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PRICE ONE PENNY

NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE

A. GRAHAM & CO.

Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg.

First door East of Bell's Melodeon Factory, EAST MARKET SQUARE,

where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

POTATOES.

On hand, a large consignment of capital potatoes, which we will sell at the lowest possible price. Give us a call.

A. GRAHAM & CO. Guelph, Nov. 23. dtm

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.

Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch moves is the average production of the above Factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can and barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as time-keepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS. Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer THE AMERICAN WATCH to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Ellyer" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied one minute in a year, is well known, without care or cleaning, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION, as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fitness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen; or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearers they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON, General Agents, New York. ROBERT WILKES, Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

F. M. WILSON, Banking, Exchange & Passage OFFICE, No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

American Money and Silver, Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold.

Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, London, and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania, Havre, &c., via Leith.

Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mail Line Steamship Company to California. Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c., in the Village of Acton.

Public notice is hereby given on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, I will offer for sale by public auction, on the premises, in the village of Acton, in one lot, as much in the \$, the Stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton, consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, which, with certain Household Furniture and Book Belts, are valued at \$2,900. The Store is large and convenient, with a Dwelling House above, and a large garden in the rear. The rent, which is paid up to March next, is only \$120 per annum. The Stock and Book may be viewed on the premises up to the day of sale, by application to Malcolm or Donald Kennedy, residents of the village, and a copy of the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned.

THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee. 83 Front Street, Toronto. dtl-w2

SALT SALT

Wholesale and Retail at A. H. R. KENNEDY'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE, UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH Guelph, July 24. dtw-ff

FUNERALS

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WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER, SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street, House in rear Mr. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground. The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand made to order on the shortest notice Terms very moderate. W. BROWNLOW March 20 868. awa

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph, November 19. dtw-ff

New Advertisements.

THE

Boulevard Skirt,

COMBINING BEAUTY, ECONOMY AND DURABILITY, A

UNIVERSAL FAVORITE,

AT

WM. STEWART'S

CALL AND SEE IT.

THE ALEXANDRA

QUILTED SKIRT,

IN ALL QUALITY AT

W. STEWART'S

WILLIAM C. BAINE, ACCOUNTANT.

Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of books. Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.

OFFICE—At Messrs. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH. Guelph, Nov. 26. do 5w

CARTER'S (LATE WEBSTER'S) FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell.

Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain, CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c., Cheaper than the Cheapest IN TOWN.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town. Guelph, Nov. 24. do 4f

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF, SADDLER, Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

IN THE NEW BUILDING,

Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and Cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts, Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention directed to my Stock of HORSE-CLIPPING, Blankets, Sursingles. A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.

H. METCALF, Guelph, December 4. dtw

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Direct from Labrador,

JUST ARRIVED

50 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring

50 half do. do do

15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod Fish, highly recommended for table use.

50 qtls. Dry Cod Fish.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, November 18th. dtw

DYEING DAILY.

The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Half Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all

PERSONS WHO DYE

To give him a call. Resuscitation guaranteed to perfection. J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.

FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion viz Grinding all kinds of Cutlery, razors, knives, scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE.

JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser, Guelph, December 4. dtw Next Post Office.

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,

(Successor to John W. Murton), Banking and Exchange OFFICE, No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and 5-20 Bonds bought and sold at the lowest rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R., and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R., for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports.

Agent for the Keshaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes. Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full assortment of COFFINS always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and

NEXT D. GUTHRIE'S LAW OFFICE Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL NATHAN TOVELL, Jr Guelph, December 12. dtw

NOTICE.

SILVER CREEK BREWERY. Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged. GEO. SLEHMAN Guelph, Nov. 30. daw 4f

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET FRIDAY EV'NG, DEC. 18TH, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

Baron Rothschild left enough money to buy all New York city at its assessed value.

Minnesota pays \$10 apiece for wolf scalps, and in the past year has expended \$10,000 for such purchases.

Judge Draper, son of Chief Justice Draper died at Kingston on Thursday morning, after a long and painful illness.

Charles Dickens' latest production is a description of his last voyage from America to England in the steamer *Ussian*.

As soon as Mrs. Lincoln's illness at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, was known many hundreds of persons of all classes called at her hotel to inquire after her health.

Three of the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners are in Ottawa, but Mr. Brydges is so much taken up with Grand Trunk matters that he is compelled to be absent.

WEST WARD.—We have been requested to announce that Mr. George Hadden will be a candidate for the representation of the West Ward at the approaching Municipal election.

Small pox prevails to an alarming extent in California. A meeting in San Francisco, on Friday night, voted to adopt stringent measures to prevent the further spread of the malady.

The application in Chancery for an injunction to prevent the By-laws passed by Toronto, in favour of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, from being carried into effect, has been withdrawn.

Horse's shoes want to be sharpened this weather. A milkman's animal fell this morning in front of the Wellington hotel, and no doubt got his ribs hurt. The milk wasn't spilt, which was very consolatory.

BILLS VS. SILVER.—The *Globe* says that the "Silver Nuisance," as far as Toronto is concerned, is almost a complaint of the past, and it is only in transactions taking place on the market that it suffers a revival.

EAST WARD ELECTION.—We are authorized to state that Mr. William Allan will be a candidate for a seat in the Council for the east ward. Judging from present appearances he is likely to be returned without opposition.

A fire took place in Riner & Hickney's Woollen Factory, Wellesley, on Friday morning last, but fortunately before it could make much headway, it was stopped. The loss will not be over \$400 which was fully covered by insurance.

Mr. James Young, M.P., has bought the Victoria Hub, Spoke and Bending Works, owned by Mr. James McMillan, of Galt. Mr. Young and Mr. Smith, formerly associated with Mr. McMillan, will carry on the business in future.

The Church Society of the Diocese of Ontario have commenced legal proceedings in Chancery to compel the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto to make good certain securities transferred to the former by the latter, which have been found to be bad.

Messrs. Walter and Frank Shanty have taken the famous Hoosac tunnel in hand. It has been ever so many years in process of completion, and is not yet finished. The last company which undertook the work failed, and now Messrs. Shanty will bring Canadian energy and perseverance to the task of finding daylight. The contract price is \$5,000,000, and more than half the entire length of the tunnel—four and a half miles—is yet to be bored.

RATHER ODD.—It is reported says the correspondent of the *Hamilton Times* that a motion is to be made in the House before the Legislature rises, to transfer the salary of the Speaker of the House, being the sum of \$1,000, to John Sanfield Macdonald, inasmuch as he has performed all the duties of the office from the commencement of the first session up to the present time. Whether the House would adopt such a motion, I will not pretend to say, but I am quite sure there is not a member of the House who would not admit its justice.

CATTLE STOLEN.—Mr. George Scott, of Nichol, came to town last night in quest of two cattle which he believed had been stolen from his premises. He saw one of them with a herd that were at the G. W. Station awaiting shipment, and resolved to take the proper steps for securing his property this morning. But when he went back the beast was not to be seen, and after diligent search the Chief Constable found it in a yard in town. The other one has not been heard of.

GOOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.—We call attention to the new advertisement of the Melodeon Manufacturing Company of this town. They received two first prizes at the late Provincial Exhibition for the "quality of tone and workmanship" of their instruments, which have now a deservedly high reputation. This company turns out from five to six instruments per week and ships them to nearly every county in Ontario. As in this way they bring a large amount of money to Guelph which is mostly spent in the town they deserve great credit for their enterprise. Factories of every sort should be encouraged by us and especially this one which turns out musical instruments at least equal in tone and appearance to the best made in the United States or Canada. Their instruments are warranted for five years; and as the factory may now be considered a permanent institution among us, such guarantee ought certainly to be a consideration with any one buying an instrument.—Support home manufactures.

School Legislation.

Sir.—As the suggestions and motions made before the House and in Committee are likely to form the groundwork of the New Educational Bill for Ontario, it might not be out of place should the proposed modifications of the present system receive some further discussion before they pass into law. Much of the present agitation, especially in connection with Grammar Schools, has doubtless arisen from the late report of the Superintendent of these institutions, but how the evils complained of are to be remedied by the contemplated changes does not appear. It will be admitted that the chief feature in Grammar School education is the classical, being mainly established to prepare matriculants for the Universities and professions. Few in Canada, apart from this utilitarian aspect, undertake a classical education for mere accomplishment, or the advantage of what is usually styled a finished education. If, therefore, a classical education is necessary for the higher professions, are Grammar Schools likely to be the more effective if they are thrown open to pupils of all grades and both sexes? Should the experiment be made the contrary will certainly be the result. If it be true that they have either totally or partially failed to meet public expectations and public requirements, and that mere English education can be obtained but in few of them, is it certain that the present Grammar School system is to blame? Is it not rather because this work is not required of them that they fail to do it? Because in the entrance examinations to our Universities, but especially in connection with some of the professions, an English education is almost wholly ignored, while honours, medals and scholarships are bestowed on any other department rather than this. Grammar Schools under any system will fail to furnish an article so little in demand. The mere fact that it is desirable will not furnish it so long as young men who could with difficulty pass examinations as second-class school teachers—even before a County Board—may without difficulty gain admission into many of our Religious and Medical Institutions, where little or nothing is added to their English education during their whole course. Grammar Schools furnish nine-tenths of the pupils attending such institutions.—Salvatore contemplates next an article on the very articles in demand? Another great cause of the want of efficiency in Grammar Schools, as they at present exist, is not so much in their system as in their number, and localities in which many of them are established.—Even county towns those attended by local pupils only, are not in a prosperous condition, while those in small villages drag out an unenviable existence, a drain on the school fund, and attended by a class of pupils who might well find employment for years in schools of less pretentious titles. It is a mistake to establish Grammar Schools in such places with a view of benefiting or accommodating the Canadian people. Comparatively few after all can enjoy even the questionable advantages which such schools afford, without going from home. Under these circumstances, ten or twenty miles more or less is a matter of no account. These evils remedied, a few well-sustained and properly conducted Grammar Schools, established in our leading County towns, will do the work required more effectively under the present system, than can legitimately be expected should the proposed changes be introduced.

The injustice of excluding females from the advantages of a Grammar School education is only apparent. Not one parent in a hundred would desire his daughter—and certainly not many of the daughters themselves desire to engage in many of those branches which ought to form the distinctive feature of a Grammar School education. The injustice to females therefore, does not arise from such exclusion, but from the fact that school legislation in Canada, has hitherto been wholly for the male portion of the community—not in excluding females from certain schools, but in establishing no schools for higher female education. Why not, in connection with the High Schools spoken of, establish a thorough Female Department, with perhaps one local and several thoroughly competent female teachers? In there, let a sound English Education be the first requisite, followed by an Ornamental, if necessary. One-half the Grammar Schools, as at present constituted, done away with, and such High Schools established in their stead, will more fully meet the Educational requirements of the country, than the opening of the present schools to all grades and classes of pupils. The work of the remaining Grammar Schools should be strictly defined, and should have reference especially to the University and the professions. Having finished their English Education, pupils might graduate from these High Schools to the Grammar Schools at regular intervals, upon passing written examinations which ought to be uniform throughout the Province. Should no other provision be made for higher female education than the mere opening of Grammar Schools for their admission, while such a change may be of some advantage to those who live in their immediate neighbourhood, the confidence of those who must send their daughters from home can never be placed in a system where no supervision whatever seems to be contemplated, except such as may be exercised during school hours. In countries where the sexes are educated in the same institutions, school legislation takes cognizance of this difficulty; and such arrangements with regard to school-rooms, boarding establishments, &c., as may partially at least, gain public confidence, are found in connection with the system. D. M. C. Dec. 18th, 1868.

George Francis Train will soon be in New York. He would have been home earlier could he have got out of Dublin jail. He was only released on Saturday. John Bull has learned discretion. The British Lion has humbled himself and come down. Train declines to forgive England, but is strong as ever for Turkish baths, and strong as ever against tobacco and whiskey. He is for Irish Independence and Woman's Rights, and being as he tells us himself, "a born egotist," will, no doubt, in his orations on the topics mentioned, give full satisfaction to himself, at any rate.

On Sabbath next a new Presbyterian Church will be opened at Listowel, and on the succeeding Tuesday the Rev. J. W. Bell will preach at the same place.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The rumours circulating in regard to difficulties among members of the Provisional Government are denounced as false and unfounded.—The present Cabinet, it is believed, will remain intact until the meeting of the Cortes.

CADIZ, Dec. 17.—The city is tranquil, and the recent fugitives are returning to their homes and business.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The *Official Correspondence* of this city says: It is expected with confidence that the Turkish and Greek Governments will listen to the warnings of the Great Powers, and abstain from hostilities.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16, 10 p. m.—The ultimatum of the Sultan has been rejected by Greece, and the Greek Envoy here has received his passports. All Greeks remaining in Turkey after a fortnight, women excepted, will be regarded as subjects of the Sublime Porte. A squadron has sailed hence to reinforce the fleet of Hobarz Pasha. An engagement took place between the Greek steamer *Evros* and a Turkish cruiser.—Particulars of the fight are not known.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Bright has accepted the position of President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Layard has been appointed Commissioner of Public Works.

Stocks of earthquake are reported in several parts of India. Famine is again threatened in Central India; food crops deficient, and prospects worse than ever.

The *Times* says Reverdy Johnson's assurance that the *Alabama* negotiations are closed, must be accepted, though with surprise, seeing that he increased his demands after Lord Stanley had expressed under all that could be abandoned honourably. It regrets that so much has been made public about negotiations.

American Despatches

New York, Dec. 18th.—The *Herald's* Port au Prince special says: At the capture of Miragoane by President Salnave many houses and a large quantity of property were destroyed. The prisoners were all annexed except a few chiefs. Salnave contemplates next an article on the French and English captured by him have accepted the proffered indemnity. The English have acknowledged the present blockade as effective.

The *Herald's* South American correspondent says: An expedition to flank Lopez's position at Villata, found troops and fortifications to resist them. Mr. Gould, the British Minister, had returned from Paraguay, and is on his way to England with despatches. It is understood that Lopez would not surrender his English prisoners.

Board of Public Instruction.

The half-yearly meeting of the Board of Public Instruction for the South Riding took place on Tuesday last and terminated on Thursday. The candidates for certificates presented themselves, twenty competing for first class, and the others for second. Fourteen were ladies; fifteen, gentlemen. Certificates were awarded as follows:

FIRST CLASS.—Charles McLellan, A. title recalled. Alex. Falconer, B, 3 years; Alex. Jackson, B, 3 years; J. B. Smith, B, 3 years; Wm. Tovell, B, 3 years; D. McKellar, B, 3 years; David Nairn, B, 3 years. Samuel F. Johnson, C, 18 months; W. Chisholm, C, 18 months; Jas. Beattie, C, 18 months; Joseph McDonald, C, 18 months; John Carroll, C, 18 months. Catharine Collins, B, 3 years; Catharine Reid, B, 3 years; Elsie McRoberts, B, 3 years; Catharine Matheson, B, 1 year; Catharine Thompson, B, 3 years. Agnes McCorkindale, C, 18 months; Catharine McKinley, C, 18 months.

SECOND CLASS.—Julia Smith, A, 3 years. Mary Holmwood, B, 18 months; Amy Goodove, B, 1 year; Alex. Anderson, B, 1 year; Mary Ann McKinnon, B, 1 year; Hattie Goodfellow, B, 1 year; Britanna Perry, B, 1 year. Caroline Hall, C, 6 months.

On Tuesday the following resolution was passed: That this Board having learned from the public journals, that a Bill is to be introduced to the local Parliament proposing extensive and important alterations on the School Laws at present in force in this Province; and that there is danger of the said bill being carried through the House during the present session, and before the country has had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with its contents, that the chairman, with the mover and seconder, be appointed a committee to draft a petition to Parliament, deprecating such hasty legislation on matters affecting every household and family in our land, and submit it to the Board before adjournment.

A petition was drafted in compliance with the resolution.

Before the Board adjourned the following resolution was carried unanimously: Moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. Torrance, That the thanks of this Board be given to Mr. Edwin Newton, for the able and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction of the South Riding of Wellington during the past year.

DINNER TO MR. BRIDGES.—It was feared that the rough reception Mr. Brydges met in England would have the effect of smothering the efforts to give a public dinner in his honour, in Montreal, on his return. This would have been a very ungracious thing to do, for having been badgered in London, he had certainly more need of the applause of his Canadian friends than if the courtesies of the stockholders had been all radiant with satisfaction. However, it appears that Mr. Brydges is to have a public dinner in the St. Lawrence Hall on Tuesday next, and we may presume there will be "no small potatoes" present, since tickets are \$10 each.

A man recently broke off a marriage because the lady did not possess good conversational powers. A wicked editor commenting on the fact, says: "He should have married her, and then refused her a new bonnet, to have developed her powers of talk."

Ambitious ladies are not content with pushing their way into medicine and contending for places in the pulpit. A young woman has just been admitted to the law school in St. Louis, and several