

**INVERNESS ELECTION.**—At the nomination at Port Hood, Inverness, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, one thousand persons were present. Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hugh McDonald were nominated and addressed the electors. Mr. Samuel McDonnell, late member for the county, spoke in support of Mr. Blanchard. Mr. E. McDonald and Mr. Cameron, members of the Commons, and Mr. Alex. Campbell, of the Local Legislature, spoke in support of Mr. McDonald. Mr. Gillies did not reach Port Hood in time to be nominated. The "Antis" got hold of him in Halifax, and made him miss his passage in the steamer. The result of the contest is doubtful.

**THANKSGIVING IN THE STATES.** President Johnson has done one sensible thing before retiring from office, and even his enemies should place it to the credit of his account. He has issued a proclamation recommending the people of the United States to observe the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving for the abundant harvest with which the country has been blessed, and for all other mercies and favours which have been vouchsafed to the nation. There was a period when we Canadians, too, had an annual Thanksgiving Day, but that was some years ago when the crops were better than they have been for the past few seasons, and when people expressed gratitude not for a sufficiency, but for a great abundance. When the yield grew lighter the day of thanksgiving was not appointed, except by religious bodies, which named each the time that best suited its own convenience, so that nationally the reputation of the old custom amounts almost to the expression of a belief, that such harvests as we have had in these latter years were not worth publicly thanking the Almighty for. We may mention in this connection that Thursday next has been appointed by the Moderator of the Canada Presbyterian Church, to be observed as a day of thanksgiving by the members of that body.

**SNOW AT OWEN SOUND.**—On Friday night and early on Saturday morning snow fell to the depth of four inches, accompanied by a very heavy wind, which, it is feared, will do damage to the shipping on the lake.

**MURDERERS ARRESTED.**—Medley and Curtley, two of the three negroes who murdered Capt. Winer, at Amherstburg, on Tuesday night, were arrested in Detroit on Thursday. They say that it was Brown who committed the deed, but admit that they were present. They will soon be brought over the border.

**NO NEGOTIATIONS FOR RECIPROCIITY.**—Hon. Mr. Hines has returned to Prince Edward from Washington, where he had an interview with Mr. Thornton, the British Minister, who assured him that the reported negotiations with Mr. Seward in regard to reciprocity had not taken place, nor was there any probability of the question being opened.

**MISS RYE HAS WRITTEN TO THE LONDON TIMES,** announcing her intention of again sailing for Canada by the *Nestorian*, on the 22nd inst., with another batch of 100 serving girls. It is to be hoped that her selection is more judicious this time than it was last, and that there are but few gooseesses and elegant young ladies unaccustomed to work among the party. Miss Rye made an appeal to the public for aid in her undertaking and has met with a generous response.

**RESIGNATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE DRAPER.**—The *Globe* says there is no doubt that the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench sent in to Government yesterday his formal resignation of his high office, and that it will be accepted. We believe the changes on the Bench, consequent on Mr. Draper's resignation have not yet been determined; but the general impression is that there will be no change in the Chancery Court—but that Mr. Richards will succeed Mr. Draper, as Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, and that Mr. Justice Morrison, and Mr. Justice Adam Wilson will be associated with him. Mr. Justice Hagarty will in this case succeed Mr. Richards as Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and have associated with him Mr. Justice John Wilson and Mr. John W. Gwynn.

**A NEW CABLE.**—The miracle of the nineteenth century is to be repeated. Even the basin of the Atlantic is to teach a lesson to monopolists. The success which attended the laying of the cable of 1866, has led to the organization of another Company, with a stock already taken up to the extent of \$6,000,000, for the purpose of laying a cable between France and America. The points to be connected are Brest, on the western coast of France, and the French island of St. Pierre, on the coast of Newfoundland, thence to some place between New York and Boston. The total distance is a little in excess of 3,000 miles. The cable is to be furnished by the same firm that made the old cable, and is to be "paid out" from the deck of the Great Eastern, under the same superintendence. Owing to the depth of the water between the points to be connected, the French cable is to be one-fourth stronger than the present one, and is expected to weigh in all 10,000 lbs. per mile. Calculations are being made as to its success financially, and the conclusion is arrived at and very confidently entertained that it will pay well. The receipts of the present cable are \$2,875,000 a year, and the expenses only \$1,500,000, leaving a surplus which will yield a very handsome dividend to stockholders.

**Serious Accident to Dr. Parker.**  
A serious accident occurred to Dr. Parker last (Sunday) night, by which he had his thigh bone fractured. He was called out for a professional visit to Rockwood, and the messenger who came for him having a conveyance he rode out with him intending to walk home. It appears that he started to do so, and had proceeded some distance on the railway track, when he fell off a bridge that spans a wagon road near the farm of Mr. Ostrander, and about a mile from the village. The height of the track above the road is fourteen feet, and the wonder is, not that the Dr. had his thigh bone broken, but that he escaped with life. He must have walked over the unguarded side without the slightest knowledge of danger, and that a corpulent man under such circumstances should come off with a fractured limb is rather remarkable than otherwise. All the long, cold night he lay on the road, with a freight train thundering past above him occasionally, unable to help himself, or to attract the attention of any one who might have assisted him. It was a terrible situation. In the morning he was found by some one whose name we have not learned, and aid was procured to remove him to the house of Mr. Ostrander, who came to town this morning for Dr. Howitt. There were marks on the road of where Dr. Parker had been endeavouring to drag himself along in the vain hope probably of being able to reach a place of shelter. Dr. Howitt and the Mayor having procured a cab went down immediately, but it was thought best that the injured gentleman should come by train, and arrangements having been made for the way freight to stop he was brought up on it. Of course all that medical and surgical skill can accomplish will be done for him, now that he is at home.

**FEARS FOR THE STEAMER ALGOMA.**—Fears are entertained for the safety of this vessel, which left Collingwood for Fort William about the 30th ult. She was due at Collingwood on her return trip on Friday last, but up to a late hour last night no tidings of her had been received. The recent heavy storms on Lake Superior may have disabled her and the gubast *Cherub* was yesterday ordered by Capt. Burgoyne, senior naval officer on the lakes, to go in quest of her.

**NOTE.**—The *Algoma* arrived at Collingwood on Thursday. She experienced a severe storm on her return trip, before reaching Sault St. Marie, but weathered it well, and arrived at her destination without the loss of a spar.

**INCONSISTENT.**—It will be recollected that the U. S. Government complained that British Government recognized the Confederates as belligerents, although this was not done till after the American Government had itself acknowledged the belligerent character of the South. But the same Yankee government is the first power to recognize not the merely belligerent character of the Spanish revolutionists but the Provisional government established by them. This seems a little inconsistent; but we do not wonder, for it has been the uniform policy of the American government from its commencement to be the first nation to acknowledge the establishment of revolutionary governments and to give all their sympathies to rebels wherever rebellions may have occurred.

**The Pall Mall Gazette says:** Irishmen cannot very well complain of being neglected when the distribution of good appointments is going on. As one of their own journals points out, the new Governor-General in both India and Canada is an Irishman. Irishmen occupy the Government houses of Sydney and Wellington and others are to be found at the head of lesser dependencies. This list might be indefinitely increased if it were extended to all high officers under the Crown, but as combined only to colonial governors it makes a very respectable show. When American writers compare Ireland with Poland do they ever consider such facts as these? Do they find that Poles are singled out by the Russian Government for the most distinguished posts in the empire?

**SUBJECTS FORGEY CASE.**—One George Curran, a resident of Hamilton, was arrested on Saturday on suspicion of forgery. A few days since a communication was received at the Royal Canadian Bank in that city, purporting to come from Sheriff McKindsey, at Milton, and enclosing a note bearing the signature of John White, M. P., for something over \$250, being also endorsed by Mr. McKindsey, who requested that the note be discounted, and the money placed in the Post Office, to the address of one Thompson, who is a tavern-keeper at Milton. The cashier of the Bank acted accordingly, and the money was placed in the Post Office, enclosed in a registered envelope. It was shortly afterwards called for by the prisoner now under arrest who was disappointed in finding that the letter had been registered, and being known at the post office, he did not deem it prudent to sign Mr. Thompson's name. Shortly afterwards it was discovered at the Bank that the note was a forgery, and it was also ascertained that Curran had made an attempt to secure possession of the same.

**WINE GROWING IN THE STATES.**—The wine growers have discovered that the United States ought to offer facilities for the cultivation of all sorts of grapes, and as a consequence, for the production of all sorts of wine. *Le Courier des Etats Unis*, the chief organ of the French population in the Republic, and a most ably conducted paper, states that one of his compatriots—a gentleman in France—had addressed certain enquiries to Mr. Seward, regarding the cultivation of the vine, with the view of introducing it on a very extended scale, and the answer of the Secretary of State was so eminently favorable that the project would be put into immediate execution. The press of the Union had also hailed the undertaking with enthusiastic approbation and anticipated before long the grandest results. It is held that in respect of both soil and climate no other land ought to be ahead of that country, especially the Southern part of it, in this regard. Then it is added that the labour of harvesting the grapes would be particularly adapted to the physical capacities of the myriads of juvenile negroes who are in comparative idleness and now constitute a heavy burden upon the particular States in which the abound. If the movement succeeds, and the anticipations are realized, a great benefit will be conferred upon all classes, but none more than upon the poor emancipated blacks, who, with their new found liberty to vote and exercise all the privileges of citizenship, have also found that it included liberty to starve. King cotton has, of late, lost a good deal of its prestige, and if appearances may be relied upon, he will have to share his remaining honors with Queen Vine.

**New Advertisements.**  
1868. EXHIBITION. 1868.  
**Prize Shirts & Drawers.**

Those justly celebrated SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, which were  
Awarded the **FIRST PRIZE** at the Provincial Exhibition, Hamilton,  
**ARE NOW FOR SALE AT**  
**THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL**  
A. THOMSON & CO.  
Guelph, 17th October 1868

**LADY EQUESTRIANS.**—At the agricultural fair at Bradford, a few days since, a novel and attractive feature introduced was a competition of lady equestrians, a prize of a silver tea service being awarded the victorious cavaliers. Five, but on losses from the neighbouring country entered the lists on prancing chargers, and the reckless dash displayed in the race astonished and terrified the judges themselves. Two of the horses with their riders went down in a tumble, but were up and off again in a jiffy. The prize was won by a Miss Wilson.

**DIED.**  
O'LYNCH.—In Guelph, on the 17th inst., Mrs. Margaret O'Lynch, aged 77 years. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Edward Carroll, and one of the earliest settlers in this locality, having with her husband taken up her residence here in 1825. She has been illing for a period of fifteen years, but has always borne her sickness with Christian fortitude and resignation.

**New Advertisements.**  
**PIGEON MATCHES.**  
SEVERAL Pigeon Matches will take place at the Rifle Range Inn, York Road, on WEDNESDAY, 21st Oct., beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. Sportsmen are invited to attend.  
Guelph, 19th Oct. d2 WM. MURPHY.

**BOOK LOST.**  
LOST about two weeks ago, a Subscription Pass Book, containing the names of contributors for the erection of a church for the colored people of Guelph. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the Mercury office.  
Guelph, 19th October. d

**TOBACCOS**  
BUY YOUR TOBACCOS AT  
**WILKINSON'S**

**PIPES, CIGARS, &c.**  
Briar Root and Fancy Pipes, Pipe Stems, Choice Cigars.  
**GEO. WILKINSON.**  
Guelph, October 19. d2

**GRAND CONCERT**  
THE Second Annual CONCERT in aid of the Orphans and Aged Poor  
under the care of the Sisters in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, will be held in the Drill Shed,  
Wednesday Evening, 28th October  
Several distinguished Singers from Buffalo, Toronto and Hamilton will be present.  
TICKETS 50c. Children half-price.  
Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8. KF. Vals's Quadrille Band will be in attendance.  
Guelph, 19th October. D. NUNAN, Secretary. d2w1

**Auction Sale of Southdown Sheep and other Stock**  
THE subscriber has been instructed to sell by public auction, at the Farm of JAMES ANDERSON, Esq., Springfield, Township of Fuldin, three miles South of Guelph, on the River Speed, on **FRIDAY, 23rd OCT.** at 12 o'clock, noon, the following Stock:—3 colts two years old, 1 yearling out of Sallow's "Royal George," 6 young cattle two years old, in good condition; also, the following Southdown Sheep, from imported stock:—3 aged rams, 1 two shear ram, 6 ram lambs, 4 pair ewe lambs, 2 pair shearing ewes, 8 pair aged ewes, &c.  
TERMS.—Sums of \$4 and under-cash, over that amount one year's credit on approved notes.  
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.  
Guelph, 20th Oct. d2w1

**WANTED, an Active Lad.**  
Guelph, October 16th. AT CUTHBERT'S.

**3rd ANNUAL CONCERT**  
—OF THE—  
**Maple Leaf Base Ball Club.**  
UNDER the patronage of His Worship, the Mayor, will be held in the **TOWN HALL, On Monday, October 19.**  
A new and original version of JILLY BARLOW composed expressly for this occasion, will be sung in character.  
The Committee are instructed to spare neither pains or expense to render this entertainment equal not superior to the former popular Concerts given by this Club.  
For particulars see programme.  
J. T. NICHOLS, President. WM. SUNLEY, Secretary.  
Guelph, Oct. 15. d4

**DOMINION SALOON**  
**FRESH OYSTERS!**  
OF the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or case. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.  
DENIS BUNYAN.  
Guelph, 17th October. d

**Loan Wanted.**  
WANTED \$1,700 loan on Mortgage of 200 acres, improved farm in Minto.  
LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors, Guelph.

**To Dry Goods Merchants.**  
SITUATION WANTED by a young man in a Dry Goods, or Dry Goods and Grocery Store, who has had some experience in the grocery business. Wages not so much an object as an opportunity to learn the business. Is of good address and best of references. Address J. B., Osprey Post Office.  
Guelph, Oct. 15. d4w1

**SELLING OFF!**  
SELLING OFF!  
GREAT CLEARING SALE of  
**MISCELLANEOUS & SCHOOL**

**BOOKS,**  
SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES, &c., STATIONERY, in great variety.

**Fancy Goods & Toys**  
in endless variety,  
**JEWELLERY.**  
THE LARGEST STOCK OF

**WALL PAPERS**  
West of Toronto is now being sold at 40 per cent. less than Cost.

**AT M. Shewan's**  
J. B. THORNTON, Agent.  
Guelph, Oct. 16. daw if

**CARD TO THE PUBLIC.**  
THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that on and after this date his business will be conducted strictly on the **CASH SYSTEM.**

No credit will be given to any one. The undersigned hopes by carrying out the above system to be enabled to give his numerous customers Goods at a lower price than they can be bought for elsewhere. He begs to acknowledge past favours, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a still greater share of their patronage.

**T. J. DAY, Bookseller,**  
Opposite the Market.  
Guelph, 15th October. d2w

**Great Western Railway**  
Change of **Time Table.**

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1868. Trains will be timed to LEAVE Guelph as under:—  
LEAVE GUELPH. ARRIVE GUELPH.  
6:25, A. M. 11:45, A. M.  
5:10, P. M. 9:30, P. M.  
Connecting with Trains on main line, for all points East and West.  
For particulars see Time Tables—to be had on application at any of the Company's Offices.  
THOS. SWINYARD, Gen. Manager.  
General Offices, October 16th. 7t

**TO CONTRACTORS**  
TENDERS will be received up to MONDAY the 19th instant, for the erection of a Stone Stable on Macdonnell Street.  
Also for certain alterations required and the fitting up of the upper story of the Castle Garden Saloon.  
Particulars at my office.  
Guelph, Oct. 12. FRED. J. CHADWICK. d4

**Singing and Pianoforte.**  
MISS L. RHEMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road.  
Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. d6 1/2

**FAMILY SUPPLY STORE.**  
**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S**

WILL BE FOUND THE FOLLOWING  
**NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED.**  
**Cross & Blackwell's Goods**  
Oriental Pickles  
West India Pickles  
Hot India Pickles  
Mangoes  
Olives  
Calves Foot Jelly  
Anchovy Sauce  
Anchovy Paste  
Bleeter Paste  
Dried Marmalade  
L. & P. Worcester Sauce  
Honey Sauce  
Mushroom Ketchup  
Bengal Chutney  
India Curry Powder  
Cayenne Pepper  
Durham Mustard  
Black Currant Jelly  
Red Currant Jelly  
Bottled Fruits  
**New Valentia Raisins**  
Soft Shelled Almonds  
Hard Shelled Almonds  
New English Walnuts  
West End Layer  
Raisins  
Turkey Pig  
French Plums  
New Currants  
Cocoa Nibs  
French Chocolate  
Sperm Candles  
Bed-room Candles  
Lobsters  
Salmon  
Sardines  
Dried Herring  
New Codlin  
Lavador Herring  
Table Salt  
Liverpool Salt  
**Harland's Cheese**  
Parmesan Cheese  
Ingersoll Factory  
Cheese  
Honey (comb)  
Honey (strawd)  
Toronto Bottled Ale  
Edinburgh do  
Guinness/Dublin Porter  
Dunville Irish Whiskey  
Hay's Scotch do  
Windsor, Toronto and Guelph Old Rye  
Martell's Brandy  
Hennessy's do  
Otard's do  
Champagne  
Sherry Wine  
Port do  
Liquor do  
Claret  
Ginger Brandy  
Cherry do  
**John Bull Bitters**  
Stoughton Bitters  
Pepper Sauce  
Ginger Juice  
Aromatic Biscuits  
Arrowroot  
Wine  
Soda  
Victoria  
Oyster Crackers  
Sultana  
Lemon Biscuits  
Parina  
Corn Starch  
Java Coffee  
Mocha Coffee  
Laguira  
Rio  
Orange Pekoe Tea  
English Breakfast  
Bouillon  
Young Hyson  
Gunpowder Teas

Woodenware, Glassware, Willow Goods, Crockery, China and Stoneware,  
Consisting of articles required and in daily use by every Family. No Store in Guelph has so good an assortment, and the prices are as low as quality will permit; therefore,  
**GO TO JOHN A. WOOD'S FOR YOUR GROCERIES.**  
YOU WILL BE SURE TO BE SATISFIED.  
Guelph, 17th October. dw

**CUTHBERT'S**  
STOCK OF  
**BERLIN WOOL**  
Will be Sold to-morrow, Saturday, 17th in st,  
**BY AUCTION.**  
Guelph, 16th October, 1868. dw

**Improving. Improving.**  
**AT A. O. BUCHAM'S**  
BUSY, BUSY, BUSY, BUSY,  
BARGAINS in DRESSES

TRADE is improving rapidly, and the immense demand for DRESS GOODS, JACKETS, SHAWLS,  
**Millinery & Fancy Woollen Goods**

Is far ahead of our expectations. The cheap and beautiful line which we are showing in these departments attracts the people, consequently we are crowded with customers, and busy every day. A. O. B. is bound to take a step forward this season, and in order to do so, is now offering Goods in every department at the most remarkable prices.

**BARGAINS in DRESSES**  
Bargains in JACKETS, new styles; bargains in SHAWLS. Beautiful and extensive variety of NEW TRIMMED HATS and NEW TRIMMED BONNETS to choose from. Full assortment of French Flowers, Ostrich Feathers, and Plumes, Ribbons, Velvets, Satins, &c.  
**JACKET Materials in Great Variety, Latest Styles, CHEAP.**

BLANKETS, BLANKETS—A. O. B. would direct special attention to his Stock of  
**CANADA TWILLED BLANKETS**

Manufactured expressly for his trade, extra heavy, of the best fleece Wool, and which he is now selling at prices much below any other house. KF. Buyers are requested to examine my Stock.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 14, 1868. d1f

**Great Rush for**  
**THE CHEAP GOODS**  
**JOHN HOGG**  
GOLDEN LION, GUELPH.

GREAT EXCITEMENT for those Handsome Wineys and Cobourgs, 12 Cents per yard.

**DOWN WITH COTTONS.**  
**CHEAP BLANKETS** are the order of the day. Come at once to me for them. I make the best Blanket in the Dominion, and will sell them at wholesale prices. I am at small expenses to do my business: No profits to divide, no partnership, and I import all my Goods, so that Bargains, good Goods and cheap Goods are to be had from me.

**CALL BEFORE PARTING WITH YOUR MONEY**  
And be convinced of the great fact that a saving of 15 per cent is to be made by calling on me at the Golden Lion, Guelph.  
**1,000 BUFFALO SKINS FOR SALE.**  
**JOHN HOGG.**  
Guelph, October 9th, 1868. dw