

agricultural purposes, A. Gerrie; 2d R. Mitchell.  
MISCELLANEOUS—3 lbs. honey exhibited in comb, J. Gerrie; 2d E. Vrooman. Collection of photographs, R. Stewart; 2d P. C. Noble. Brass or reed band, Fergus Band.

**SPECIAL PRIZES**—By the president, C. Clarke, Esq., a prize of \$5, for the best hand sewed gentleman's shirt, A. Watt. By the Secretary a prize of \$5, for the best 2 bushels of spring wheat, the wheat and bag to be the property of the Centre Wellington Agricultural Society, Elam Vrooman.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET  
FRIDAY EVENING, OCT. 16TH, 1868

**Violet Keith: an Autobiography** by Mrs. Ross.  
Some months ago we announced the early publication of a story from real life under the above title by Mrs. Ross of Montreal, a lady not unknown in literary circles, as an acceptable contributor to some of the leading Magazines. The book has just been received, and is now being supplied to subscribers. It is issued from the press of Mr. John Lovell, Montreal, is neatly printed and handsomely bound and got up. Of the merits of the book itself, a pretty correct idea of them will be formed from the following just and discriminating notice by the Toronto Telegraph: "The tale which Mrs. Ross relates with a keen, unflinching sympathy for the central figures in the picture—and with more than common artistic skill—takes the form of an autobiography. Devoid altogether of anything that can be called 'plot,' the thread of the narrative which bears principally upon the fortunes of an orphan girl, and a brother younger than herself, to whom she nobly resolves to act as guardian and protector, unfolds itself with a naturalness that challenges admiration. Founded on certain actual occurrences of almost tragic interest—illustrating the desperate and cruel resorts of avarice, the courage and resolution of a pure and honest heart, the stern discipline which reveals the true, heroic soul, the terrible test of unforseen misfortunes which often rack to madness common unsanctified natures—the work, as it were, of the story is charmingly developed, while the filling in is not only rich in incident that keeps the attention bound, but is colored with scenes as thrilling as any that we remember in thirty or more years' reading. When it is observed that the most exciting—we may say tragic—of these scenes, bear evidence of being pictures drawn from actual experience, our recognition of the wonderful descriptive faculty of the authoress is irresistibly quickened, and we incontinently discover that it is not the garish dabbling of a novice that has captivated us, but that the attraction is art, real, genuine, and unmistakable."

"Certain pictures of conventual life possibly bearing a higher color than may be to the taste of some; and there may appear to other sensitive minds, in this, the most absorbing portion of the work, a certain flavor of what is termed the *odium theologium*. Yet, in answer to this, it has to be noticed that the writer is here describing events which actually transpired, and the record of which running back many years is still accessible—in the prosaic form of Newspaper reports—to those who care to have a key to the work."

"Mrs. Ross's book is healthy in sentiment. It is a safe family book. It conveys instruction, in no didactic form, but by a beautiful portraiture of life—partly shaded—and yet, also, lighted up with sunshine of faith, hope, and ultimate victory for those in whose fate the interest of the reader is centered."

**MOLASSES SPLIT**—An untoward accident happened at Mr. Hugh Walker's grocery store on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Armstrong's teamster had brought down two puncheons of molasses from the Great Western Station, and was backing up the wagon to the sidewalk. In doing so the rope which bound the puncheons broke, they both burst, and the contents finding their way into the gutter ran along in a broad black stream. Some was saved, but of course it is not fit for domestic use. The loss is about \$80. Some of the young urchins thought the thing a good joke.

**MR. STONE'S SALE**—Mr. F. W. Stone's annual sale of Sheep and pigs took place at his farm yesterday (Thursday) and was attended by a large number of prominent breeders from various parts of the Province as well as from our own County. Fifteen Cotswold rams were sold. Those put up first including one or two imported rams did not fetch good prices, the figures paid for each running from \$28 to \$34. Prices a lot better when the one shear rams were brought out, two being sold at \$60 each, one at \$51, one at \$50, and the others ranging from \$50 down to \$31. No Cotswold ewes were sold. The bidding on the Southdown rams was not brisk, and only two were sold—a two and one shear—for \$23 each. Some Berkshire spring pigs were sold at from \$14 to \$16 each and a sow for \$22. Nearly all the sheep were sold to breeders outside of this County.

**ARE DREAMS TRUE**—We would be loth to publish the following story if we found it in an American paper, for in them such yarns are continually being spun, but having a journal like the London *Prototype* for authority we insert it as something "strange, if true." That paper says: On Sunday last, Dr. Billington, of Delaware, being in attendance upon a patient at Caradoc, returned to his residence, and feeling tired, fell asleep on the lounge. While in that state, he dreamt that he saw the heap of logs which concealed the wearing apparel of the murdered girl, Mary Jones. Upon awaking, he proceeded to the bush, in company with a constable, and having measured the distance from where the child's body was found, repaired to the spot, and there found the heap of logs, under which the clothing was found, and which had been brought so vividly before him in his dream. The clothing, it will be remembered, was brought into court, on Monday, during the progress of the trial. Dreams, after all, are not always unprofitable.

**BY TELEGRAPH**  
PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

**Despatches to the Evening Mercury.**

**PARIS, Oct. 17, evening**—The 'Epogue' thinks it likely that some of the Great Powers of Europe will soon ask the United States Government the cause of Admiral Farragut's movements in Europe.  
**COPENHAGEN, Oct. 15**—The 'Rigsdag' in reply to the King's opening speech regrets the failure of the negotiations with Prussia in the matter of Schleswig Holstein, rejoices in the unity of feeling between the King and the people, hopes for a continuation of friendly relations with Prussia, and that the international differences may be easily settled.

**LONDON, Oct. 15**—Mr. Gladstone made a speech yesterday at Liverpool. He examined the question of Fenianism, and contended that the Fenians were not a party to be feared, but a party to be reformed and not a party to be exterminated. He spoke earnestly of the need of reform and quoted and dwelt on the works of D'Arcy McGee, a Conservative, on these causes as 'a voice of the dead from over the ocean.' The joint committees of the Anglo-American and Atlantic Telegraph companies have decided to abolish from and after the 1st of November, 1868, the system of counting letters in estimating tariffs, and to count only by words. It is reported to-day that the French Government has furloughed 30,000 men from the army and navy. The mail steamer from Rio Janeiro, brings important intelligence from the seat of war on the Parana. The Paraguayan position at the mouth of the Peburus river had been taken by the allies. President Lopez of Paraguay had gone to Villa Rica, a town in the interior, unattended, and abandoned the capital to the allies.

**MADRID, Oct. 15**—Forty-eight cities, being all the administrative centres, adhere to the Junta and monarchial principles. Seven denounce the clergy, and all denounce religious orders. The meeting of the Cortes has been fixed for December 15, so that the representatives from Cuba and Porto Rico may appear. The army will be exempt from the tax about to be levied.

**AMERICAN DESPATCHES.**  
**The Election in the States—**  
**Immense Majority for the**  
**Republican Party.**  
COLUMBUS, Oct. 16.  
Returns so far show from 16,000 to 17,000 Republican majority in the State.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 16.  
Official returns received to-day show small Republican gains on the reported majorities, both parties still claiming the ticket. The indications are that the Republican majority will be fifteen hundred. Returns from Nebraska are not all in. The probable Republican majority in the State is 2,200.  
The Senate is immensely Republican, the House being five Democrats to thirty-four Republicans.  
The World says editorially, in substance, that indiscreet expressions of Gen. Blair have been successfully used against democracy, and the party should be cleared of the aspersions arising from it. It concludes as follows: "The party as a body has no other means of clearing itself of this injurious imputation than by futile contradictions in its public journals, but there are individuals who can extinguish this calumny in a moment and silence it forever, and this must be done if we are to win the election. This is a time for plain talk and we trust we have spoken intelligibly enough for those whom it must most concern to take our meaning."

**Reported Withdrawal of Seymour and Blair.**  
New York, Oct. 15.  
The Herald's Washington special makes an important announcement that a movement is on foot among prominent members of the Democratic party to have Seymour and Blair withdrawn in view of the certainty of a defeat in the Presidential election, in order that the new and more available ticket may be nominated. It is stated that August Belmont has been advised with, and that a committee will wait on Seymour at Utica to-day. The nomination, it is said, has been tendered to Chase, who has expressed his willingness to accept it, and there is a probability of the nomination of John Quincy Adams or Gen. Franklin, for Vice President.

**The Earthquake in South America—Yellow Fever, &c.**  
**Gold Found in Africa.**  
New York, Oct. 15.  
A Peru letter of the 28th Sept., states that shocks of earthquake were still felt in Arequipa and Arica, but those cities were so thoroughly ruined that no further damage could be expected.  
Yellow fever was apprehended at Lima and Callao.  
A Valparaiso letter of the 16th Sept., says that great fears prevailed that as disastrous an earthquake as that of August last is about to visit Chili, as the same circumstances that preceded that calamity in Ecuador have been observable several days.  
Havana advices state that Santa Anna has been ordered to leave the Island in consequence of his Mexican complications.  
The United States Consul at Cape Town, Africa, reports the discovery of rich gold fields in the interior, about 1,300 miles north east of Cape Town. The British and Dutch have taken possession.

**GEORGE AND ROBERT STEPHENSON.**  
This is a biography of the inventor of the locomotive, and of his son. Prefixed to the work is a history of the railway and the locomotive in their earlier stages. The author is Samuel Saines, a well known writer, and this edition published by the Harpers has been carefully revised. A very complete memoir of the distinguished engineer Richard Trevithick has been included in the introductory portion of the work. The author declares his object in publishing this volume, in its original form, some ten years since, was to describe, in connection with the 'Life of George Stephenson,' the origin and progress of the railway system, and to show by what moral and material agencies its founders were enabled to carry their ideas into effect, and to work out results which even then were of a remarkable character, though they have since become so much more extraordinary. The reason why it is a double biography is explained as follows: Father and son were so intimately associated in the early period of their career, that it is difficult, if not impossible, to describe the one apart from the other. The life and achievements of the son were in a great measure the complement of the life and achievements of the father. The book is interesting and instructive; it contains portraits of the two eminent men mentioned, besides a number of illustrations, and will form a valuable addition to any library. Wholesale by E. Tans & Co., Clifton. Copies may be had at Day's bookstore.

**I can Wanted.**  
WANTED, \$1,700 loan on Mortgage of 200 a. improved farm in Minto.  
LEMON & PETERSON,  
Solicitors, Guelph.  
Guelph, Oct. 16.

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

**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 expert at figures. Address J. B., Osprey Post Office, Guelph, Oct. 15. d4w1

**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  
FRED. J. CHADWICK,  
d 6t  
Guelph, Oct. 15.

**HAIR DRESSING.**  
MRS. S. RILEY, of Galt, begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding townships that she is ready to do all kinds of Hair Dressing on the shortest notice. Also hair washed. Residence, Upper Wyndham Street, four doors above Mr. James Murphy's grocery store.  
Guelph Oct. 14. d 6t

**DANCING CLASSES.**  
THE MISSES RHEMMIE beg to announce that in addition to the other branches of education, they are prepared to open classes for Dancing on THURSDAY, 1st October, at their establishment, Waterloo Road. Afternoon class at 3 o'clock. Evening class at 7 o'clock.  
Guelph, Sept. 30th, 1868. d 6t

**SPEEDVALE MILLS.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THE Undersigned having purchased the Speedvale Mills from Mr. James Goldie, will always give the highest Market price for Wheat at the Mills. BRAN, SHORRS, MIDDINGS and SCABANINGS constantly on hand and will be sold at a reduction on Guelph prices.  
JOHN PIPE,  
d 4w 1m  
Speedvale Mills, Oct. 14.

**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. d 6t

**GIRLS WANTED**  
WANTED, Two Girl Tailoresses immediately. Apply per post to Box 129, Chatham P. O., Ont. d 3 w 1

**WELLINGTON HUNT.**  
THE WELLINGTON HUNT will meet at Mrs. Hamilton's Tavern, Brock Road, at half past two o'clock, on Saturday, Oct. 17th.  
Guelph, Oct. 14. d 3 w 1

**Couple of Girls Wanted.**  
WANTED immediately at CUTHBERT'S a couple of Girls for light, easy employment. Good wages. Apply at once.  
Guelph, Oct. 14. d 6t

**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.  
**BERLIN WOOLS, in Great variety, at half-price**  
At M. Shewan's  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
J. B. THORNTON, Agent.  
Guelph, Oct. 14. d 4w 1t

**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

**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 ELLY 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 if not superior to the former popular Concerts given by this Club.  
For particulars see programmes.  
J. T. NICHOLS, WM. SUNLEY,  
President, Secretary.  
Guelph, Oct. 15. d 4

**Something New!**  
JUST RECEIVED at the Dominion Store, a very nice assortment of  
**Men's Underclothing,**  
and Socks, also,  
**Ladies' Breakfast Shawls**  
Stockings of all colours, of the best quality made and can be bought cheap.  
**BERLIN WOOLS.**  
The Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in Galt, including English, Fingering, Clonted, Berlin, double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns.  
Stamping and branding done to order.  
MRS. ROBINSON, d 6t  
Guelph, Oct. 15, 1868.

**BLONDIN in GUELPH**  
**Prof. JENKINS,**

THE renowned **HOPE WALKER**, will give two of his wonderful Exhibitions in Guelph, on  
**Tuesday 20th of October**  
at one and half-past four p. m. The rope will be 300 feet long, and 40 above the earth. Among other daring and wonderful feats performed on the rope, Prof. Jenkins will walk from end to end blindfolded, walk over the whole length again

and will carry a Cooking Stove midway across, set it on the rope, build a fire and cook victuals.  
**CARRYING A MAN ON HIS BACK**  
And will carry a Cooking Stove midway across, set it on the rope, build a fire and cook victuals.  
**ATHLETIC GAMES**  
In addition to the above Exhibition there will be a number of Athletic Games, in which prizes will be given to the foremost competitors.  
M. DEADY,  
Guelph, 14th Oct. d w ROBT OAKES.

**NO RESERVE.**  
**IMPORTANT**  
**Auction Sale.**  
W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by the subscribers to sell by Public Auction, at his farm near Guelph,  
**ON FRIDAY THE 30th OCTOBER,**  
At twelve o'clock, noon, the whole of his valuable Stock and Implements:—2 horses, 2 mares (6 and 8 years old) in foal to 'St. Lawrence,' 1 one year colt and a foal by the same Horse, 2 grade cows, Durhams, 1 Galloway heifer, 15 pigs (Essex and Berkshire breeds), 1 iron-saw wagon, 1 box do., 2 ploughs, 3 harrows, 3 scuffle-prize cultivator, 1 pair double mould-board plough made by Thain, 1 turnip sower, 1 roller, 1 stone boat, 1 new furnace, 2 hay racks, 2 sheep racks, 1 fanning mill, hay and manure forks, harness, and numerous other articles. There will be no reserve, as the proprietor is about to close his business and leave the Province.  
TERMS—Sums of \$20 and under, Cash; over that sum, 12 Months' Credit will be given on approved endorsed Notes, or 10 per cent allowed off for cash.  
HAY, STRAW, TURNIPS—Also, will be sold 7 acres of Turnips that cannot be surpassed in the country, besides a quantity of Hay and Straw, if not previously disposed of. Terms—3 Months' bankable paper, or 10 per cent per annum for cash.  
AN EXCELLENT FARM—The Farm will be offered for sale the same day, if not previously disposed of. Terms made known at the time of sale.  
JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor,  
Anglo-American Hotel,  
Guelph, October 5th. d 4w 1t

**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 anyone. 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 favors, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a still greater share of their patronage.  
**T. J. DAY, Bookseller,**  
Opposite the Market.  
Guelph, 13th October d w

**New Goods!**  
NEW GOODS AT  
**John A. Wood's.**  
New Valentia Raisins,  
New Currants,  
New Hops,  
New Honey in Comb, 25c. per lb.  
New Honey, Strained, 20c. per lb.  
New Glassware,  
New Crockery,  
New Ginger Nuts,  
Cracknels,  
Wine, Arrowroot,  
Lunch, Abernethy, and  
Victoria Biscuits.

**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S,**  
Guelph, October 5. d w  
**LAMPS,**  
**LAMPS!**  
JUST OPENED OUT AT  
**PETRIE'S**  
**DRUG STORE**  
Old Post Office Building, Wyndham-St.  
A Large Assortment of **COAL OIL LAMPS,** all sizes and kinds, will be sold **CHEAP.**

**No. 1 COAL OIL.**  
A supply of No. 1 COAL OIL KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.  
**A. B. PETRIE, Druggist.**  
Guelph, September 25th. d w

**OATS DOWN**  
TO 55 CENTS.  
**FLOUR,** - - \$2.75  
**POTATOES,** - - 1.00  
**AT WEBSTER'S**  
Market Square, Guelph, Oct. 15th. d

**CUTHBERT'S**

**STOCK OF**  
**BERLIN WOOL**  
Will be Sold to-morrow, Saturday, 17th inst,  
**BY AUCTION.**  
Guelph, 10th October, 1868 d w

**THE FRUIT DEPOT.**

**WYNDHAM-ST. GUELPH WYNDHAM-ST.**  
**2 Tons of Beautiful Grapes.**  
For sale to the Trade at a low price for cash, also, **ORANGES Lemons Peaches, Quinces, &c.**  
**HUGH WALKER,**  
Importer and Wholesale Dealer in Oysters, Finnan Haddies, Fruit, &c., Wyndham St. Guelph, October 15. d w

**Improving. Improving.**  
**BUSY, BUSY, BUSY, BUSY,**  
**AT A. O. BUCHAM'S**  
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 lines which we are showing in these departments attract 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 reasonable prices.  
**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. Buyers are requested to examine my Stock.**  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 14, 1868. d 4t

**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. Buyers are requested to examine my Stock.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 14, 1868. d 4t

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

**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 rent to pay, 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.**  
Guelph, October 9th, 1868.  
**JOHN HOGG,** d w

**Apprentice Wanted.** **SPECIAL ATTENTION.**  
WANTED at this office, a stout, active, intelligent lad, about 16 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the Printing business. Apply at once at **THE MERCURY OFFICE,** Macdonnell Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Oct. 1 d w f  
THE Highest Market Price paid for **Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calveskins and Wood Pickings,**  
At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street, Guelph, July 28 d w D. MOLTON.