circular issued. An "unnatural and unholy alliance," they say, "has been formed between the High Church Ritualists and Broad Churchmen, Ultramontane Papists and Protestant Dissenters, avowed infidels and Republican Radicals, with no common purpose but the reckless design of destroying our National Protestant Church, the country's only safeguard against the encroachments of the Apostate Church of Rome, the great enemy of God's truth, and the unrelenting persecutor of His saints in every part of the world." It can hardly fail to strike even the most careless reader, what an utter want of faith these Unionists of Finsbury show in the creed they profess to hold so tenaciously and to prize so dearly, when they avow, in effect that their only hope for the safety of the Protestant Church of England lies in the favor and protection of the State.

A Church Defence Association has also been formed in Manchester, which makes an urgent appeal for "help and assistance towards defraying the expense of 10,000 copies of Foxe's Book of Martyrs," published by the Book Society in London, at two pence each, and intended to be "distributed free in all the Church of England Sunday Schools to scholars from nine years of age and upward, to counteract the circulation of Wm. Cobbett's History of the Reformation, which is being sown broadcast in our city, and is calculated to inflict a deep wound on our cause at the general election." It puzzles one to understand how the distribution among the juveniles of old Foxe's Martyrology can influence the result of the election in Manchester—unless on the supposition that it is hoped to reach the parents thro' their children.

In Ireland also the battle of creeds has commenced. Furious appeals are made to the old spirit of Orangeism, and Protestant Associations are everywhere marshaling their forces for the fight, upon the issue of which the people are in effect assured will depend whether the massacres of 1641 shall not be avenged upon the Protestant descendants of the men of that bloody period. But while these strait-laced sectaries are thus fanning the flames of religious hate and bigotry, the Liberals are not idle. Mr. Gladstone's great speech to his constituents in South Lancashire, lately delivered, shows how the Liberals will meet the No Popery cry of the Tories. The duplicity of Israel has furnished them with powerful weapons. Mr. Gladstone proved, with a convincing force which no unbiased mind will be able to resist, that the original plan of the Tories with regard to Church Reform in Ireland went so far as to include the endowment of the Roman Catholic Church. If the masses of the English people can be made to understand the undoubted correctness of Mr. Gladstone's assertion, it is the leaders of the Tories, not the Liberals, against whom the No Popery cry should direct itself. There are thousands and thousands of voters who regard the Established Church in Ireland as a strong bulwark against the Roman Catholic Church, but who will not hesitate a moment to consent rather to the disestablishment of that church than to the establishment of the church of Rome. Already the vast majority of the Dissenters are very decided supporters of Mr. Gladstone's plan, a fact that must in advance disarm all candid minds as to the alleged alliance between the Liberals and the Roman Catholics.

**Latest from Toronto.**  
**Two Men Killed—Building Operations—Trial of the Express Robbers.**  
TORONTO, Aug. 22.  
Special to Guelph Evening Mercury.  
Two brothers of the name of Smith, were killed this morning at 7 o'clock, at the Queen's Wharf, by a locomotive on the Grand Trunk Railway. One of the brothers was a night watchman, and the other was going to work, when they met and entered into conversation. A locomotive approached on the track on which they were standing and whistled. Their attention was distracted from it by another locomotive approaching near them, when both were run over and horribly mangled.

It is estimated that there were no less than \$615,000 worth of new buildings erected in Toronto during the season. The trial of the Express robbers is in progress. Morton and Charles Thompson

**NOT FOUND.**—We learn that the body of Miss Goldsmith, who was drowned in Puslinch Lake on Thursday last, has not yet been recovered.

**BARLEY GOING UP.**—Mr. Geo. Tolton bought a load of very fine barley to-day from Mr. John Barbour, of Erin, paying therefor \$1 per bushel.  
**SERMON AT ROCKWOOD TOMORROW.**—The Rev. Mr. Wall, now on a visit to Guelph, will at the request of Rev. Mr. Vicars, preach in the Episcopal Church, Rockwood, to-morrow evening at 6 p.m. This will enable friends not too far off to attend and get home in good season.  
Lucien while attempting to separate two men who were quarreling in Montreal, was shot through the leg, making amputation necessary.  
The celebrated Hawkesbury Mills, that receive their power from the Ottawa river are now high and dry, and have been idle most of the summer.  
The Pope is said to have offered the command of his army to a prominent general of the Confederate army at an annual salary of ten thousand scudi. The Pope is unwilling to entrust the place to a French general, plenty of whom are anxious to obtain it.

**BIRTHS.**  
PARR—On Monday, 17th inst., the wife of Thos. Parr, Esq., Montreal Telegraph office, Windsor, Ont., of a daughter.  
TUCK—On Thursday, 20th inst., the wife of Herbert F. Tuck, M.D., Guelph, of a daughter.  
STEVENS—In Arthur Village, on the 6th inst., the wife of Robert Stevenson, Esq., of a son.  
TREVIN—On the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. E. B. Trevin, Perth, of a son.

**New Advertisements.**  
**Servant Girl Wanted.**  
WANTED, a smart, active servant girl, to go to a Village a few miles out of Guelph. Apply at the Mercury Office.  
Guelph, Aug. 21. d 1f

**TOWN HALL, GUELPH.**  
**Four Nights Only**  
**Tuesday, Wed'n'sday, Thursday**  
**AND FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 26, 27 & 28.**  
**FRANCE & LANNIER'S**  
**GRAND DRAMATIC**  
**CONSTELLATION**

THE above TALENTED COMPANY will have the honor of appearing before the Citizens of Guelph and vicinity for a limited number of nights, when will be produced some of the Latest Sensational Novelties Known to the Theatrical World. The initial performance will be the famous Irish Drama, **ARRAH-NA-POGUE!** Or, THE WICKLOW WEDDING, With a powerful Cast of Characters, together with the highly amusing farce, called **THE MAN IN BLACK!** Entire change of bill each night. Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c. For particulars, see programmes.  
G. W. NISBET, Agent  
Guelph, Aug. 22. da 4

**CLEARING SALE**  
OF AN IMMENSE STOCK OF  
**WALL PAPER,**  
AT  
**Day's Bookstore,**  
OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

The balance of our Stock of **PAPER HANGINGS** will be sold at **COST** to make room for our **Spring stock.**  
Now is the time to buy; sooner than keep it over till next Spring we will sell at **First Cost.**  
A large lot on hand. Call early and select good patterns, at  
**DAYS BOOKSTORE,**  
Opposite the Market.  
Guelph, Aug. 22. da 1f

**TO RIFLEMEN.**  
JUST RECEIVED AT  
**PETRIE'S DRUG STORE,**  
POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
A SUPPLY OF  
**COULD'S MAGIC**  
**RIFLE-CLEANER!**

For cleaning Rifles and Sporting Guns, and instantly removing fouling and leading without the use of water or oil.  
**A. B. PETRIE,**  
Chemist, Guelph.  
Guelph, Aug. 21. daw 1f

**CHALMERS' CHURCH.**  
THE Rev. A. D. McDONALD, of the Clinton, will preach at the Court House on **SABBATH NEXT, the 23rd inst.** At 11 a.m., and at half-past 6 p.m. Sabbath School at 8 o'clock.

**FRIEND,**  
WHERE can I get good, sound first-class **Bacon, Hams and Shoulders?**  
**AT WILKINSON'S**

He has the best in the Dominion. The sweetest, cheapest and best assortment of  
**BRIAR ROOT AND FANCY PIPES**  
IS AT  
**GEO. WILKINSON.**  
Guelph, August 3. daw 1f

**DOMINION STEAM Washing Machine!**  
A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND WONDERFUL INVENTION!  
**New Method of Washing CLOTHES**  
WITHOUT WEAR OR TEAR BY FRICTION!  
It has been thoroughly tested, and declared a PERFECT SUCCESS. It is now in operation on the Market Square, opposite the VEGETABLE SHEDS, and one door West of the old ADVERTISING Office.  
Any Person can have a Machine to Test it.  
Ladies are respectfully solicited to call and examine this wonderful machine, while in operation, and judge for themselves.  
WILSON & STEARNS, Agents.  
Guelph, August 17. Agents dot

**TOWN and PARK LOTS FOR SALE.**  
F. J. B. FORBES has been instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Town Hall, Guelph, on **Wednesday, 2nd of Sept., 1868,** At Two o'clock p.m., the following Valuable Properties:  
1.—Lot No. 1, in the Town of Guelph, nearly quarter of an acre of land, with three fronts, situated in a good business part of the town, between the Grand Trunk Station and the Anglo-American Hotel. This lot will be sold in subdivisions of twenty feet. Fronts on Market Square, extending to Macdonnell-st., about 105 feet.  
2.—Park Lots Nos. 19 and 20, being part of the subdivision of Lot 1, in the 3rd concession, division C, Township of Guelph, 1 1/2 acres in a block, situate on the Grand Trunk Railway, and adjoining Judge Macdonald's residence, with an unfinished house thereon.  
3.—Park Lots Nos. 25, 31, 32, 34 and 36—37 acres in a block—being part of Lot 3, 3rd concession, division C, Township of Guelph. The land is of the best quality, free from stumps, and eligible situated for building sites.  
4.—The west third of Lot No. 999, south side of Northumberland street, in the Town of Guelph, with a commodious Frame Cottage, Garden, &c.  
5.—Lot No. 13, in Thomson's Survey, South Ward, with a good substantial Stone House 34 x 22, containing five rooms and a good cellar. Also, a good Stone Stable, Garden, Fenny Well, &c., with the option of more land if required.  
6.—Lot No. 12 on Liverpool Street, near the Grammar School, with a good cottage, containing four rooms, cook house and cellar. The lot is well fenced and cultivated.  
Conditions of sale and time of payment made known on day of sale.  
**THOMPSON & JACKSON,**  
Land, Loan and General Agents, Wyndham-st Guelph, 8th August. dw 2

**Instruction, Exercises, and Music FOR THE VIOLIN.**  
CAMPAGNOLI'S Celebrated Method, \$6.00.—Soprano's School, complete, \$4. Abridged, \$2. Mazas' Instructor with Fley's Duets, \$2.50. Modern School by Fessenden \$2.50. Saunders' Self-Instructing School, \$1.25. May's Operatic Method, \$1.50. Hill's Practical Method, \$2.50. Hawkins' School, \$2.50. Old Bull Instructor, 60c. Winner's Perfect Guide, a new and popular book, containing self-instruction, 200 exercises, Melodics, 75c. Viola Complete, \$1.25. Violin made Easy, 75c. Jewett's National Teacher, 75c. Kreutzer's 40 Studies, \$2.50. Woodbury's Instructor, 50c. Howe's School—Self-Instructor—Without a Master and Ethiopian, each 50c. Fley's Violin Duets, 75c. Method, post paid, on receipt of price by OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington-St., Boston, or CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 71 Broadway, New York. daw 1f

**Upper Canada College**  
WILL RE-ASSEMBLE  
On Tuesday, September 1st, 1868,  
AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.  
WHEN all pupils, resident and non-resident, are particularly requested to be present. New pupils will then be enrolled, and those who failed to pass the midsummer examination, will be re-examined between 10 and 12:30 o'clock.  
Additional facilities are now offered to those pupils who do not desire a high classical training to join the English or Modern Departments, in which they are thoroughly prepared for Mercantile pursuits, and for Civil and Military Service.  
A special class will also be formed adapted to requirements of junior boys of from 7 to 8 years of age and upwards.  
The fact that during the last six years "old College boys" have carried off prizes out of every four Scholarships offered at the Matriculation of the University of Toronto, and a large portion of those offered at Trinity College, is a sufficient guarantee that its Scholarship has not declined.  
Very material changes have been made in the internal arrangements of the boarding house, to increase the comfort and secure the general well-being of the resident pupils.  
Every boarder is required to bring with him a certificate of good conduct from the master or tutor under whom he has been previously educated.  
Tuition fee, \$10 per term; tuition and board, including washing, seat in church and ordinary medical attendance, \$45.  
The commencement of the next session on September 1st, is the best time to enter College.  
For prospectus apply to the Principal, U. C. College, Toronto.  
Guelph, Aug. 21. T T-2w

**SPEED LODGE No. 180.**  
AN Emergency meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on **TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, 25th August,** when a full and punctual attendance of the brethren is requested. Business—One first, and two thirds; refreshments.  
**JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.**  
Guelph, 20th August, 1868. dtd

**OATS, OATS.**  
OATS can be purchased from the subscriber for **62 CENTS PER BUSHEL** at his store, West Market Square.  
**ALEX. CRICHTON.**

**New Advertisements.**  
**No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.**

**JAMES CORMACK'S**  
A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF  
**Gentlemen's Ties & Collars, in the newest Styles,**  
SIZES COMPLETE. Also, all the LEADING STYLES in  
**ENGLISH FELT & SILK HATS.**  
WITH A LARGE STOCK OF  
**Canadian & American Hats & Caps**  
**JAMES CORMACK,**  
Guelph, 24th June, 1868. Wyndham-st. Guelph

**Golden Lion, Guelph.**  
  
**A CARD TO FAMILIES,**  
Boarding Houses, Boarding Schools & Hotel-keepers.

**COLD WEATHER** is approaching, and preparation for it is necessary:  
**CANADIAN BLANKETS!**  
The Best Canadian Blankets made in the Dominion, is made for me by MESSRS. T. & J. DAVIDSON, Guelph. These Blankets are made of the best Wool that comes into OUR MARKET, grown by farmers in our own County, and manufactured in our own Town. I am thereby enabled to offer the best article produced, and  
**AT A MUCH LESS PRICE**  
Than any of my competitors in the business here. Those wishing to turn a  
**No. 1 BLANKET** at the Wholesale Price, will find it to their interest to call at once at the **GOLDEN LION.**  
**JOHN HOGG,**  
Guelph, 22nd August, 1868. dw

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**  
**BOOTS! BOOTS!**  
**Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory,**  
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

THE Machinery in this establishment is now all fitted up, and in a few days we will be in full operation.  
**On Wednesday, 26th Instant,**  
The Largest, Cheapest, Best and most Serviceable Stock of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the People of the County of Wellington, will be open for Inspection.  
Remember I manufacture all my work. I do not send money away from our County to enrich Toronto, Kingston or Montreal. I employ work people here in Guelph, thus keeping the money in circulation amongst ourselves. I make a better article than you can buy imported. I ask no Protection—FREE TRADE is my motto.  
Come and see my stock and prices, and I am satisfied you will find the Cheapest Boots and Shoes at the "Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory," Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
**CUTTER WANTED.**—Wanted immediately, a good Cutter. Also, 10 good Workmen. Apply to  
**JOHN A. McMILLAN,**  
Guelph, 20th August. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**INDIA & CHINA TEA CO'Y.**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
SINCE the TEAS of the INDIA and CHINA TEA COMPANY were introduced into Canada, some eighteen months ago, their reputation, in spite of the misrepresentations of interested parties, has become widely extended. The quantities of **Low Quality and Adulterated Teas** introduced into Canada, for sale to COUNTRY DEALERS, have largely increased, and the complaint of the difficulty of obtaining  
**A PURE and GENUINE ARTICLE**  
HAS EVEN BECOME MORE GENERAL.  
All lovers of GOOD and GENUINE TEAS should try the **India and China Tea Company's Packet Teas**, sold by their Agent in every Town and large Village throughout the Dominion. They are GUARANTEED PURE and of the FINEST QUALITY.  
Only two Prices—In air-tight packages, extra Black, Green (Hyson or Gunpowder) or Mixed, 70c. and \$1 per lb.  
**OBSERV.**—None are GENUINE, unless the Company's Trade Mark is on each packet.  
N. B.—Those who desire **Cheaper Teas**, in half-cakes or boxes, can obtain the cheapest and best in the Market, for Cash, on application to the CANADA DEPOT, 25 Hospital St., Montreal—Samples sent on application.  
The above TEAS are for sale at the MEDICAL HALL.  
**E. HARVEY & CO., Agents for Guelph.**  
Guelph, August 17. daw 3m

**Dissolution of Co-Partnership.**  
THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as Brewers, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. All claims owing by the late firm, will be settled by Mr. Geo. Sleeman, and all notes and accounts due the firm must be paid to him.  
Witness: JOHN SLEEMAN, GEORGE SLEEMAN, A. M. JACKSON, Silver Creek Brewery, Guelph, August 17, 1868.

**WANTED TO RENT.**  
WANTED to Rent a Cottage, or Single Dwelling of five or six rooms. Address Drawer Box No. 9, Guelph P. O. Guelph, August 15. dw  
**PAINTER WANTED**  
HOUSE PAINTER WANTED. Apply to THOMAS BRADON.  
**COITAGE TO RENT,**  
WITH four rooms, dining room, parlour, kitchen, Winter kitchen, soft and hard water. Terms made known on application, by letter, addressed A. B., Drawer 30, Guelph P. O. Guelph, Aug. 20, 1868. dw

**REMOVED OPPOSITE.**  
**C. & T. MEREDITH**

**HAVE REMOVED**  
TO THE PREMISES LATELY OCCUPIED BY THE  
**Canada Clothing Store!**  
Where they are now prepared to attend to the wants of their numerous customers and friends.  
**Remember No. 10.**  
C. & T. MEREDITH.  
Guelph, August 10. do 1f

**Special Notice**  
TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.  
**E. CARROLL & CO.**  
BEG to notify that they are now receiving a large lot of **NEW CHOP TEAS**  
which they intend to sell cheaper than any house in Guelph. Examine **OUR PRICES** and judge for yourselves.  
Young Hyson per lb. 75c. worth \$1 00  
Old Hyson " 50 " 0 75  
Gunpowder " 87 1 00  
Japan " 62 " 0 75  
Congou " 50 " 0 62  
Souchong " 62 " 0 75  
And all other Goods equally low at  
**No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK.**  
Guelph, August 12. daw 1f

**Morgan's Dominion**  
**SHAVING PARLOUR,**  
St. GEORGES SQUARE, GUELPH.  
THE undersigned having purchased the HAIR-DRESSING and SHAVING PARLOUR, opposite the English Church, and near the Bank of Montreal, heretofore carried on by Mr. Seppie, is prepared to attend to the wants of all who may favor him with a call. Having had nothing to do with the late combination to advance the scale of prices, he will resume  
**THE OLD CHARGES.**  
Guelph, Aug. 19. ddt E. MORGAN.

**Medical Dispensary**  
**DYE-STUFFS,**  
of every description, consisting of  
**MADDER**  
**LOGWOOD,** Chip and Extract.  
**INDIGO**  
**FUSTIC**  
**COCHINEAL, &c.**  
FOR SALE CHEAP.

**E. HARVEY**  
Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-st.  
Guelph, 10th July. daw 1f

**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

**MONTREAL**  
**OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.**  
**GUELPH AGENCY.**  
CANADIAN LINE—Quebec to Liverpool every Saturday.  
GLASGOW LINE—Quebec to Glasgow every Thursday.  
CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool, \$75.50 and \$89.50  
STERAGE do do \$24.00  
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$69.50 and \$84.50  
INTERMEDIATE do do \$45.50  
STERAGE do do \$29.50  
Return Tickets at reduced rates. Repaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out at the lowest rates. For Tickets, Staterooms, and every information apply to  
**GEO. A. OXNAER,**  
Agent, G. T. Guelph, April 29 1868. daw 1f

**DOMINION HOTEL**  
GUELPH.  
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST., a few doors above Higginbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharp's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to consumers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best off-liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 12th. dw 1f