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Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory

WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

JOHN A. McMILLAN

Has much pleasure in informing the public tha he is prepared to fill orders for

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

Boots & Shoes!

For Spring and Summer Trade.

All home manufacture, and as cheap as any house in Toronto or Montreal.

Dealers in Boots and Shoes are requested to call and examine my Stock and Price before ordering elsewhere.

☞ An immense stock of Boots and Shoes always on hand.

WANTED.

A Partner, with $5,000 or $6,000 cash. A splendid opening for a practical man.
Address, if by letter, post paid.

JOHN A. McMILLAN,
Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.

March 24 1869. d&w

GREAT POWERS

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

SO IT IS WITH

PREST & HEPBURN

In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wyndham-st.

WE do not believe in bosh and bunkum, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict in the hands of the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puffing and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wyndham Street, Guelph, manufacture more

BOOTS AND SHOES

And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth.

A great deal has been said for and against machine made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machine made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which must be admitted is far superior to any machine made goods. We have now on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest.

Remember that our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph, 2nd November. dw

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NEW

PROVISION STORE!

West Market Square,
(Adjoining John Harris')

FLOUR, FEED

and POTATOES—any quantity. Also Smoked Hams to be had.

HIRSCH & KENNEDY,

Guelph, March 24. dtf

DOMINION STORE

Mrs. ROBINSON

Has just received a fresh supply of

ORANGES

FIGS, RAISINS, NUTS of all kinds,

For sale cheap.

STAMPING DONE TO ORDER.

MRS. ROBINSON.

Guelph, 27th March. dw

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL

Life Insurance Comp'y.

HEAD OFFICE, - - - WATERLOO, ONT.

A comparison of our rates with the rates of any Company either doing or purposing to do a legitimate business respectfully invited.

☞ Every Information given

To intending Insurers.

Medical Examiners—Drs. Howitt and Keating.

HENRY L. DRAKE, Agent.

Box D, Guelph P.O. mar 12. dw

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 can. 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

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.

LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queenstown or Liverpool.

FARE FROM HAMILTON
First Cabin, - - $87, gold value
Steerage - - - - 29, "

Berths not secured until paid for. For further particulars apply to

CHARLES T. JONES & CO.,
Exchange Brokers, Hamilton
Agents for the Erie and New York Railway.
Fare from Hamilton to New York $7, gold value

Hamilton 1st June, 1868

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.

Guelph, 27th March, 1869. do

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph

Guelph, November 19, 1868 dawtf

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865.

IN THE MATTER OF

JOHN HENDERSON, OF ELORA

AN INSOLVENT.

THE Creditors of the Insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects, under the above Act, to me, the undersigned assignee, and they are required to furnish me within two months from this date, with their claims, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it, and if none stating the fact; the whole attested under oath, with the vouchers in support of such claims.

JOHN KERR,
Official Assignee.

Toronto, 31st March, 1869. dw12

PETRIE'S

Furniture Cream!

Producing, with half the usual labor, a most

BRILLIANT POLISH

On all kinds of Cabinet & French Polished Furniture, Varnished and Japanned articles of every description.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

Shake the bottle well, and apply a small quantity with a woollen cloth on the article to be polished; continue rubbing for a few minutes, then finish off with a clean soft rag, when a most beautiful polish will be produced.

PREPARED ONLY BY

A. B. PETRIE,

Chemist, Corbet's Block, Guelph.

Guelph, 3rd April. dw

STRAW AND SILK MILLINERY.

MISS LAWRENCE,

(Successor to Mrs. Wm. Pringle),

Will for the present season carry on the business in all its branches at the rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Pringle, a few doors north of the Post Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 31st March, dw6w

ORANGES

WHOLESALE.

GEO. WILKINSON

GUELPH,

Has just received a large consignment of

MESSINA ORANGES

At low rates to the trade.

Wholesale and Retail

GEORGE WILKINSON.

Guelph, 3rd April. dw

LUMBER YARD.

Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph.

OLD FACE IN THE OLD PLACE.

The subscriber begs to inform the public that he has commenced the lumber business in the old stand occupied by GOWDY & STEWART,

Opposite the Alma Block, Guelph

Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

Also, Water Lime and Calsine Plaster, and Flour and Feed

of all kinds cheap for cash as usual. By strict attention to business, he trusts to share a part of public patronage.

FRANCIS SMALL.

Guelph, April 3, 1869. dwly

REMOVAL OF

GARLAND'S

Hat and Cap Store.

THE subscriber has removed to the splendid premises

Day's Block, late Petrie's Drug Store

And has now in stock an immense assortment of

Hats, Caps, Furs, &c.,

In all the latest and most fashionable styles and colours, which will be sold very cheap.

Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly understands the wants of customers, and invites the public to call and see his goods, as he can sell them a better article at a cheaper price than they can get elsewhere.

☞ The highest price paid for raw Furs.

F. GARLAND.

Guelph, March 15, 1869. 3md&w

CAUTION.

Hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of $100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it.

F. PREST.

Guelph, 11th March. dwtf

MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.

Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868 dwtf

MONEY FOUND.

Found on Saturday, below the Drill Shed, a purse containing a small sum of money in bills and silver. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can have it by applying to

EVAN MACDONALD, Guelph

Guelph, 5th April. dtf

Evening Mercury.

FRIDAY EV'NG, APRIL 9, 1869.

News from the County.

Mr. Henry Shaw, youngest brother of the proprietor of the Elora *Express*, was drowned in the Detroit river, on Monday last.

PURCHASE.—Mr. Alex. Walsh, of Salem, bought a house and lot in that village from Mrs. Gibson, an old resident there, for $500. We are told the property is valuable, if so it is very cheap.

We sincerely regret to learn, that on account of some misunderstanding, the dealers have signed an agreement not to purchase a beast in Harriston for the next twelve months, the penalty being $100.

SALEM STAVE FACTORY.—The Salem Stave Factory, which has been closed for a long time, is to be again put in running order next week. Mr. Cheesman, the proprietor, will employ a number of hands this season.

THE GAME LAW.—Sportsmen should remember that the game law as amended at last session, provides that no wild swan, goose, or any description of wild duck shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the fifteenth day of April and the fifteenth day of August in any year.

PILKINGTON FARMER'S CLUB. — A meeting of this Society was held in the Municipal Hall, Elora, on Tuesday last, but was not very numerously attended. Mr. James Reynolds, of Nichol, read a paper on "Root Culture," and an interesting discussion followed. The next meeting will be held on the June fair day at Elora.

A GOOD SALE.—J. B. Telfer, Esq., sold two fine steers a few days ago, weighing 4200 lbs. at 9 cents per lb. live weight, netting for them the tidy sum of $387. Blood tells, in cattle as in men, and Mr. Telfer, having taken great pains to increase the quality of his stock, is now reaping the profits upon his liberal outlay. The party purchasing the steers, paid $70 upon them, which he forfeits as he considered them too dear. A bargain is a bargain, and the drover ought not to give it up.

THE ELORA, BOSWORTH AND DRAYTON FAIRS.—The Elora April fair was moderately successful, although many good cattle were driven home by feeders who look for a more lively demand in May. Prices were not up to the April standard of last year. The Bosworth fair was a good one, and some good sales were made at fair prices. At the Drayton fair over one hundred head of cattle were on the ground. Oxen ranged from $70 to $75 per head; cows from $25 to $35; and young cattle in proportion.

THE ELORA MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—We regret to learn that this Institution has ceased to exist. At the annual and final meeting of the members held on Friday evening last, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. C. E. Thomson, seconded by Dr. Middleton, and carried, "That in consequence of the small support which the public has given the Institute, it has become advisable to dissolve it, and it is hereby resolved that it be discontinued, and E. H. Newman be requested to realize as much as possible out of the assets, and to report to a final meeting to be held in the council room, on the evening of Friday, the 16th of April, at half past 7 o'clock."

NEW GRIST MILL IN DRAYTON.—Drayton is bound to go ahead, says the Elora *Express*, if the enterprise of its citizens can effect it. A number of the leading men of that neighborhood, feeling the want of a first class grist mill in that locality, have formed a company for its construction, and taken stock already to the amount of nearly $3000. The full amount required will, it is expected, be speedily subscribed. The mill will be built about a quarter of a mile above the village on the Conestoga, there being a fall of about fourteen or sixteen feet in that locality. The dam would flood to the extent of about thirty acres on the property of Messrs. J. & D. Avery. The building is to be of brick, and to have four run of stones. We understand that W. C. Wortley, Esq., intends to go heavily into brick making this summer, and expects to manufacture 400,000.

THE SWEARING STAGE DRIVERS. — The Elora *Express* says that we have been "wrongly informed" when we stated we were told of the insolence passengers got from some of the stage drivers between Elora and Bosworth, and the swearing propensities of these men. We may say in reply that we have it from a most reliable source, and don't consider that we have been at all misinformed in the matter. As to the *name* of any of the drivers so accused on the line referred to, viz: Dalby's, we are entirely ignorant, but the *Express* will remember that "Dutch George," who we know to be as civil, obliging and well spoken a driver as ever we met with—is employed by Mr. Coulson, not Mr. Dalby. We hear more complaints of the *habit of swearing* by those drivers employed not only between Elora and Bosworth but other parts of the line too, and we most undoubtedly think it is high time to put a stop to this disgraceful practice, which to the feelings of many travellers must be offensive and revolting.

AN INCIDENT OF THE BATTLE.—Near the Redan, the party detailed to attend the wounded found a corporal reclining upon his elbow, the blood oozed from a wound in his breast at every respiration as they carried him off. 'Put me down,' said he, 'do not trouble to carry me any further; I am dying.' They put him down and returned to the field. A few minutes after an officer saw the man weltering in his blood, and asked him if he could do anything for him. 'Nothing, thank you.' 'Shall I get you a little water?' asked the kind hearted officer. 'No thank you, I am dying.' 'Is there nothing I can do for you? Shall I write to your friends?' 'I have no friends you can write to. But there is one thing for which I shall be much obliged: In my knapsack you will find a Testament; will you open it at the 4th chapter of John, and near the end of that chapter you will find a verse that begins with 'Peace;' will you read it?' The officer did so, and read the words, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be trouble, neither let it be afraid.' 'Thank you sir,' said the dying man, 'I have that peace, I am going to that Saviour—God is with me—I want no more,' and instantly expired.

The World Over.

On Saturday last, John Stinson, blacksmith, of Palermo, was committed for trial on a charge of perjury preferred against him by Mr. Samuel Morse, of Milton.

The reason alleged why no further contracts will be let on the Intercolonial till the fall is, that the engineers have not yet located their line and completed their work.

Mrs. G. Getz, of the family on York street, Hamilton, who were prostrated about six weeks since, from eating pork containing the *trichina spiralis*, expired on Thursday morning from the effects of the lingering malady.

In every part of Ireland where one of the released Fenians has been recognised, spontaneous rejoicings have occurred. To Kickham special honor has been paid in his native county of Kilkenny. He was met by excited crowds at the railway station, and accompanied home by thousands walking in procession. Many houses were illuminated.

ATTEMPT AT HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—A farmer who lives at Todmorden, near Toronto, named Joseph Jones, and his son, were on Wednesday night attacked by robbers while on their way home from the city. The father and son both fought manfully for their little property, and drove the villains off. The would-be thieves have been all arrested.

The New York *Times* states that within a few days a number of cases have occurred in that city in which ladies passing through the most frequented thoroughfares have had their dresses ruined by kerosene, turpentine or acids, thrown upon them by unknown hands. In each case the act was performed so stealthily that the outrage was not discovered till the lady reached her home. These acts seem to be promoted by pure love of malicious mischief.

PERCY GASTON CONMITTED. — The Police Magistrate of Toronto on Thursday pronounced the sentence of the Court upon Percy Gaston, who stands charged with the Osgoode Hall robbery, and committed him for trial. No evidence, of course, was given in defence, as the evidence against the prisoner is not of the most satisfactory character. Gaston made a speech denouncing a portion of the city press for condemning him before he was heard in his own defence.

WATERLOO BECOMING FAMOUS FOR EGGS.—The *Reformer* has the following:—"Mr. Adam Shaw of Hespeler has sent us a hen's egg which measures 8½ around the the largest circumference and 6⅞ inches around the smallest. The weight is 4¼ oz. That hen must have arrived at perfection in the egg business. Branchton debating club was for a long period engaged in investigating the egg question. This specimen would furnish material for a whole season's discussions."

BILLIARDS.—Joe Dion challenges any man in the world to play him the English, French and American games—the first to be played in England, the second in France, and the third in America, according to rules, for $2,500 in gold each game. He is ready to put up $2,000 forfeit. Foster is willing to play, but not to cross the Atlantic. He also challenges him to play the same game that was played on Tuesday night, for $2000 a side. A match is on the tapis between Morris Daly and Cyril Dion, for $1000 a side, 1500 points caroms.

RUNNING A PRINTING PRESS WITH GAS.—In San Francisco, a few weeks ago, by invitation of the proprietor of the *Courier de San Francisco*, a large number of persons assembled in the press room of that journal to witness the operation of a new motive power, which is to be used in running the press upon which that paper is printed. The machine is known as the Lenoir engine, and is a French invention. The machine resembles the ordinary steam engine, having all its parts; but the cylinder is more bulky, and instead of one, it has two—one for the introduction of gas or air, and the other for its escape. The propelling agency, which takes the place of steam, consists of ninety parts of air, and ten of ordinary illuminating gas; this compound is introduced into each end of the cylinder, where it is alternately ignited by an electric spark from a Bunson battery, and the expansion of the air caused thereby, acts on the piston in the same manner as steam. This engine is of four horse power, and when in full operation consumes twenty-five cubic feet of gas per hour, and the expense for running it ten hours would be, the *Alta* estimates, one dollar and fifty cents. The *Courier* engine weighs only six hundred pounds, runs without noise or jar, needs no fireman or engineer, and obviates the danger of explosion or conflagration. All who witnessed its operations were surprised and gratified, and, its general introduction for driving the lighter classes of machines is predicted. It has been in use in Paris for the past five years, and is in high favor there.

A ROMANCE OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.—A letter writer, now revisiting the White Mountain regions, tells the following: "While here nine years ago, with a mineralogist for a comrade, we chanced to hear of a ledge abounding with amethystine, quartz, twelve mile away among the mountains. Early the next morning we were on our way, but the rough trail and a heavy shower prevented our reaching the locality till afternoon. The specimens were fine, and our cupidity kept us busy till the setting sun warned us that we were far from any shelter for the night. Darkness set in before we reached the thoroughfare, and as a matter of course we lost our way, and travelled in nearly the opposite direction from what we ought to have done. It was near midnight when we reached a clearing with a cosy cluster of buildings in the centre of it. The wakened owner gave us a kind welcome. We tarried in the morning till after breakfast, and were treated in a manner which would have put to blush people of far greater pretensions. What made an impression on my mind was the circumstance that we were waited upon by a sprightly girl of fifteen, whose symmetrical features and deep black hair and eyes were unusually beautiful. Familiar as we had been for days with the bronzed faces of the mountaineers, this sweet human flower attracted my attention. It may be of interest to the reader to learn that she is now the bride of my companion, the mineralogist. May their lives be as peaceful and beautiful as the waters of the Houtatonic, on the banks of which they now reside!"

Town Council.

An adjourned meeting of the Town Council was held last night—the Mayor in the chair. Members all present except Messrs. McCurry and Sayers.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. A. Wells, asking Council to reimburse him for an overcharge of taxes made on his property in the South Ward. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Treasurer read a financial statement of the cash receipts and disbursements of the Corporation up to date, which was referred to the Auditors.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, leave was granted to introduce a by-law for the appointment of a Town Clerk and Treasurer, and same read a first and second time.

Council went into committee of the whole on the by-law, Mr. Heffernan in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the blank in by-law be filled in with the name of John Harvey, which was carried, and the committee rose.

By-law was then read a third time and passed, and numbered 185.

The Finance Committee were instructed to meet Mr. Hough at his office this morning at ten o'clock, in accordance with his request, in order to take charge of certain papers and give the Treasurer receipts therefor.

Council then adjourned.

TOWN ITEMS.

Rev. W. S. Griffin intends preaching a funeral sermon on the death of Dr. Orton next Sunday evening.

The ladies of the St. Andrew's Church congregation will hold a Bazaar in the Town Hall, Guelph, on Wednesday, the 5th of May—the day of the monthly fair.

It seems that we were in error in stating that the circulation of the *Ledger* had been somewhat neglected in Guelph. Mr. T. J. Day, who received only five or six copies when commencing business, now disposes of between eighty and one hundred every week.

BLACKWOOD.—Leonard Scott & Co., New York, have sent us the March number of this magazine. Its contents are: Historical sketches of the reign of George II; Doubtless and Quits; New Zealand and its Gold Fields; the Northmen, Heathen and Christian; A Whist Reminiscence; Stage Morality and the Ballet; The Arts in the Household. For sale at the Bookstores.

Mr. J. B. Thornton has laid on our table *London Society* for April, just received at his bookstore. It is one of the best numbers yet issued—the articles and illustrations being first class. Mr. Thornton has also sent us the popular *Bow Bells*—a magazine which has a larger circulation than any other English periodical of its kind in Canada.

NORTH WARD ELECTION.—We are requested to state that Mr. Chas. Walker has consented to be a candidate for the vacant seat in the Council for the North Ward. Mr. Walker, though new to public life, would make an excellent Councillor. He is an old resident in the town, is well known to the ratepayers and highly respected by them, and stands well in the North Ward, where he resides.

LONDON SOCIETY AND BOW BELLS.—Mr. T. J. Day has received both of these well-known English periodicals. The contents of the former are varied, comprising "M. or N.," "American University Customs," "Genius in Love," "The Iron Cure among the Glaciers," "The Piccadilly Papers," and many other sketches and poems. Bow Bells for this month will please its numerous readers in the variety of its reading matter. For sale at Day's.

A METEOR.—A very beautiful sight was witnessed this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock, when a brilliant meteor almost directly overhead suddenly emerged from behind a cloud, and passing a long distance swiftly from north to south, exploded in large fragments and coruscations. A loud report followed the explosion, and many houses in town were shaken. A farmer living near the town line of Eramosa tells us that the sound was like that of the firing of a gun in that neighborhood.

M. Y. MCTAGGART, M. D.—Dr. McTaggart, of the Hamilton Infirmary, will be at Coulson's Hotel, Guelph, from Monday the 12th of April till Saturday the 17th. He is eminently successful in his practice. Those who are afflicted with Chronic maladies, such as Consumption in the first and second stages, Bronchitis, Asthma, Lung Diseases of all kinds, Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Liver Complaints, Kidney Affections, Spinal Diseases, Epilepsy, Palsy, Scrofula, Abscess, Ruptures of all kinds, Atrophy or Wasting, or any other disease, should call upon the Doctor at once, and not put off a visit so long as to necessiate their being told (as many have been) that there is no hope for them. Unvivided attention will be given to all Female Complaints in all their medical and surgical bearings. Cancers will be removed without the use of the knife, and permanently cured. Consultation free. w2

NOT TOO WELL TRAINED.—A lover of the equine race was this (Friday) morning exhibiting to an enthusiastic knot of admirers on the Market Square how well he had trained a young horse on the back of which he was bestrode. Having witnessed to their hearts' content the excellent manner in which the horse showed off his "education," one of the enthusiastic crowd proposed a drink at Bunyan's, and descending, the rider walked into the saloon, leaving the horse standing in the road. Becoming "dry," we suppose, the noble animal walked into the bar-room, to the astonishment of his master and friends, who had supposed till then that he was strictly sober in his habits, and were not aware that his "education," in the principles of temperance had been sadly neglected.

WHAT A CONTRAST. — From the British *Colonist*, published in Victoria, Vancouver's Island, of Feb. 6, 1869, we clip the following paragraph in relation to the weather in that quarter of the world:—"On Tuesday a brisk walk in the open air produced profuse perspiration. The weather was like that of a balmy day in June. An old and valued friend of ours, who resides at the head of Fort Street, cuts asparagus for his table twice a week. Roses, wallflowers, cowslips, and long new grass are seen in profusion in every garden; daisies are sported by young and old bucks in their button-holes; peas are six inches above the ground. Apple trees are preparing to blossom. Was there ever such a climate as this?" While here we are shivering amid snow and ice on the 9th of April.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, April 8.—Advices from Madrid give a report that Marshal Serrano, President of the Council of Ministers, and Admiral Topete, Minister of Marine, are about to resign, and that a Directory is being formed to take control of the Government.

MADRID, April 8.—The discussion upon the Constitution which commenced in the Constituent Cortes on Monday, has become warm. Senor Castellar, the eminent Republican, made a speech yesterday strongly in opposition to that instrument. The Spanish Government has determined to disallow the introduction of any amendments which have the effect of altering the spirit of the Constitution.

PARIS, April 8.—Three Republican meetings which were held to-day, were dispersed by the police, and many arrests were made.

VIENNA, April 8.—The Austrian Government has resolved to reduce the army, and to postpone the call for recruits, on the ground of economy.

American Despatches

Washington, 9th.-Rear-Admiral Porte, Commandant of the Navy Yard here, received instructions to-day to fit out an iron-clad monitor with all possible despatch, and it is more than probable she is destined to swell the largely increased force in the West Indians. Instructions will soon be issued for the preparation for sea of the iron-clad monitors *Dictator* and *Canonicus*, two of the best vessels of their class in possession of the American Government.

Washington, 9th. — Vice-President Colfax has, at the request of the friends of Father McMahon, convicted of participating in the Fenian invasion, asked a friendly interposition of the government in his favour with the view of obtaining his release, if possible, from imprisonment at Kingston, Canada. The request was transmitted by the Secretary of State to the British Minister, who has forwarded the same to his Government.

New York, 9th.—The *Tribune's* special says: Cuban matters are becoming more and more interesting each day in Washington, the interest being enhanced by the action of our own government and the presence here of intelligent representatives from the insurrectionary forces, who are daily gaining influential friends by representations which they give

San Francisco, 8th. — Later advices from Gold Hill are to the effect that the fire has been fairly subdued, and the victims are being removed as rapidly as possible from the different shafts. Seventeen men are yet missing, and are supposed to have perished in the flames. The total number of lives destroyed is 36.

New York, 9th.-The *Herald's* Havana special says: The proposed confiscation of the property of all Cubans absent from the island was officially before the Administrative Council to-day. The project was declared to be unprecedentally unjust, and it was tabled.

An Ancient Royal Custom.

The London *Daily News* says:—"In the course of a graphic description of the progress of the Prince and Princess of Wales in the Nile region, an incident is related which recalls an ancient royal custom. A long-tailed sheep, which on the morrow was to have been changed into mutton for the benefit of the party, came to the princess, ate out of her hand, and, because of the diversion thus received, she requested that it should go unharmed, and it was adorned with gay paper trappings as a 'royal sheep.' The ancient custom, which is recalled by the incident, was that of the kings who hunted in the German forests and in the New Forest of Hampshire. When they had given chase to a hart, and it escaped them, they proclaimed it a 'royal hart,' and all huntsmen and others were forbidden to harm it. Until within this century some estates in Dorset paid 'hart money,' which, it is said, was originally laid upon them as a tax because their owners slew a hart which had been proclaimed by William II., after it had afforded him a morning's diversion in the New Forest. Now and then the 'royal hart' was promoted to the freedom of Windsor Park; and if her Royal Highness could but bring the long-tailed, black sheep home with her the parallel would be complete."

FEMALE FIENDISHNESS.—Three cases occurred within the last fortnight in London that beggar description. All are horrid, but all different, and of different degrees of horror. One woman, after being horribly abused, was found dead the next morning, on the ground, cut open, and her body filled with stones, and coal, and pieces of brick. The other two cases were perpetrated by women. One, taking advantage of her husband's helplessness, deliberately mutilated him in the most shocking manner, and then dug out both his eyes. The other, also angered at her husband, emptied a can of paraffin oil over him, and then set fire to him. Certainly, no man could have invented these modes of torture—nobody but a maddened or deeply injured woman.

CURIOUS EGG.—A hen belonging to Mr. Isaac Groh, farmer, of Waterloo, laid an egg which measured 6¾ inches in circumference the longest way and 9¼ inches the other way. The curiosity was seen when the shell was broken. Inside were two eggs, one about the size of a common egg, shell and all being perfectly formed; the other about the same size, minus the shell.

CANADA CONFERENCE.—The annual meeting of the Evangelical Denomination of North America, commences on Thursday the 15th inst., at 8 o'clock a. m., in the Evangelical Church, Waterloo, when the usual business will be transacted. Bishop J. J. Escher, of Cleveland, Ohio, will preside, and upwards of thirty ministers are expected to be present on the occasion.

An account of the receipts and disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in the year ending December, 1868, was published on Saturday. The receipts for the year amounted to £87,082 19s. 1d¼., out of which payments were made to his Royal Highness' use amounting to £55,252 2s. 1d.

The N. Y. *Tribune* special says it is understood that the President on Thursday sent a despatch by the cable, requesting Reverdy Johnson's resignation.