

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
The partnership heretofore existing between McLaughlin & James Innes as Publishers has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.  
JOHN TRIMBLE, Witness. (JOHN C. McLAGLAIN, JAMES INNES.)  
Guelph, July 1st, 1869.

The business will in future be carried on by the undersigned, who is authorized to collect all outstanding debts and subscriptions due to the late firm, and who will settle all contra accounts against the same up to the date of dissolution.  
July 12, 1869. JAMES INNES.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 16, 1869.

**HOW THE GOVERNMENT TREATS THE VOLUNTEERS.**

When Sir George E. Cartier forced his Militia Bill through Parliament, there was scarcely to be found even in the Tory Press a paper to do it reverence. If we recollect distinctly, there were two newspapers in the Province which gave it a sort of qualified support—all others, Conservative and Reform, condemned it *in toto*. Few as its friends were at the time it was passed, the Bill has still fewer advocates now, and fewer is only possible to the extent of two individuals who spoke to the public through the press, and none who spoke of it privately. To be sure there were several members of the Commons who opposed it most strenuously, and, as usual, in vain when the parent of the measure was Sir George E. Cartier. What is the use at present of opposing any act of his how absurd or iniquitous soever it may be? Our own member raised his voice in protest against the Bill, and stated his conviction that its tendency was very strongly in the direction of breaking up the Volunteer Force. It would be exceedingly desirable that his predictions should not be verified, but such a result is greatly to be feared. For it is plain that men reared under different forms of government have different ideas and feelings. Despotisms are favorable to the nurturing of a race of slaves, democracies to mountebanks and revolutionists, and constitutional governments to men who respect their superiors at the same time that they will submit to no tyranny or oppression.

Austria, France, ay, even the more advanced kingdom of Prussia, may resort to conscription and compulsory military service. They may even force their soldiers on fourteen half-penny a day if they like, and condemn them to spend the best part of their lives in a daily routine of drill. But such treatment would be most decidedly repugnant to the genius of Britons, and there is little room left for doubt that even the modified continental ideas which the Minister of Militia brought to the task of framing his bill are no more approved of by the military, now that they have had an experience, than they were by the press, when it spoke theoretically and speculatively.

Let us enquire what volunteering means. It means the ordinary weekly drill, which, more particularly in the country, often involves a long walk after a hard day's work, and it means besides eight or nine days of extraordinary fatigue, with but indifferent compensation, in the heat of summer. It means leaving home, generally at a time when there is enough of work to do there, and "roughing it" in about the most extreme expectation of that term. And non-commissioned officers and men who do all this—who perform six days' drill—march any distance, not exceeding fifteen miles to and from headquarters, or hire their own conveyance—who receive twenty-five cents per mile each way if the distance be over fifteen miles—and take from eight to nine days to do these things, are allowed the munificent sum of \$6.50, and have to feed themselves out of that.

The Government, indeed furnishes tents and blankets, and gives a special allowance of \$6 to each company for camp kettles, tins, &c. We would ask if it could be so less? Six dollars they would go but a small way in furnishing a company with what utensils they would require, and small as the amount may be which the volunteers will take home with them, it would have been smaller still, perhaps dwindled into nothing, had it not been for the generosity of the Town Council.

From Friday morning of last week till Saturday night, before the country companies will reach home, the men will have been out nine days, and yet for that length of service in the field, for all the discomforts of camp life, for all the vicissitudes of weather, and for all the other things, the men at the very outside will only have a paltry pittance of \$4 or so, after paying for their extra labor and fatigue.

Can we wonder that our volunteers are getting discontented—can we wonder that they are leaving the service? Here in this county we have a Battalion which in numbers, in efficiency in drill, and in all other requisites which make up a first-class Battalion, stands in the front rank, and will bear comparison with any in the country. But when the Government pursues such a niggardly policy towards the volunteers, and instead of encouraging the men seems rather to take a pleasure in making everything as disagreeable to them as possible, we cannot expect that they will voluntarily stand all this, or that the officers can persuade them to continue to endure such treatment. It is certainly greatly to the credit of the officers and men in the Wellington Battalion that they have stuck to the service so long, but we very much fear that the policy of the government will have the effect of gradually thinning their ranks until but a bare skeleton remains. It will before long destroy the volunteer system, which, until Sir G. E. Cartier began to tinker with it, was eminently successful. Then, we suppose, the draft will have to be enforced, which, we predict, will be a failure, for it is contrary to the genius and spirit of the people. For all this, and much more, the Minister of Militia and the Government will be held responsible.

**Unprecedented Drouth in the West Indies.**

A drouth of unprecedented severity prevails throughout the greater part of the West Indies. In the island of Trinidad the drouth is so intense that the deepest wells in Port of Spain are almost dry. The country was completely burnt up with heat, and several fires had occurred with most disastrous results. One of the fires had traversed twenty-five square miles of country, destroying in its course thousands of acres of growing canes; and others had taken place on cocoa plantations, with similar sad results. In St. Lucia the streams have diminished to such an extent that the mills are all at a standstill for want of water to work them. In Guadalupe, public and private cisterns are alike dried up, and not a drop of fresh water is to be obtained. In the towns the inhabitants are to be seen at the corners of the different streets pumping and drinking brackish water; while the distress of domestic animals and cattle is positively painful to witness. In Grenada and Antigua the young canes are perishing for lack of moisture, months having elapsed since they have had a heavy fall of rain. In Barbadoes the weather has been so dry that serious fears are entertained for next year's sugar crop. And in some parts of Jamaica the people are actually giving nearly a day's labor for a single bucket of water, while the water supply of Kingston, drawn from a river, distant about three miles from the city, has so greatly diminished as to awaken serious apprehensions of consequences in the event of a fire breaking out in the city. Says one of the Kingston journals, "we can hardly dare to contemplate what our position would be if fire was now to break out in any part of the city.—With the strong winds of the last few days, everything parched up dried around us, and hardly water enough to supply one hydrant to any purpose, only the good providence of God could save us from the most fearful consequences." Of late years the rain fall in most of the West India Islands has greatly diminished, owing in a great measure, it is supposed, to the cutting down of the large trees by the free settlers in opening up fresh grounds for the cultivation of coffee, yams, &c. Similar consequences arising from the destruction of forests have been noticed in the East Indies and elsewhere.

**DREAFFUL EFFECT OF A NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION.**—A frightful accident occurred on the 29th ult., about six miles from Carnarvon, Wales. A shipload of nitro-glycerine, from Liverpool, arrived at Carnarvon bar, and was conveyed in boats to the pier. In the afternoon five cartloads left the pier—two for Ashton Smith's Llanberis quarries, and three for Lord Penrhyn's Bethesda quarries. At six o'clock, while the former two were near the Cwymglo, a terrible explosion occurred. The horses drawing the cart and three men were blown to atoms, and fragments of the cart wheels were thrown to a great distance. In the village, nearly a quarter of a mile away, great injury was done. Roofs were knocked down and windows were broken in. At the spot where the carts were, two round holes six feet deep and seven feet in diameter, were made in the ground. The railway station, forty yards off, was blown to pieces. The whole valley, to the foot of Snowden, suffered a tremendous shock, and damage was done to every part of it. A very great shock was felt at Carnarvon and Bangor, and for miles around. Portions of human remains were found forty yards from the spot where the explosion occurred. Three quarymen who were 300 hundred yards off were severely injured. The three other carts were a mile apart, and were left for the night on the roadside. The greatest consternation prevailed. Thousands congregated from the neighbouring towns and villages to the scene of the accident. A cart wheel has been found fifty yards off, and on the rocks, above the scene of the accident.

**DESPERATE ENCOUNTER IN HAMILTON.**—The notorious McElroy, who was sent to the penitentiary from this city, four years since, on conviction of burglaries entering the residence of T. C. Mewburn, Esq., and firing a revolver at that gentleman with murderous intent, returned to Hamilton on Wednesday, with the evident design of meeting the party who caused his prosecution. The desperado was noticed prowling about the streets with a watchful eye during the forenoon, but it appears did not catch sight of Mr. Mewburn, who was also about town circulating a subscription paper, until about 3 p.m., when McElroy espied him turning the corner of King and James streets. The latter immediately rushed into the ruins of the late fire at Messrs. Magill's, and seizing a large scythe from the debris started in pursuit of his intended victim. Mr. Mewburn noticing McElroy's approach, immediately doubled up both fists, and assumed an attitude of defence, and successfully warded off the cuts and thrusts of his desperate assailant, until Chief Davis and others came to his relief. McElroy then took to his heels, and although stoutly pursued by a large number who witnessed his murderous onslaught, managed to escape.—Times.

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THE only Canadian Life Company authorized by Government for the Dominion.  
Rates are lower than British or Foreign Offices. A larger amount of Assurances and of Investments in Canada than any other Company, and its rapid progress is satisfactory evidence of the popularity of its principles and practice. Last year there were issued  
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Agencies throughout the Dominion, where every information can be obtained, or at the Head Office in Hamilton, Ont.  
A. G. RAMSAY, Manager.  
Agents in Guelph:  
F. W. STONE,  
Wellington, Halton and Peel.  
R. TROTTER,  
Guelph, 8th July. dly

**New Advertisements.**

**MARE STRAYED.**  
Strayed from Guelph on Sunday night, 11th of July, a dark bay mare in good condition. Had a halter on when she left, about 1 1/2 hands high, has white spots in both hind feet, mane drop on either side of her neck, swelling on the left side of her neck near the glands. Any person bringing her to the undersigned, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery, will be rewarded.  
Guelph, 15th July. dtf D. MOLTON

**PASTURE TO LET.**—Apply to DENIS COFFEY, June 22, dtf

**MONEY TO LEND.**

\$5,000 to lend on farm security. Apply to E. O'CONNOR, Solicitor, &c. No. 3 Day's Block. Guelph, 14th July. wsm-6

**BOY OR MAN WANTED** competent to take care of horses, and with some knowledge of gardening.  
Guelph, July 12 dtf H. W. PETERSON.

**FIRST-CLASS STORE TO LET.**  
Store to let on Wyndham Street, Guelph.—Central position. Apply to GEO. ELLIOTT, Guelph, June 12. dtf

**BOARDING.**  
Parties requiring board, with either single or double-bedded rooms, can be accommodated by applying at MISS CARP'S, "The Grove," Quebec Street.  
Guelph, 14th July. dtf

**HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE IN GUELPH.**

For sale that desirable property on the London Road (only a few yards from the Elora road) belonging to Mr. Thomas Brazell. The dwelling is divided into two self-contained houses, each having six rooms with kitchens, cellars, stables, sheds and all other conveniences. The dwelling is rough-cast, in good condition, and the lot is large and well-fenced. The property will be sold cheap, and on reasonable terms. For terms and other particulars apply to Thomas Brazell, painter, or to THOMPSON & JACKSON, house and land agents.  
Guelph, 14th July. dw

**VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.**

For sale by public auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 28th JULY, at 1 o'clock p.m. that well known and centrally situated property adjoining Nelson Crescent, belonging to F. W. Galbraith, Esq. The property, which has a frontage of 150 feet on Palmy Street, will be divided and put up for sale in three lots. On one of these lots stands the house now occupied by Mr. Galbraith, along with stables and other outbuildings. The property is well fenced in good cultivation, and the land is well stocked with choice fruit trees.  
Also, to the rear of the foregoing property, and fronting on Oxford St., a vacant lot, well-fenced. Also, a park lot, containing about two and a half acres, adjoining the property of D. Guthrie, Esq., fenced, and in good cultivation. A stream of water runs through a corner of the lot.  
Terms made known at time of sale.  
July 15 dtf W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

**DRESS MAKING.**

**Dress Making.**  
Juvenile Clothing, Patterns,  
Stamping for Braiding and Embroidering from the latest designs.  
At MRS. HUNTER'S.

A large and select stock of  
Braid  
Trimming  
Ruffings  
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Flosses  
Wools, &c.  
Fancy Goods of all kinds.  
At MRS. HUNTER'S.

**SEWING MACHINES.**

The best in the market. Call and see them at Mrs. HUNTER'S, Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham-St. Guelph, 15th July. dw

**ELORA BRITISH HOTEL**

FOR SALE CHEAP.  
That well-known Hotel, situated on the corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, in the thriving Village of Elora, and in the immediate vicinity of the Railway Station, (Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway) Stabling for 40 Horses. The property comprises half an acre of land, through which a small spring creek runs. The Buildings are in thorough repair, and rented at present to a good tenant, whose lease expires on the 1st of March, 1870.  
The indispensable. For terms and further particulars apply to  
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,  
General Agents, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.  
Guelph, 15th July. dtf

**ANNUAL PIC-NIC.**

**WESLEYAN METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL.**  
The annual Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School Pic-nic will be held  
On Thursday, 22nd of July,  
on the grounds of H. W. Peterson, Esq. Tea at six o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Children under 12 years of age half price.

**Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance.**  
Guelph, 14th July. A. O. BUCHAM, Secretary. dw

**EDUCATIONAL.**

**MRS. WM. BUDD,**  
Organist of the Congregational Church.  
Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School re-opens on MONDAY, 4th AUGUST, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.—Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
December 30. doly

**BILLIARDS**

**GREAT EXCITEMENT.**  
Billiard Hall Refitted  
New Style Tables  
Exhibition Twice a Week  
AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,  
Guelph 23rd February. dtf

**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

**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 dtf

**WAGON FOR SALE.**

A fine Democrat Wagon (nearly new), for sale Apply at CUTHBERT'S  
Guelph 11th May. dtf

**BISCOE & OLIVER.**

BARRISTERS, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Solicitors in Chancery and Insolvent, Notaries Public, Conveyancers, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph. N.B.—Money to lend.

**New Advertisement.**  
**NEW CROP TEAS!**  
TEAS! TEAS!  
  
1000 HALF CHESTS.

The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising  
Young Hysons and Hysons  
Hyson Twankays  
Twankays  
Imperials  
Gunpowders  
Souchongs  
Congous  
Colored Japans  
Natural Leaf Japans  
Oolongs  
Toronto, 17th July. dw **REFORD & DILLON.**

**GREAT CLEARING SALE**  
  
**Golden Lion!**  
THE WHOLE OF THE  
**SUMMER STOCK**  
TO BE SOLD OFF  
At Honest Actual Cost Prices!

The Goods are all new and fresh, and styles the very latest. No old bankrupt stuff in stock at all. We only keep fresh imported goods that will suit respectable people. The public will know that when we advertise a clearing sale at cost prices that we carry out what we promise to the letter, not as some of our thin-skinned neighbors do.  
Mr. CHANCE leaves here this day for England to purchase Fall and Winter-Stock, consequently we are determined to clear out all Summer Goods at any sacrifice.

**CALL AND SEE!**

We will convince you at once that the **GOLDEN LION** is the spot to make the dollar accomplish wonders.  
Guelph, 15th July. dw **HOGG & CHANCE.**

**BANKRUPT STOCK**

**MUST BE SOLD.**  
**A. O. Bucham**  
Has received instructions from the Assignee of his Estate that the balance of Stock now on hand  
**Must be Rushed off at any Price**  
WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

Consequently, during the next ten days  
Extraordinary Bargains will be offered in the following first-class Departments:  
**DRESS GOODS, JACKETS, MILLINERY, MANTLES, AND CLOTHING**

Housekeepers, Heads of Families, and others, should not let this opportunity pass.—Don't forget—For the next ten days "BIG THINGS" may be expected at this great Sale of Bankrupt Stock.  
Guelph, July 14 dtf BY ORDER OF THE ASSIGNEE.

**CHERRIES, CHERRIES**  
**STRAWBERRIES**  
**PINEAPPLES**  
**ORANGES and LEMONS.**  
Fresh arrivals daily per Merchants' Despatch and Express.  
**AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.**  
**HUGH WALKER.**  
Wyndham-st., Guelph, 4th July 3. Opposite the English Church.

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**LAZARUS, MORRIS & CO'S**  
CELEBRATED  
**Perfected Spectacles!**  
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The large and increasing sales of these PERFECTED GLASSES is a sure proof of their superiority. We were satisfied that they would be appreciated here as elsewhere, and that the reality of the advantages offered to wearers of our beautiful lenses, viz: the ease and comfort, the assured and readily ascertained improvement of the sight, and the brilliant assistance they give in all cases were in themselves so apparent on trial, that the result could not be otherwise than it has, in the almost general adoption of our Celebrated Perfected Spectacles by the residents of this locality. With a full knowledge of the value of the assertion, we claim that they are the most perfect optical aids ever manufactured. To those needing Spectacles, we afford at all times an opportunity of procuring the best and most desirable.

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Guelph, 4th May. dwly

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EVERY DESCRIPTION AND STYLE suitable for the  
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Ladies and Gents',  
Misses and Girls',  
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**Boots & Shoes!**  
In great variety, all home manufactured.  
**THE CHEAPEST AND BEST IN THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.**  
CALL AND SEE BY STOCK AT THE  
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WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.  
JOHN A. McMILLAN,  
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Four Journeymen Shoemakers  
Wanted Immediately.  
**BURTON MINES, PARRY SOUND, AND BING INLET.**  
The Steam Royal Mail Steamer  
WAUBUNO!  
P. N. CAMPBELL, Master.

Will leave Collingwood EVERY MONDAY after the arrival of the morning train from Toronto, for  
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Calling at Owen Sound and all intermediate ports. Will leave Collingwood EVERY THURSDAY, after the arrival of the evening train from Toronto, for **BING INLET.**  
Also, will leave Collingwood EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, at 7 a.m., for **PARRY SOUND.**

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Parry Sound is situated in the heart of the best land in the Government Free Grant Territory, and connects with all the leading routes through it. This route is the most direct, the cheapest and best, to the Government Free Grant Lands.  
EXCURSION TRIPS to commence on and after the **First Monday in July**, between the above Ports, 25 per cent. reduction.  
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From \$250 and upwards!  
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**LADIES' GARDEN TOOLS,**  
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All the favorite Summer Drinks made up in the best style at the "Dominion Saloon." The first brands of Wines, Liquors, Ales and Ciders always on hand.  
LUNCH between the hours of twelve noon and three p.m.  
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Guelph, 7th June. dtf