

**NOTICE.**  
The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galt & Heath, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using only the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

**Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales,**  
And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises, WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS, CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS, CARDS, SPURS, WHIP LASHES—all kinds

**OIL AND VARNISH**  
For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business.  
A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and dispatch.

GEORGE BEATTIE,  
January 19, 1869. West Market Square

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**Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory**  
WYNDHAM ST., GUELPH.  
**JOHN A. McMILLAN**  
Has much pleasure in indicating to the Trade that he is now prepared to supply at the

**Lowest Wholesale Prices Dots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.**  
All Manufactured by himself in Guelph. Dealers are requested to call and examine my stock and prices, and they will find a much better article than any imported work, and their price as low as the lowest. Terms liberal.

**WANTED,** a number of good journey men to work on Ladies' Kid, Goat, Princes and Canvas Gaiters, in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine.

**LEATHER WANTED.**  
Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**  
The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers and Moccasins, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work. This is no humbug. Call and see, and remember the spots—Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

JOHN A. McMILLAN,  
Guelph, 4th January, 1869.

**Undertakers!**  
**MITCHELL & TOVELL**  
Having bought out Mr. Nathan Towell'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 1, 1868.

**MORGAN'S DOMINION HAIR-DRESSING PARLOR**  
HAVING had large experience in Cutting and Dressing Hair in the Old Country and in the British Army, where a great deal of good taste had to be displayed to meet the requirements of spry young officers, and having carried on the business for half a year, and prospered well in Guelph, I will only add that being now assisted by Mr. JOHN THORNTON, long and favorably known in Guelph, I am better able to give satisfaction than any in the profession. Having observed a good deal of carelessness in many hairdressers in regard to the proper use and hair brushes, I am determined to keep them clean, as is well known I have done in the past. Best Hair Dye used. A call is solicited where drying is needed. Consistent gentlemen of Guelph, come all. Satisfaction guaranteed or nothing charged. Special attention paid to Ladies' and Children's Hair—the latter only charged 10 cents for hair cutting. Remember the shop—St. George's Square, behind the English Church, Guelph.

**JUST IN.**  
**GUTHMAN'S CELEBRATED Hoop Skirts**  
In all the Latest and most Approved Styles.  
Including the  
**New PANNIER Skirt**  
Which is a general favorite.

**THIS IS BEYOND ALL COMPARISON THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN IN GUELPH.**  
The attention of every lady is requested.

**A. O. BUCHAM.**  
Guelph, Jan. 17.

**ATTENTION!**  
All debts due by parties at the Rutherford House, and not paid this month, will be put into Court for collection.  
**R. RUTHERFORD.**  
Feb. 4, 1869.

**VALENTINES!**  
VALENTINES, VALENTINES.  
Attention of the public generally is called to a very large assortment just received from the cities. Such elegant emblems of love and affection could not possibly be obtained except at this store. The price being low they are within the reach of all. In design they represent the really elegant. Now is the time for those wishing to manifest their affection to examine the very extensive stock.

**AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.**  
**ARCHIBALD McKEAND.**  
(Successor to J. M. V. Murray.)  
**Banking and Exchange OFFICE,**  
No. 9, James Street, HAMILTON.

**BILLS OF EXCHANGE,** unaccepted Money and Stocks bought and sold at best rates. **5-20 Bonds** bought and sold at a slight advance on New York 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 Royal Law & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof safes.  
Guelph, Dec. 1, 1868.

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**RAG CARPET WEAVING.**  
The subscriber is prepared to do all kinds of Rag Carpet Weaving. All orders left at his shop will be promptly filled.  
**JAMES MITCHELL.**  
Feb. 4, 1869. Opp. Red Mill, Waterloo Road

**Local and Miscellaneous**  
WEDNESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 10, 1869.

**Only one case at the Police Court today.** Agnes Gill, for drunkenness, was sent up to her old quarters in the jail.

The well-known imported thoroughbred horse "Riza" has been purchased by Mr. Cascade, of Elora, to be retained in that section.

**KENNEDY TO-NIGHT.**—Remember Kennedy's last concert takes place to-night in the Town Hall. The programme is entirely new and most attractive. Don't fail to hear Kennedy for the last time, and go early to secure a seat.

**ACCIDENT.**—As a lad named Rudd, employed in Mr. McMillan's shoe store in this town, was working one of the machines for splitting the leather, his right hand was caught by some means and his thumb so badly cut, that Dr. McGuire may perhaps have to amputate a portion of the injured member.

**RUNAWAY.**—About noon to-day (Wednesday) a team of horses, with a load of wood, belonging to Mr. Jas. Hume, Puslinch Plains, took fright when coming down the hill near Victoria Bridge in this town, and started off at a rapid pace, till brought to a stand-still by one of the horses dropping down dead. The occupant of the team was uninjured.

We have been requested to intimate that the Rev. W. K. Smith, of Galt, and Mr. Carroll, of Edinburgh, will officiate at the usual weekly meeting of Knox's Church congregation in Guelph, to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

**HARRISON'S NOTICE.**—The Rev. G. R. Blount, pastor of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, Guelph, will preach at the newly named Bethel, Essex street, on Friday evening first, the 12th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock. A collection will be taken up at the close of the service to help to defray the expense of the lot on which the church stands.

**CRUELTY IN PUSLINCH.**—The return match between the Aberfoyle and Danger Point Clubs, was played at Danger Point, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when the latter came off victors by 34 shots. The following is the score: ABERFOYLE, Rink No. 1.—Wm. M. Todd, Jas. Scott, A. Weir, R. McFarlane, skip—12; No. 2.—C. Weir, C. Cockburn, C. Ellis, John Weir, skip—19. DANGER POINT, Rink No. 1.—James Black, D. Grant, T. Black, W. Black, skip—30; No. 2.—John McKelvie, H. McIntyre, C. McIntosh, A. Black, skip—29.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.**—The Board of Public Instruction for the South Riding met on Monday for organization, when Edwin Newton, Esq., was reappointed chairman, and Rev. Mr. Torrance, Secretary. A committee consisting of the chairman, Rev. Messrs. Torrance and Kilgour, were appointed to examine into the School Acts, for the purpose of having the views of the Board on the subject made known at the meeting with the Chief Superintendent on the 24th.

**NEW BOOK STORE.**—Mr. J. B. Thornton, a young man who has had a long and varied experience in the book, stationery and fancy goods business, has opened out a splendid stock in Shewan's old stand, opposite St. George's Church, Wyndham street, where he will keep constantly on hand an assortment of books of all kinds, fancy goods, stationery, &c. We have some knowledge of Mr. Thornton's ability to cater successfully to the wants of all who may favor him with their patronage, and can recommend him as a good business and very obliging young man. Give him a call by all means.

**AGENTS FOR FEBRUARY FAIR.**—We omitted in our last report of the monthly fair the sale by Mr. Kenneth McKenzie to Mr. Walter West of his four years old bull for \$100, weight 2200 lbs. He took the first prize in the Township and second in the County last fall in the class of aged Durham Bulls. He was purchased by Mr. West for \$100, and celebrated imported bull, grown by his celebrated importers, Bro. Solway, which took four first Provincial prizes and the Diploma as the best bull of any age in his class when 2 years old, his weight then being 2700 lbs, a distinction not so far achieved by any other bull in Canada.

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**Rumored Confession of the Murder of Rev. A. McLean, of Puslinch.**

The following letter from Dr. Keating, of Puslinch, furnishes what we think may be considered conclusive proof that the report which we published a few days ago from the Wentworth (Dundas) News, that James Daley had struck the blow which caused the Rev. Alex. McLean's death, and that he had made a confession of his guilt to a priest in the States on his deathbed, is without the slightest foundation. We discredited the report from the first, but were unable at the time to give the counter statement which Dr. Keating has now kindly furnished us with. The doctor's own opinion, the fact that Daley was seen by more than one person in Hamilton on the night when Mr. McLean received his injury, the entry in Mr. Tyrrell's stage book that he left Morrison on the 23rd, and returned on the 25th of the month (Mr. McLean received his injury on the night of the 24th), all go to show that there is no foundation for the story as given by the Dundas papers.—What still throws more doubt on the report is the fact that, as his sister states, his family have had no information whatever in regard to his death, and no notice of it has appeared in any States paper, the place where he died is not mentioned, the priest's name to whom he made the alleged confession is not given, and it is not stated from whom the report was received, or from what source it came. Mr. Quarry of Dundas, Daley's employer at the time, is also positive in his statement that Daley was not in Morrison on the night of the 24th May, nor could he be from the time he was seen in Dundas. At the same time we think it would be well for all concerned, and would help to set the matter at rest, if Mr. McLean's friends admitted this matter to the bottom, and ascertained where, and in what way, the report as published first originated.

**To the Editor of the Mercury.**  
Sir—Having been an intimate personal friend of the late Rev. Alex. McLean, and also his medical attendant during his last illness, I feel it my duty, owing to the rumor of James Daley confessing to the murder having gained such publicity, to state what I know as to the circumstances attending Mr. McLean's death. Shortly after 10 o'clock on the evening of the 24th of May, 1864, I was sent for to see him. On reaching the house where he was confined, I found his state was one indicating some severe internal injury, and in a few hours the symptoms made it clear that his bladder had been ruptured, an accident which every medical man knows may frequently occur from a very slight fall, when that organ is in a certain condition, which condition was present in Mr. McLean's case, as I learned from himself. With the exception of the first half hour, during which time he was in the state of a person recovering from a faint, he was perfectly sensible until a few minutes before his death, on the following evening. I asked him several times if he could remember the steps in front of the same house. The steps were unimpaired by any railing, and one false step would carry any person over the side. Dr. Howitt (Guelph), was called in consultation on the morning of the 25th, and was fully convinced with me in regard to the nature of the injury, and we both examined the place of the supposed accident, and were satisfied that a fall from the steps above mentioned was sufficient to account for all the injuries Mr. McLean had received, and so fully were we convinced of this, that we did not think it necessary to hold a post mortem examination. On the evening of the accident, Mr. McLean held a prayer meeting in Morrison; from the prayer meeting he went to visit a sick person, and from that to Mr. Kennedy's house, which he left between half-past nine and ten o'clock.

A few words as to Daley's movements. Mr. Tyrrell, the proprietor of the hotel where he boarded, was also one of the proprietors of the stage running between Guelph and Hamilton, and his books show that he charged Daley with stage fare down to Dundas on the 23rd, and up on the 25th. Mr. Scott, of the place, saw Daley in Hamilton on the afternoon of the 24th. Mrs. R. B. Morison saw him at five o'clock at the review in Har'ron, and Miss McIntosh saw him and spoke to him at the Horticultural Show at eight o'clock the same evening. The two ladies I have mentioned were friends of Mr. McLean's, and atendants at his church, and so could have no possible motive in saying anything to shield Daley. The distance from Hamilton to the spot where Mr. McLean was found, is at least nineteen miles. Granting that Mr. McLean was murdered, could Daley be the murderer? Could he ride the distance I have mentioned, trace Mr. McLean from house to house, and commit the murder within the space of an hour and a half, or at the outside, two hours, and do this without being seen by any one, on the road, or in the village? This appears to me an impossibility, but I leave the public to judge. I may mention that Daley's sister, who lives in Morrison, and stated that neither she nor any of her family had heard of his death or the confession, and that she had fallen in getting any definite information as to the origin of the report.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
**THOS. AUGUSTUS KEATING,**  
Morrison, Feb. 10, 1868. M.D., M.R.C.S.

**THE TELEGRAPH TO HAMILTON.**  
We are glad to see that the pushing business men of Hamilton are taking steps to get the telegraph extended from Elora to that village. At a meeting held last week, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee of management: Messrs. Robinson, Patmore, Mackay, Allan, Livingston, Markle and Mickeljohn. As an indication of the public spirit of the place, we might mention that \$74 was subscribed at the meeting. The villages of Clifford, Teviotdale, Rothsay, Bosworth and Alma have been written to by the Secretary, requesting their co-operation.

A certain well-to-do farmer in Garraffa having recently erected a fine stone dwelling-house, and making a tour through the building, and entering a room he closed the door and sat down to rest, being in feeble health. On attempting to open it again, he found the lock would not work, and for six hours he was kept a prisoner, when he was released by two men who heard his cries.

**Guelph Township Council.**  
This Council met on Monday, the 8th, pursuant to adjournment, Wm. White, law, Esq., being in the chair. Present, all the members. The clerk read the minutes of last meeting which were confirmed. The Reeve read a communication from Leonard Harland, applying for reappointment to the office of Collector. The Reeve read an application from J. Card, for the office of collector. The clerk read a communication from J. Black, late teacher in school section No. 4, complaining of being overrated on income. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Black, relating to the complaint.

The clerk read a communication from T. W. Saunders, Esq., inquiring for information respecting the sale of timber on that portion of road allowance between the Townships of Guelph and Puslinch. The clerk was instructed to examine the minutes of Council and transmit to Mr. Saunders an extract of any action taken by this Council in the matter referred to. Mr. Benham, with leave given, introduced a by-law for appointing certain township officers, which passed its several readings. The appointments were: Messrs. Amos and Sweetnam, assessors, Leonard Harland, collector, Wm. Paterson, West End, and W. Patterson, in Div. G, to be Tavern Inspectors.

A by-law was introduced and passed for remunerating township officers, allowing the collector one and a half percent, on all monies collected on behalf of the Council, the assessors \$75 each, tavern inspectors \$10 each, auditors \$6 each, treasurer \$100, clerk \$130, surveyor \$4 per day when employed by the Council. The tavern inspectors presented their annual report which states they have visited (officially) all the houses of public entertainment several times during the year, and have found them clean and comfortable, with all the necessary conveniences for the benefit and accommodation of travellers. The report was received and adopted. Moved by Mr. Sweetnam, seconded by Mr. Benham, That Messrs. Amos and Sweetnam assess Divisions G, E, A, and F, in company, and afterwards assess the township separately as formerly done by them. Moved by Mr. Sweetnam, seconded by Mr. Benham, That Messrs. McCorkindale and Amos be allowed the sum of \$3 for preparing a statement relating to lands in arrears for taxes. The clerk presented an account of \$138 from A. Robertson & Sons for repairing scraper. Ordered to be paid. The clerk presented a receipt from H. Rowsell for money remitted for municipal blanks and stationery. Mr. Haves reported he had examined the gravel pit (comprised of last meeting) on the boundary road between the townships of Guelph and "Wentworth," and got it put in a safe state for "treating." It was then moved and seconded to adjourn 'till Saturday, the 13th day of February. A. McCOCKRILL, DALE, Clerk.

**Town Council.**  
An adjourned meeting of the Council was held last night. Present the Reeve, in the absence of the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. McCurry, Day, Howard, Buckland, Sayers, Chadwick, Allan, Goldie, Wood, Robertson, Bruce and Harvey.

Mr. Allan presented the report of the License Committee. They report that in accordance to the petition for not granting any saloon licenses, they cannot grant the prayer of the petition, as it would be doing an injustice to those at present in the business, but recommend that no more saloon licenses be granted. Also that the prayer of John Hower and T. W. Coulson's petition for transfer of license be granted on their complying with the by-laws of the Municipality. The report was adopted.

Mr. McCurry presented the report of the Railway Committee. The committee have inquired as to the amount of stock held by this Municipality in the Galt and Guelph Railway, and learn that it amounts to about \$70,000. They recommend that the committee be authorized to communicate with the Directors of the said road, and ascertain from them as soon as possible the amount required to be paid to redeem the said road, and give the Directors and shareholders the control of the same.

The committee think that if proper accounts are taken, it may become expedient to assist in obtaining such control, and for this purpose the amount will fall far short of what it appears by present accounts. They further recommend that Mr. Brydges be communicated with, with a view of having the Grand Trunk Station at an early date brought into town, and for the more expeditious bringing in all stations, that that endeavours should be made to bring the Managing Directors of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways into immediate personal communication, if possible, or persons authorized on their behalf to agree as to what is mutually or severally required by them, when the committee will be prepared to suggest for the Council and the ratepayers what they consider best for the interests of the sections through which the railways pass, and also for the interests of this municipality.

Without some definite understanding between the said Directors, the committee find it difficult to suggest anything for the present other than the above. The report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McCurry a By-law respecting Tavern Licenses and the duties of Tavern-keepers was read, a first and second time.

The By-law was referred to the License Committee, on motion of Mr. McCurry. Moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Harvey, that the Clerk be instructed to have 25 copies of the By-law printed, and placed in the hands of the Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Sayers, that it be an instruction to the Cemetery Committee to have the placards posted on the fences of the cemetery taken off, and have notices posted no bills here put on the fences, and if the offence is persisted in to have the parties so doing punished.—Carried. The Council then adjourned.

**RESERVE MILITIA.**—The last Canada Gazette announces the appointment of Field Officers for the Reserve Militia in many of the regimental divisions of the Dominion. The appointments made for the Regimental Division of the South Riding of Wellington, are as follows:—To be Lieutenant-Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Saunders, late of the 1st Non-Service Battalion Wellington; to be Major, Lieutenant-Colonel George J. Grant, late 2nd Non-Service Battalion Wellington; Major William Leslie, late 2nd Non-Service Battalion, Wellington.

**BY TELEGRAPH**  
PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

**Despatches to the Evening Mercury.**  
MADRID, Feb. 9.—In reply to further solicitations of his fellow citizens, Espartero again declines the seat in the constituent Cortes, to which he was elected. Among the changes contemplated in the administration of the Government is the adoption of the Colonial Ministry as a distinct department.

ATHENS, Feb. 9.—The members of the new cabinet now unanimously agree with the King in adhering to the resolutions of the Paris Conference. CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 9.—The Sultan has appointed Houssein Pasha to succeed Namik Pasha as Minister of War. Houssein Pasha has occupied a seat in the Cabinet since March 1863, as Minister of Police.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce has presented an address to Hon. Roderick Johnson, the American Minister, urging the practical adoption of the principles of free trade in the United States.

**American Despatches**  
Chicago, 10th.—Hon. M. McConnell, State Senator, was murdered in his office in Jacksonville this morning. The marks of five blows inflicted by a slung shot were found upon his head. No cause for the murder is assigned.

The Wisconsin Senate last evening voted to assent to the formation of a new State from Northern Wisconsin and Michigan. New Orleans, 10th.—The social equality bill which decrees that a negro may go anywhere and enjoy anything that a white man may if his purse permits, has passed the State Senate.

**Railway Matters in Bruce.**  
At the meeting of the County Council of Bruce, held last week, the following report in regard to railway matters was presented and adopted:—Your Committee are of opinion that there is no subject that can be brought before the rate-payers of the County of Bruce, fraught with more importance than that of Railway accommodation, nor is there any can tend to develop the resources of this County and increase its prosperity so much as that of Railway facilities.

Your Committee are of opinion that the time is not far distant when the rate-payers of this County will be called upon to determine the amount of aid they are willing to give in order to secure the benefit of a Railway, as well as to determine the route that best serves their interests.

In reference to the motion of Messrs. Korman and Pickerton, which lays down the route, fixes stations and amount of bonds, &c., your committee do not feel themselves justified in recommending the same, but recommend that the Warden correspond with the W.G. & B.E. Co., with a view to ascertain what amount of aid will be required to enable said Company to build a line of road through this County, and to request said Company to submit a proposition to this Council, and to locate the line of road. Also, to write to the T.G. & B.E. Co., with a view to ascertaining if the proposition submitted by said Company in June last, is to be considered their final one.

And if between the present time and the June meeting of this Council, the Warden and either of said Companies is in a position to proceed with the construction of such road, the Warden do call the Council together, to take the matter up and consider would it be expedient to submit a By-law on the terms offered.

Your Committee are of opinion that any line or lines of railroad coming into this County should terminate at some point on the Lake Shore.

**UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.**—We have received a pamphlet bearing on this subject, being entitled the "statements of George R. Cockburn, Esq., M. A. Principal of U. C. College, to the committee of the Legislature on Education." The writer goes into the past history of the college, and shows the great benefit it has done to many of the youth of the Province, more particularly in past years—the improvements effected in its management, and replies to the charges made of extravagance, large pensions to retired masters, and in fact to all the damaging statements in the matter of its financial and educational conduct. Mr. Cockburn also endeavors to prove that Grammar School Masters would not be benefited by the disbandment of the U. C. College. We may find room for one or two extracts from the work in a day or two, and in the meantime, all interested in the subject of superior education should if possible procure a copy of Mr. Wickman's defence of a time-honored educational institution, through we can by no means endorse all he says.

**THE GREAT WESTERN HOTEL.**—Mr. John Hower, as will be seen by advertisement, has leased the premises, known as the Great Western Hotel, formerly kept by Mr. Oakes, and has made improvements in every part of the building. New bedding, furniture, &c., have been added, new bedrooms fitted up, and the rooms newly whitewashed and papered. There are accommodations now for over 100 guests, and the stable will contain over 200 horses. Mr. Hower has had fourteen years' experience in the business, and understands thoroughly how to keep a hotel. His stock of liquors and cigars will be found first-class.

**TENDERS FOR RAILWAY CONTRACTS.**—The Railway Commissioners say they have received two hundred and forty-eight tenders for railway contracts. It is expected they will report to the Government in a couple of days, recommending the acceptance of certain tenders. The Government will go into the whole subject then. Decisions are expected this week.

**SORREE IN NASSAGAWAYA.**—A tea-meeting for the purpose of giving a donation to the Rev. H. Wilkinson of Ebenezer Chapel, Nassagawaya, will take place in this chapel on Monday evening, 15th inst. The proceedings will be enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, and addresses by several reverend gentlemen. Tea to be served at half-past six. Tickets 25 cents. The Rev. Dr. Cocker will preach at Ebenezer church on the Sabbath morning preceding the tea-meeting.