

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS!

TREMENDOUS CLEARING SALE OF THE LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &C., BELONGING TO HOGG & CHANCE, GUELPH.

The Co-partnership Dissolved! Mr. HOGG retires from the Business!

The Stock to be Cleared Off at Cost Prices, commencing on Monday, the 9th of December.

GREAT BARGAINS! Families ought to take advantage of this rare opportunity of laying in their Winter supplies at once, as this Stock is very large and complete in every Department. **Actual Cost Prices** will be asked for all the Goods, and no second price or bantering. Store will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and close at 6 o'clock in the evening during the sale. All Goods will be sold for Cash only.

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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HOGG & CHANCE.

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Subscribers wishing to take the EVENING MERCURY by the week, or for a longer period, will please leave their names at the office, and it will be regularly delivered at their residences. Subscribers whose papers are not regularly left by the Carrier Boys, will please call at the office at once and inform us of the neglect.

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

WEDNESDAY EVE, DECEMBER 11.

NORAH CUSHALEEN
OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

"Och, murther, murther!" exclaimed Terry. "This is the most joyful day of my life. I hope yer honour and Miss Mary will live for ever. Och, isn't it better now the most blessed of drams that ever came to me."

And with a whoop which rung through the chamber, Terry relieved his desperate feelings in the usual way, namely, by dancing and leaping with wild vehemence upon the floor.

"Och, you unmanly spalpeen," exclaimed the horrified Michael; "aren't ye ashamed of yourself to do that before his honour, and Miss Mary, and Squire Kendall?"

"Be me sowl, and it's me self that couldn't help it," said Terry, blushing now in great confusion.

"Well, now," said Fergus, "tell me how I can acknowledge your devotion? Payment is impossible, but I may be able to express my sense of unparalleled kindness. What is your strongest wish? Speak up, Michael, and tell me."

"Indeed, sur-ye honour, I mane—I couldn't have had a better wish than to see what has come to pass this blessed day, and every sowl in Dundarra will say the same."

"And that's just what the hoorays uv the happy boys outside mane," added Terry.

"Ah! well, I see I must try to interpret what your unselfish nature refuse to express," said Fergus, taking a folded parchment from the table before him.

"Take this," he added, handing it to Michael.

The old man took it mechanically, and his looks showed that he did not know what it meant.

"Now do you know what that paper gives you and Terry the liberty to do with?"

Michael shook his head dubiously.

"Well, it gives you liberty to go immediately to Mountjoy and take possession of everything there—stock and crop, and to occupy the farm for the next fifty years, at the yearly rent of one sovereign."

Amazement made them dumb for some moments; then tears of joy coursed down the old man's cheeks, and Terry was about to indulge in another round of leaps, when, remembering the company he was in, he bolted from the chamber, nearly knocking down Mr. Asplin, who was entering at the moment.

"He awaits you in the next room," said the latter addressing himself to Fergus.

"I'll see him at once," remarked Fergus, as an expression of stern gravity came like a shadow over his face. "Mary, my dear," he added, looking towards his beautiful bride, "while I am engaged with O'Brady, you might retire and lay aside your travelling dress. You and I have to show ourselves in a little on the balcony. I have a few words to say to the tenants."

She came towards him and he imprinted a fond kiss on her ruby lips.

"Do not excite yourself too much with that man," she said. "He is not worthy of your anger, only of your contempt."

"Never fear, darling," he answered, "my method of dealing with him shall be short and summary."

He showed her to the room which had been put in order for her, and descending the stairs, entered a parlour which adjoined the library. Here sat Jacob O'Brady, crestfallen, and utterly nonplussed.

"Now, sir," said Fergus, with cold dignity, "we meet for the last time as landlord and agent. This evening you will hand over the books to Mr. Asplin, who is your successor, and by to-morrow I trust you will have quitted Dundarra for ever."

"This is very hard, Mr. Ormond," said the factor. "You cannot be aware that I could not know you in the incognito which you chose to assume, and it is scarcely fair to resent so severely a treatment which was not personally intended."

"Do not mistake me," said Fergus abruptly. "The ground of your dismissal is not your conduct towards me, though that was unprincipled enough; but sir, my visit here under an assumed name, has enabled me to discover the horrible abuse which you have made of your power—your despotism, injustice, and duplicity, and the wrongs and injuries you have inflicted on the tenants."

"A man of your character I loathe and abhor, and it is impossible for us to have any further connection. I might exact restitution in the case of several whom you have wronged. I have done it only in one instance—that of the Cushaleens. You ruined that family; but this very day they enter into possession of Mountjoy, and the stock and crop as it stands. You leave and take nothing with you."

"That is more than you dare do," said O'Brady, in a tone of fierce defiance. "The stock and crop are mine, and the law will enable me to keep them."

"Possibly," returned Fergus drily; "and you are at liberty to appeal to the law if you choose. In that case I shall make you answer both to myself and the law for the whole of your conduct here for the last twenty years. Will you abide the inquiry? Will you face the consequences?"

O'Brady turned pale, and was silent.

At their appearance the cheers and shouts became deafening, and hats and caps were tossed high in the air, while expressions of admiration rose from hundreds of lips.

They were in truth a charming pair. Mary looked lovely in her pure white dress as she stood by the side of her noble husband, whose tall form and manly bearing indicated a high, generous character; and every one remarked how much he resembled his father the Colonel.

Fergus held up his right hand, and there was instant silence; then the clear tones of his voice fell distinctly on their ears as he addressed them—

"My friends, if this is a glad day for you, it is not less a proud and happy one for me. For myself and my bride I thank you heartily for the enthusiastic reception you have given us, and I trust the future will prove that we were not altogether unworthy of this day's ovation. I was born in Scotland, but I always considered myself an Irishman and the father whose memory I was taught to love, would, I am sure, have returned to his native halls, if the cold hand of death had not laid him low. Some months ago I resolved to visit Dundarra as a stranger, that I might learn how it fared with my tenants—This I could easily do, for no one here had ever seen me. So under my mother's name of Hargreave I came to the valley, and in the character of a poor wandering artist resided amongst you. Here I experienced much that pleased, and saw much that grieved me. Especially was I sorry to know that the man who filled the office of factor abused his power, and ground many of you to the dust that he might fill his own pockets. But the most important personal result of my secret visit, was that I saw, and wooed, and won this lady, whom with pride and joy I can now call my wife, and now we come to make Dundarra our home, and our chief care will be to make you all comfortable and happy—Jacob O'Brady is dismissed, and my agent is now Mr. Asplin, whom you know, and who will always render you perfect justice. He and I will at once examine into all your circumstances and give you new leases on fair and encouraging terms. I will be kind to all who deserve it, and I hope that ere long Dundarra will be as happy and prosperous as it was in the days of my father."

TO BE CONTINUED.

TO THE PACIFIC IN A FORTNIGHT!—The Union Pacific Railroad has already reduced, in point of time, the overland journey to California one week. The total time from Japan to New York is now reduced to forty days, while the Liverpool merchants may receive their advices by this route in nine or ten days. Despatches received at New York on Wednesday state that the mails from China and Japan which have heretofore been sent from San Francisco by sea, and which have occupied from twenty-two to twenty-four days, in transit from that city to New York, left the former city by the overland route on the 20th ult., and will be due here tomorrow morning, only fifteen days from the Pacific coast. In five years hence the wonder will be, not that any parties were audacious enough to project and build a Pacific Railroad, but that business men were so long content to do without it.

There is a convict in the Philadelphia jail who has been under sentence of death 16 years, and has been relieved each successive year. There are several cases somewhat similar in Maine, where murderers have been confined for nearly or quite 20 years, and whom any Governor may hang "at pleasure."

A writer in the New York Tribune says of Sitka:—"Ere a twelvemonth passes this remote village will be as wild with speculation as agitated, by excitement, as deeply earnest in pursuit of gain, and as eager for the earliest news from abroad, as any growing town in Kansas or Minnesota."

Out of nineteen hundred volumes of Dickens' works in the Mercantile Library, New York, only two now remain. The natural inference would be that, despairing of an opportunity of seeing the great author, people are consigning themselves for the disappointment by reading his works.

Apprentice Wanted.
WANTED a smart, intelligent lad from 14 to 16 years of age, respectfully connected, as an apprentice. Must be a good scholar, and write a fair hand. Every opportunity will be afforded him to acquire a thorough knowledge of his business in all its departments.

JOHN HOBBSMAN,
Hardware Merchant, Guelph
Guelph, 10th December, 1867. dw2

1867. NEW FRUIT, 1867.

New London Layer Raisins
New Malaga Layer Raisins
New Select Valencia Raisins
New Seedless Raisins
New Turkey Figs in Layers
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New Filberts
New Brazil Walnuts
New Lemons, Oranges, &c.

AT H. WALKER'S
FRUIT DEPOT,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

Gold & Silver Plating
A. HOWIE & CO.
Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st.,
HAMILTON.

Watches, Chains, Rings Penell Cases, and all kinds of Jewelry Plated in Gold.

Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., Plated at reasonable rates.

Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and dispatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to.
Hamilton, November 28, 1867. dwim

Pocket Diaries
FOR 1868.

A Large Assortment
of Pocket Dairies for 1868

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, 28th November, 1867. dw

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S

English Goods!

Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce
Harvey's Sauce
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Mrs. Carey's Ketchup
Fisch's and Spanish Olives
Dunder Marmalade
Black and Red Currant Jelly
Anchovy and Bloator Paste
Green Gages, Damsons, Cherries, Plums,
Peaches, Gooseberries and Tomatoes.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, November, 28, 1867. dw

TEAS. TEAS.

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THOS. GRIFFITH & CO.,
Wholesale Grocers,
39 Front-st., TORONTO,

ARE now receiving Ex. S. S. Nova Scotian, Moravian, and other vessels,

Boxes New Valencia Raisins
" New Layer do
" Very Prime West End Layer Raisins
Bbls English Crushed Sugar
" New Currants
Bags and Pockets choice Java Coffee
Qr Casks and Cases Dunville Irish Whiskey
Cases Kinahan's L. L. do
Chests, Half Chests, and Caddies New Season, Ping Suey, Young Hysons, Gunpowders, Congous, Souchongs, Color'd and Uncolor'd Japans, Imperials, Twankay, Orange, Pekoe, &c., &c.

Bags superior Arracan Rice
Cases English Thumb Blue
Bbls Brazil Nuts
Bags S. S. Almonds
" Walnuts
" Filberts,
Cases Pearl Tapioca,
" Thin's Pickles
" Booth's, Betts' and Barclay's Old Tom
" John Bull Bitters
Crates Wine, Beer and Whiskey
Bottles
Cases Orange, Lemon & Citron Peel
Boxes Valencia and Jordan Almonds
Cases Table Salt, in glass Jars do Liqueur, &c. &c.

AND DAILY EXPECTED
Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces, Preserves.

The above, together with a large stock of
GENERAL GROCERIES,
INCLUDING
Raw and Refined Sugars,
Bright and Dark Tobaccos,
(16 Caddies, Butts and 1/2 Butts), and

WINES & LIQUORS,
COMPRISING
Pale and Dark Brandies,
Hollands and Old Tom Gin,
Jamaica Rum
Pale and Deep Golden Sherries,
Champagnes, &c.,

Will be sold at unusually Low Prices to the Trade.

TERMS LIBERAL.
THOMAS GRIFFITH & CO.,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
39 Front Street,
Toronto, Nov. 1, 1867. dw-2m

MEDICAL HALL,
GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED!

At the Medical Hall a large assortment of
LAMPS, SHADES, WICKS, & C.

No. 1 Coal Oil
FOR FAMILY USE.
Perfectly clear and free from smell.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.
Guelph, 20th Nov, 1867. dw

TOWN OF GUELPH.

ALL CLAIMS
AGAINST the Corporation of the Town of Guelph must be presented forthwith, in order that they may be discharged and entered in this year's accounts.
JAMES HOUGH,
Town Clerk and Treasurer.
Town Clerk's Office,
Guelph, 9th Dec., 1867. dw

DEVON BULL FOR SALE
FOR sale by the subscriber, the Devon Bull "Prince William," 4 years old. He has taken eight premiums at the Provincial and County Shows, and also at the last New York State Fair. He is the best bull of the Devon breed in Canada. Apply to
Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

Funerals, Funerals!

NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual. Coffins always on hand. Horses to hire. His Steam Planting Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, ashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.
NATHAN TOVELL,
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867. Nelson Crescent.

WANTED
FOR a country store, a youth about 18 years of age—one who has been at the business before preferred. Apply (if by letter post-paid) to
Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

AMERICAN WATCHES!

A FRESH STOCK OF AMERICAN

WATCHES

JUST RECEIVED.

D. SAVAGE.
Guelph, November 18, 1867. dw

IMMENSE SALE!

GREAT SALE OF

TEAS, SUGARS,

Fruits, Spices, Wines, &c.,

AT THE STORES OF

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

All General Groceries for this Month

REDUCED IN PRICE!

THE WHOLE STOCK TO BE CLEANED OUT.

Crockery, Glassware, China,

VASES, FANCY GOODS, &c., to be

SOLD OFF AT COST!

Retiring from this Branch of Business.

J. MASSIE & CO.
Guelph 19th August 1867. dw

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE

of the

AMERICAN WATCH

THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeits, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada, at the net Gold value of American Currency. The Company by thus paying all duty, costs and charges on their Watches into Canada, will supply to the people of the Dominion the

Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, and quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch. Our grades of Extra Heavy Casued Watches for Railway Engineers and Lumbermen deserve particular attention in Canada, as nothing can equal them for the purpose. Our leading Watches in 18 Carat Gold Cases for Ladies and Private Gentlemen, at medium prices, will also be found very desirable.

We are frequently asked why we don't advertise prices. We reply that as we only supply the trade, and as our Watches are now kept by most respectable houses, the public can rely on being served at a fair advance on the Manufacturer's List. Our trade marks are AMERICAN WATCH CO., APPLETON, TRACY & CO., WALTHAM WATCH CO., P. S. BARTLETT, Wm. ELLIOTT, HOME WATCH CO. Guaranteed in all cases by special certificate (except the HOME CO., which is warranted by the seller. The purchaser should always require the guarantee, as there are Swiss counterfeits for sale in some places.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, New York,
ROBERT WILKES, Toronto and Montreal, } General Agents.
D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

December 10th, 1867. dw

STRAYED PIGS.
CAME into the premises of the subscriber, near the Race Course Inn, about three weeks ago two good sized Pigs. The owner is requested to send a notice, by express, and take them
Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

Drs. Orton & Clarke
HAVE again entered into partnership, in the practice of their profession. They will be assisted by Dr. Richard Orton Orton (Guelph-st.), at the residence of D. Orton