

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

The Circulation of THE MERCURY is guaranteed to be three times more than that of any paper published in Guelph, or in the County.

Thanksgiving Day.

His Worship the Mayor has issued a proclamation, asking all good citizens to observe Monday as a day of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. In accordance therewith, no paper will be issued from this office.

The County Seat.

The Fergus News Record is agitating for the removal of the County seat to that village. We were always in the belief that the embryo city of Kinnetles was destined to be the future capital of this County; but as the Record says it must be Fergus, so of course it will have to be. Ambitious citizens of Guelph had better pull up stakes at once, and remove to that clachan.

Central Exhibition Printing.

The Editor of the Elora Observer is after the Directors of the Central Exhibition with a sharp stick for not awarding the Printing to him, his tender being the lowest. We know no more about the matter than does the Editor of the Observer. We sent in our tender along with other Printers, had no conversation on the subject with any Director, or any member of the Printing Committee, was not present at their meeting when the tenders were opened and decided on, did not know what transpired there, or to whom the contract had been awarded, till the Secretary informed us next day that the tender from the Mercury Office had been accepted. This is all we know about the matter. At the subsequent meeting of the Directors we were asked to publish the tenders sent in, with the reason given by the Directors for accepting our tender, which we did. Had there been any decision of favouritism on their part, it is not likely they would have made the tenders public. Besides, they tacked on the proviso to their notice this year—which we infer was also sent to the Observer—that they were not bound to accept the lowest tender. We give this explanation in justice to ourselves, as it might be supposed from the tenor of the Observer's article that we had influenced the Directors in some way or other, and that they were guilty of favouritism in giving the contract to us. We are satisfied they are quite innocent of any such imputation. They like too well to make a close bargain to be influenced in any such way. Had they not supposed that the interests of the Association would be better served by deciding as they have done, we have little doubt they would have sent their printing to Timbuctoo if they could have gained anything by it.

EDITORIAL NEWS.

The South Huron Conservatives have nominated Mr. Thomas Greenway, Reeve of Stephen, as their candidate.

It is reported that the Hon. Francis Johnson, Recorder of Rupert's Land will be appointed Gov. Archibald's successor.

Mr. Disraeli has given notice that he should interrogate the Government as to what course it intended to take with regard to the meeting of the Board of Arbitration at Geneva.

The Bank of Montreal has received a supply of new silver coin of various denominations—fives, tens, and twenty-five cent pieces—which they will supply to the public in sums to suit them.

The County Attorneyship of York, so long vacant, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. B. M. Wells (law partner of Mr. Angus Morrison), and Mr. T. H. Bull has been appointed Clerk of the Peace for the same County.

For the first time in the history of the world, England takes her place second in the list of indebted nations. Recent European events have placed France at the head of the list, with an indebtedness so great that the total amount has not yet been fixed with certainty.

The Dominion Government has made an arrangement recently with the Allan Steamship Company for the passage of emigrants from Great Britain to this country at the rate of £4 5s sterling a head. This is a great reduction, and will enable a much larger number of persons to come to Canada this season than was anticipated.

It is believed in well-informed circles that the Government have not yet decided upon what course they will take with reference to the Treaty. Mitchell, for one, is not very careful to conceal his strong disapproval of it. As no correspondence will be brought down until the address is passed, there will be no discussion of the Treaty in the debate upon the address, except in a general way. It is reported that the estimates will be laid on the table at an early day, and that the Government will strive to make this session a short one.

We understand that the Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod, of Glasgow, the popular editor of Good Words, has made arrangements for visiting Canada in the course of the summer. Dr. M. is expected to arrive about the end of August, and will be accompanied by his wife and two children.

essor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, whose name has become celebrated in connection with the laying of the Atlantic Telegraph Cable. We have no doubt that both of these distinguished visitors will receive a cordial welcome from the people of Canada.

Dominion Parliament.

Mr. Nathan, Victoria, B. C., moved the Address in reply to the speech from the Throne. The Address was as usual a mere echo of the speech.

Mr. Edmund Carter, member for Frontenac, read the address.

Mr. Mackenzie made a long and able speech in which he challenged the pretext set forth for delaying the meeting of the House. He then alluded to Mr. Mitchell's late promise to deepen Lake St. Peter as a matter not mentioned in the speech, and declared they must go to Ministers' outside utterances to find what was their policy. Mr. Howe's late lecture then came in for a scathing criticism. Mr. Mackenzie utterly condemned the supposition that, if we were undeclared the United States would act like a race of barbarous savages and attack us, although protesting he was no Republican, and deprecating the course pursued towards us by the Americans, he had too much confidence in their sense of justice and good faith to anticipate any aggression on their part. He did not think Canada had a right to expect the British tax-payer to keep up a standing army in the Dominion. He next turned his attention to Mr. McDougall, and alluded to the strange coincidence of that gentleman and a late colleague, who two years ago he had called "a traitor," being found on the same platform. After alluding to the Washington Treaty and the claim set up by New Brunswick, he referred to the conduct of Lieut. Governor Archibald in very severe terms. He wanted to know what was the Government scheme for improving the canals; and, returning to the subject of the treaty, he pointed to an exhaustive discussion being necessary when the papers were before the House. Amid loud cheers he concluded by expressing his regret that Mr. Howe and the Government had conspired to shake public confidence in the institutions of the country.

Sir F. Hincks replied to Mr. Mackenzie, and he was followed by Mr. Holton and Mr. McDougall. The address was then passed.

From Mr. Holton called attention to a remark of the Minister of Finance that they would hear from other members of the Government before the debate closed. They certainly had a right to expect some explanation from at least one member of the Cabinet on the constitutional question as to whether a Minister of the Crown was responsible for all his public acts to that House. He (Mr. Holton) contended that the Premier, on being appointed to the Joint High Commission, solely because he was Premier of Canada, and therefore supposed to represent a majority of this House, could not divest himself of responsibility to that House. At any rate they should hear from the Premier what were his opinions on that important matter.

Sir John A. Macdonald said it was highly inexpedient in the public interest and not to the advantage of the House to discuss at the present time the question raised by the hon. gentleman with respect to the responsibility of the Government. As a matter of course they were responsible to the House for all they did as a Government; every individual member of the Government was responsible for their acts as a Government. With regard to his own position as one of the Joint High Commission, whether the fact of his being a member of the Government gave him a two-fold responsibility, that was a question he declined to discuss just now. He did not think it could be discussed now with any fairness to himself or justice to the subject. The whole course of the Government with regard to the Treaty, and incidentally the course of himself as one of the Joint High Commission, he laid before the House, and then he would be quite ready to discuss the matter to the fullest extent, and it was due to the House that it should be discussed.

Grant's Prospects.

The Boston Journal, commenting on the significance of the Republican victories in New Hampshire and Connecticut,

The people have decreed the continuance of the Republican party in power. It is true the Republican majority in both of the States under consideration is not large, but then it is sufficient. It is easy enough to point out how a change of one vote in each school district or town would have reversed the result; but that has nothing to do with it. When in a heavy vote, as in New Hampshire, or a light vote, as in Connecticut, also in ordinary votes, as in the great majority of municipal elections held this spring, you find an absolute uniformity of results. You have as clear an intimation of the public will as our institutions admit of. The presumption is, that if there were felt to be any danger of the defeated party's succeeding, its rival would come out in still stronger force, or even enough of its own men would prove wanting to prevent a triumph which at heart they do not wish, but which ordinarily prefer to see accomplished through the usual agencies. Hence, really intelligent men of the Democratic party know to-day that they are beaten in the Presidential battle, just as well as if they had seen the votes of the States counted on the morning after the election.

This forecast, derived from the developments of the first quarter of the Presidential year, includes the whole story. The line and cry that has been raised about Republican dissatisfaction with President Grant has been a mere interjection from Washington; otherwise they would have known nothing about it. It expresses no vital sentiment, no real thought of Republican masses. But for the utterance of a few Senators and the echo of a few erratic organs, the Philadelphia Convention would have met and re-nominated President Grant as a matter of course. It is not meant that everybody in the party has been perfectly satisfied—that would be a Utopian state of things that never existed—but the substantial unanimity on this point is as complete as ever dictated any previous Presidential nomination; and that is saying enough. It is impossible to say what new elements may be introduced into the coming campaign, or what new turn may be given to the present drift of events; but this is the aspect of things now before the people. Whatever is done at Cincinnati, may change names and modify the forms of political action, but can hardly vary forces, and certainly cannot effect results.

A firm in Dundas has engaged several engineers in Hamilton to go to Manitoba to take charge of the running powers of steamers, which are to be placed on the waters of that Province this summer. An impetus will be given to commerce in that region which will go far to establish excellent travel at an early date.

BIRTHS.

MURTON—In Guelph, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. George Murton, junr., of a son.

CLOSE OF THE LISTS TO SHARE IN THE NEXT DIVISION OF PROFITS.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1847.

Cash Income over \$1,000 per day

Security of Over \$2,000,000

For the exclusive protection of Assurers.

The Lists for the 24th year will be closed

On 30th April, instant.

And assurers on or before that date will obtain a larger share in the profits of the Company than later entrants. The great success of the Company and the large bonus lately declared, warrant the Directors in recommending this very important advantage to assurers.

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A. G. RAMSAY, Manager.

F. W. STONE, Agent at Guelph, 3rd March 2, 1872.

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AN ENTIRELY NEW AND WELL SELECTED ASSORTMENT

CHEAP CHEAP CHEAP

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Cheap Book, Stationery, and News Depot Opposite the Market.

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LANDS FOR SALE.

23 acres of Land, near the Town of Guelph, on which are about 20 apple and other fruit trees, in good bearing and condition. Stone and sand ready for building, suitable for a market garden.

Two park lots, 5 acres each, one \$500, the other \$250.

Also, 5 acres adjoining with large brick house, barns, stables and other outbuildings.

The whole of the above property will be sold in one lot, or to suit purchasers.

Apply to Oliver & Macdonald, Barristers, Guelph.

STOP AND THINK

Before parting with your money, and save it by getting your Goods at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Day buys in large quantities, and for Cash. Day can and does sell Cheap.

On hand, the most complete stock of

BOOKS,

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In Ontario, Toronto alone excepted.

Day buys in England, and pays the cash down for his Goods, therefore he buys cheaper, and can sell cheaper than those holding Toronto Stocks. Toronto wholesale men know how to charge, they go for you every chance. You cannot buy goods cheap without money. Day buys in the British market, pays no second profits to Toronto men, therefore he can and does sell cheap.

Save your Money and Try DAY'S. His Bookstore is the spot for Cheap Goods.

Quick Sales and Small Profits

AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

WYNDHAM STREET.

TO MECHANICS AND OTHERS.

The subscriber has about 50 of the best lots in the West Ward, Guelph, which he is prepared to sell cheap and give a good title free from incumbrance.

HENRY HATCH, Land & Loan Agent, Guelph. Mar. 2, -1872

New Advertisements.

1872 SPRING AND SUMMER 1872

FOR THE BEST CHOICE IN

BOOTS AND SHOES

FOR SPRING AND SUMMER WEAR

GO TO W. D. HEPBURN & CO'S

Shoe Store, the only place in the Town of Guelph where you can find a good selection of Genuine Home-made Boots and Shoes.

The best Imported Goods can always be had at W. D. Hepburn & Co's cheap for cash

ONE PRICE ONLY

For first-class Custom Work leave your measures at Hepburn's, the largest and best Custom Shop in Guelph.

All kinds of Leather and Findings for sale to the trade at reasonable prices.

Agents for the Genuine Elias Howe Sewing Machine, which we are selling at greatly reduced prices. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere, they are pronounced by all competent judges to be the best Sewing Machine in the Market.

W. D. HEPBURN & Co.

Store and Factory—East side Wyndham Street, Guelph. a12-dwImtes

CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

BANKRUPT STOCK

The Insolvent Stock of Krueger & Jaeger,

Dry Goods and Grocery Merchants,

Berlin.

We purpose bringing the above to Guelph about the

17th Inst., and will offer it in lots to suit purchasers at a

reduction of 20 and 25 per cent. below the usual retail

prices.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

Guelph, April 15th, 1872 dw

NEW DRESS GOODS

New Black and Colored Silks

New Plain and Figured Poplins.

New Moire Antiques

New Plain and Figured Lustres,

New Black Lustres,

New Fancy Dress Goods,

New Grenadines,

New Dress Muslins,

New Dolly Vardens,

New Gosemites,

New Brilliantes,

New Plain and Printed Batistes.

&c. &c.

A. O. BUCHAM

Begs to inform the Ladies of this town that he has just opened, and is now showing a large and attractive stock of the Newest and Most Approved Styles in

Dress Goods suitable for the present Season.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store, Alma Block, Guelph, April 10th, 1872. dw

JUST RECEIVED

ANOTHER SUPPLY OF

Campbell's Celebrated

SUGAR-CURED HAMS

ROLLED BACON,

SIDE BACON.

HUGH WALKER,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Guelph, April 10, 1872 dw

OPENED

At JAMES CORMACK'S,

No. 1, Wyndham Street.

SPRING IMPORTATIONS

Comprising a large assortment of English, Scotch and Canadian

COATINGS, VESTINGS,

TROUSERINGS, TWEEDS, &c.

-ALSO-

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Scarfs, Neck Ties.

An Endless Variety. All the Newest and most Stylish Goods

\$600 WILL PURCHASE 44 acres

of Excellent Land in town,

near Mr. Stevenson's nursery. Free from

stumps and stones, with good frame barn,

spring creek, and over 60 fruit trees of different

kinds thereon. For terms, apply to Robert

Mitchell, Solicitor, Guelph. adwt

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JERU CLARKE, Proprietor, Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872 dw

NEW Fancy Spring Goods.

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

The subscriber begs to inform the Ladies of Guelph and surrounding country that she has just received a large and carefully selected stock of Spring Goods, comprising

All the Newest Styles and Patterns!

A SPLENDID STOCK OF

BERLIN WOOLS

ALL COLOURS.

Beads, Scitchees, Chignons, General Fancy Goods, and Toys.

STAMPING DONE.

Lock-stitch Sewing Machines for sale.

MRS. WRIGHT,

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EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS

Books, Stationery,

WALL PAPER,

FANCY GOODS, &c. &c.

P. C. ALLAN

Having purchased the stock of J. B. Thornton

Will Open out the same

Premises in a

Few Days,

And will sell you the stock at your own

prices, so

LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS.

P. C. ALLAN, dw

Guelph, April 9, 1872

NOTICE.

Estate of J. B. Thornton, an Insolvent.

Parties indebted to the above Estate will please pay the amount of their accounts immediately to the undersigned, at the ROYAL HOTEL, GUELPH, or remit the same to his office, 29 King Street East, Toronto, as all accounts unpaid on the 28th inst. will be put in suit.

ROBERT CRUKSHANK, Accountant.

The debts of the above Estate have been purchased by Mr. Robert Crukshank, who holds any authority for the collection of the same.

JOHN KERL, Official Assignee, Toronto. w101

April 10th, 1872

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AND

STEAM FITTING

Done in the best style and most workmanlike manner

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All Kinds of Fixtures made to order on the Shortest Notice.

Changing Pipes, &c. or Repairs

Done on the shortest notice. dw

NEW BAKERY.

The subscribers beg to notify the people of Guelph that they have started a new Bakery

On Essex Street, one door south of Dr. Keating's,

where they will always have in stock a supply of bread of the first quality.

Having secured the services of Mr. George Watson as baker, they feel assured in giving satisfaction.

Bread and Flour promptly delivered in any part of the town.

They hope by strict attention to business, and making bread of the best quality, to merit a share of public patronage.

A. McPHAIL & Co. Guelph, March 12 1872 and

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A new stock of American Waltham Watches all sizes and grades

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REAL PEBBLES

And other Spectacles.

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Garden Spades

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Garden Lines

Garden Hoes

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Together with other articles used in gardening.

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IMPORTERS, GUELPH. dw

Guelph, April 11, 1871.

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MITCHELL & TOVELL,

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Having on hand a Splendid Hearse, Horses etc., hope by strict attention to business to merit 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 the Post Office, and next to D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street.