IRELAND.—Earl Russell in his recent letter on the condition and claims of Ireland, asserts that it is the duty of the Gladstone Government to introduce large measures for the relief of the sister kingdom. He defends Mr. Gladstone against the accusation of having started the Irish question from a desire to obtain office, and advocate the disestablishment of the Irish Church, and the partial endowment of Free Protestant, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches. Lord Russell urges the maintenance of the present system of national education, and, in dealing with the land question, expressed his conviction that a part of the ecclesiastical property should be devoted to carry out improvements in the cultivation of the soil.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
February 16, 1869.

Flour ℔ 100 lbs	$2 50	@	$2 75
Fall Wheat, ℔ bush	0 95	@	1 00
Spring Wheat ℔ bush	0 92	@	0 94
Oats ℔ bush	52	@	0 54
Peas do	0 80	@	0 84
Barley do	1 15	@	1 25
Hay ℔ ton	10 00	@	13 00
Straw	3 00	@	4 00
Shingles, ℔ squar	1 00	@	1 50
Wood, ℔ cord	3 00	@	3 50
Wool	0 24	@	0 25
Eggs, ℔ dozen	0 20	@	0 22
Butter, (store packed) ℔ lb	0 18	@	0 20
do (dairy packed) ℔ lb	0 20	@	0 21
Geese, each	0 50	@	0 67½
Turkeys each	0 75	@	1 50
Chickens, ℔ pair	0 25	@	0 30
Ducks, do	0 40	@	0 50
Potatoes, er bushel	1 00	@	1 12
Apples, ℔ bag	1 00	@	1 25
Lamb, ℔ lb	0 04	@	0 05
Beef	4 00	@	7 00
Beef, ℔ lb	0 05	@	0 12
Pork, ℔ 100 lbs.	7 00	@	8 75
Sheep Pelts each	0 50	@	1 00
Lambskins	0 50	@	1 00
Hides	5 50	@	6 00

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE.
Guelph, Feb. 16, 1869

Gold, 134¾.
Greenbacks bo't at 72½ to 73, sold at 73½c to 74c.
Silver bought at 4½ dis.; sold at 3½.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 00

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'

MONTREAL, February 16, 1869.

Flour—Extra, $5 25 to $5 30; Fancy, $5 00 to $5 00; Welland Canal Superfine, $4 95 to $5 00 Superfine No. 1 Canada wheat, $4 70 to $4 80 Superfine No. 1 Western wheat, $4 95 to $5 00 No. 2 do., $5 25 to $5 30; Bag flour, $2 25 to $2 35 Wheat—Canada Fall, $1 16 to $1 17; Spring, $1 13 to $1 14; Western, $1 10 to $1 11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 45c to 46c Barley, per 48 lbs. $1 20 to $1 30. Butter—dairy 20c to 23c store packed 20c to 23c. Ashes—Pots $5 40 to $5 45, pearls $5 40 to $0 s0. Pork—Mess, $27 00 to $27 00; Prime, $9 50 to $9 75. Peas, 90c to 90c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 15.

Fall wheat $1 00 to $0 00; spring wheat $0 98 to $0 00; flour, No. 1 super, $4 25, extra $5 30; barley $1 32; peas, 83c to 85c; oats, 52c to 53c.

HAMILTON MARKETS.

Hamilton, Feb. 15.

Barley, 1 20 to 1 25; peas, 80c to 85c; oats, 48c to 50c; spring wheat, 0 95 to 0 98; white wheat, 1 05 to 0 10; red winter, 1 00 $1 00.

FISH, FISH!

Direct from the Fisheries.

Fresh Haddock,
Codfish and Sea Herrings.

Choice Haddies,
Bloaters
Salmon
Kippered Herrings
Pickled Codfish

Labrador Herrings
Lake Huron Herrings
White Fish and Trout
Dry Codfish
and Haddock.

GEORGE WILKINSON,

Baltimore Oyster Depot, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 9th February. dw

FISH

NOW IN STOCK:

White Fish
Salmon
Labrador Herring
Sea Herring
Trout
Tommy Cods
Codfish
Smelt
Sardines
Lobsters
&c., &c.

The above will be sold cheap.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Day's Block.

Guelph, 11th February. 6d

VALENTINES!

VALENTINES, VALENTINES.

The 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 ossibly be obtained except at this Store. The price being low they are within the reach of all. In design they are pronounced to be really elegant. Now is the time for those wishing to manifest their Endless affection to examine the very extensive Stock.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Guelph, Feb. 5.

1869 FEARFUL PANIC. 1869

$15,000 WORTH OF

CANADIAN GOODS

To be rushed off before the 1st March, at the BRITANNIA HOUSE.

IN ORDER to make room for Spring Goods HEFFERNAN BROS. are determined to clear out their **Immense Stock** of Canadian Goods

AT PANIC PRICES!

Consisting in part of TWEEDS, FULL CLOTHS, SATINETTS, FLANNELS, BLANKET, carfs, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, &c. Call at once, and call early.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW CHANCES THAT RETAIL PURCHASERS have of Buying Goods at LESS than Wholesale Prices.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.

Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph. Jan 9. dw

Commercial Union Assurance Company,

CHIEF OFFICES—19 & 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.

CAPITAL, - - - - - £2,500,000.

Fire Department.

THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and Invested Funds.

PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gent'emen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

Life Department.

☞ Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks.

Eighty per cent. of the Profits of the whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders.

Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.

By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.

MORLAND, WATSON & CO.,
Offices—385 and 387 St. Paul Street, Montreal. General Agents for Canada.

FREDERICK COLE, Secretary.—Inspector of Agencies, T. C. LIVINGSTON, P.L.S., Upper Canada.

Trotter & Graham,
Guelph, Feb. 6. 1869. d1y Agents for Guelph.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.,

ARE NOW OPENING THEIR

FALL IMPORTATIONS,

And will be glad to see their friends and customers at

23 YONGE STREET, TORONTO.

Toronto, September 1. dwtf

JACKSON & HALLETT,

NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

WE HAVE ON HAND, as below, which will be sold either WHOLESALE OR RETAIL at the Lowest Cash Prices:—

FISH	FISH
100 Barrels No. 1 Labrador Herrings,	150 half Barrels Trout,
50 Barrels Round Herrings,	60 half Barrels White Fish,
150 half Barrels Lake Herrings,	30 quintals Dry Cod Fish.

200 barrels Goderich and Onondago Salt.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUSHELS DRIED APPLES.

WINDSOR WHISKIES—20 Barrels extra Old Rye. 100 Barrels Superior Whiskies. Scotch and Canadian Malt Whiskeys.

COAL OIL, 150 BARRELS. WHOLESALE, BY THE BARREL ONLY.

With a full assortment of GENERAL GROCERIES.

JACKSON & HALLETT.

Guelph, February 4 dw

IMPERIAL
Fire Insurance Company
OF LONDON.
(Established 1803.)

HEAD OFFICES.—1 Old Broad Street, and 16 Pall Mall, London

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Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserved Fund

£1,965,000 .. .. STERLING

Funds invested in Canada—$105,000

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid without reference to the Board in London. No charge made for policies or endorsements.

RINTOUL BROS, General Agents, 24 St. Sacramen Street. JOHN DODSWORTH, Inspector.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

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, Londonderry, and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiana, Havre, &c., via Leith.

☞ Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mai Line Steamship Company to California

Guelph, Dec. 1 daw 3m

DOCTOR DAVIS
Physician and Surgeon.

OFFICE—Merrick-st, directly opposite the Market, and in rear of the Royal Hotel.

Can be consulted at all hours day and evening, on all Chronic Diseases, Diseases of Women and Children, Midwifery, &c., together with those of a private nature. He has devoted over 30 years to the treatment of the above-named diseases, and the success so far has been without a parallel, as may be seen from the numerous testimonials his possession.

No Mercury Used—Patients at a distance can be treated by corresponding with he Doctor, stating the symptoms of the disease, age, length of time afflicted, &c., and receive his celebrated remedies by express, or as otherwise directed, securely packed from observation. A reasonable remittance on all such applications will be required.

Female Pills.—Dr Davis' celebrated Female Pills for Irregularities Suppression of the Menses, Leucorrhœa or whites, and all female difficulties, have been before the public for years, and are universally admitted to be best remedy for which they are recommended of any now in use.

The doctor can be consuded at all times with the utmost secrecy, as his office is so arranged that it is impossible to see each other, unless by consent. ☞ No charge for advice when obtained at the office, if by letter, $1.

All letters must be addressed (prepaid) to Dr. Davis, M. D., Hamilton, and to contain postage stamp when an answer is required.

Hamilton, 1st July, 1868. dw

OPENING NOTICE.
The GUELPH BAKERY
Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his bread business to Archibald Gilchrist, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST

Has much pleasure in informing the p that he has opened the store

NEXT DOOR TO THOMAS SODEN'S

Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.

A. GILCHRIST,
Fancy Bread, Biscuit and Cake Baker.
Guelph, 19th December. do

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

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 1 dwly

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

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and Specie 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, fortnighly 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 Kershaw & Edwards' Celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.

Guelph, Dec. 1. daw tf

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company
HARTFORD CONN.

WOODBRIDGE S. OLMSTED, Secretary. | GUY R. PHELPS, President. | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, V. Pre
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The largest Mutual Life Insurance Company, numbering over 55,000 members. A purely Mutual Company—its Assets being exclusively to its members.

ASSETS, $21,000,000—Acquired by prudent and economica management of twenty-two years without the aid of a single dollar of original capital.

SURPLUS ASSETS, $6,361,967.—All profits divided among the members. Each policy holder is a member. There are no Stockholders.

ITS LARGE DIVIDENDS.—They have averaged over 50 per cent. annually. Total amoun of dividends paid the members since its organization, **$4,397,142.**

ITS SUCCESS UNPARALLELED.—It has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Total amount of losses paid by the Company, **$6,868,528.**

ITS RESPONSIBILITY.—For every **$100** of Liabilities, it has **$154** of Assets.

LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.

Amount insured fiscal year 1867	**$45,647,191.00**
Income received " " "	**7,530,886.19**

During its last fiscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its deceased members, nearly **$2,000,000,** and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to its accumulated capital. The whole record of this Company has been one of prudent management and prosperous advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its ratio of expenses to income has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.

ITS LIBERALITY.—It accommodates the insured by giving credit for part premium, and grants insurance to meet all the contingencies and wants to which Life Insurance is applicable. Its issues policies on a single life from **$100 to $25,000.**

Amounted deposited with Receiver General of Canada, **$140,000.**

Medical Referee—DR. HEROD. DANIEL D. SILLS, General Agent for Canada.

GEORGE ROBINS, Agent for Guelph.

Guelph, 28th December. d

CARD.

James Massie & Co.,

Have pleasure in intimating the re-opening of their RETAIL STORE in the recently re-erected "ALMA BLOCK." Having given special attention to the selection of suitable and seasonable articles, they can, with confidence, recommend their FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c., to their numerous friends and customers, who will ever find an ample stock of superior goods, and a courteous welcome at the ALMA BLOCK."

Guelph, 9th Dec., 1868. daw tf

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

☞ **WHOLESALE.** ☜

NOW OPENING,

Another Shipment of Glassware

CONSISTING IN PART OF

Tumblers, Goblets, Wines
Decanters, Celery Glasses
Butters, Sugars and Creams
Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars
Preserve Dishes, in great variety
Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames
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Lamp Chimneys
Specia Jars, Japanned Ware.
&c. &c. &c.

R. RAE & CO.

IMPORTERS.

Guelph, 28th December dw

LOOK HERE

"The Moon shines still, though little dogs bark at it."

SO THE

MASON & HAMLIN
CABINET AND METROPOLITAN ORGANS

Continue to arrive variety

AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? COME AND SEE.

W. WARNER CLARKE,
Guelph, January 16. daw tf Market Square, Guelph

Fresh Teas

CROP '68 AND '68.

REFORD & DILLON

ARE now receiving **direct from London, Eng'd,** their FALL SUPPLIES of **New Season Teas,** comprising—

TWANKAYS,
YOUNG HYSONS,
IMPERIALS,
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CONGOUS,
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ALSO,

100 Hhd's Choice Barbadoes and Cuba Sugars,

With a well selected assortment of GENERAL GROCERIES, all of which they offer to the trad LOW.

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Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest pattern of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER,
114 Yonge Street, Toronto

Toronto, 1st Apr'l, 1868.

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and oints of of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straightedges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartleets' Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st Toront
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Calipers and Dividers, Stubs Files and Tools Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Sgating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodeon Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest Prices.

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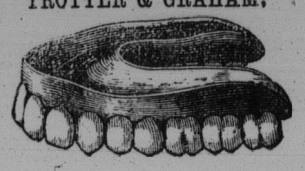

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Successors in Guelph to Trotter.

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Guelph, nd August, 868. dw

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The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of Dollars, already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for unfeigned congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policy-holder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed. The rank of THE EQUITABLE among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the ninth; in 1861 the eight; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second.

by Insurances effected on the most favorable terms

GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph.
Guelph, December 4th. dtf

Mrs. ROBINSON'S
DOMINION STORE

MRS. ROBINSON begs to inform her patrons, and the public, that she is still in he old stand and is able and willing to supply he wants of all who give her a call. She has a ely received a fine

Stock of Dried and other Fruits.

FANCY GOODS of all kinds. A splendid ot o Berlin Wools; also the Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in town, including English, Fingering, Clouded, Berlin, double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns.

MEN'S UNDERCLOTHING AND SOCKS,

Also, Ladies' Breakfas Shawls. Stockings of all colours, of the best quality made and can be bought cheap.

Stamping and braiding done to order.

MRS. ROBINSON
Guelph, Jan. 23 1869. dwtf

Removal.—Card of Thanks

WM. HOOVER,

CABMAN and Livery Stable Keeper, begs thank his patrons and the public for their support, and to inform them that he has

Removed to the New Stone Stable, in rear of Miller's Hotel,

WEST MACDONNELL STREET

Orders may be left at his office in the Stable, a his house, near the Alma Block, or at Miller's Hotel, and will be promptly attended to.

THE CAB STAND

For the winter will be at the corner of Mr. Hogg's Dry Goods Store.

Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1868 d3m

GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD,
Looking Glass and Picture Frame
MANUFACTURER,
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The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate Country orders promptly attended to.

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CANADIAN LINE-Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.
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CABIN.—Guelph to Liverpoo $83.5 and $93.
ST RAGE, do do $32.00
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, $73.50.
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Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at th lowest rates. For Tickets. ate-rooms every information apply to

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Agent G. T. R., Guelph
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Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.

E. MORRIS, Agent.
Guelph, Dec. 21 d1y