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PRICE ONE PENNY

HALIFAX HOTEL,
HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.

DOMINION HOTEL, GUELPH.
JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST. a few doors above Highball's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Bookstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodations for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 15th. dwly

A MERICAN HOUSE,
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The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c. attached. The best ever constructed passenger elevators, the best ever constructed conveyers for the upper story of the house in one minute; the entire house thoroughly re-carpeted, and the entire house newly and richly furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.
Aug 15 do 6m. LEWIS RICE & SON, Prop'rs

CANADA HOUSE,
CALEDONIA SPRINGS,
Near L'Orignal, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario.—By A. M. F. GANELLI.
THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every necessary furnished by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly finished. The Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of all without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for indoor amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Ball Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other recreations. The Saloon, White Surplus, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.
Charges uniformly moderate.
For further information, please address
A. M. F. GANELLI, Proprietor, Montreal.

ONE IN TEN.
Statistics show that One in every Ten of the entire population meets with an Accident every year.

INSURE AGAINST ACCIDENTS
By taking a yearly Policy in

THE TRAVELLERS INSURANCE COY,
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Cash Assets, over One Million.
Has paid \$850,000 in Losses for Death or Injury by Accident.

E. MORRIS,
October 20 dw Agent for Guelph

NO RESERVE. IMPORTANT Auction Sale.

W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by the subscriber 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 Private and 8 years old in foal to 'St. Lawrence', 1 one year colt and 1 foal of the same horse, 2 grade cows, Durian steer, 1 Galloway heifer, 15 pigs (Essex and Berkshire breeds), 1 iron-axle wagon, 4 box cns., 2 ploughs, 2 harrows, 3 southern, prize cultivated, 20 bushels of clover seed, 1 fattening 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 raised 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,
Guelph, October 5th. Anglo-American Hotel, dtw

THE PIANO BOOK, WHICH
cannot be excelled, is

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Regular Sale: \$9.00 a Year.
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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 Claret, 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.

OATS DOWN
TO 55 CENTS.

FLOUR, \$2.75

POTATOES, 1.00

AT WEBSTER'S
Market Square, Guelph, Oct. 15th. d

10,
C. & T. MEREDITH.

GOOD DRAWING TEA,
For 50 cents, worth 65 cents.

VERY CHOICE HYSON,
For 75 cents, worth 87 cents

Very best GREEN or BLACK,
For one dollar.

All kinds of **GROceries** at very Low Rates.

China, Crockery & Glassware
A very large stock now on hand. Call and see. N.B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is going off at Great Bargains, so as to clear out the premises for C. & T. M's. Immense Fall Stock.
Guelph, September 23rd. d

DOMINION LIVERY STABLE
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

H. MARRIOTT

BEGS to inform the citizens of Guelph, and the travelling public that he has started a Livery Stable next door to Mr. W. Armstrong's Blacksmith's Shop, Macdonnell Street, where he can supply

Saddle Horses, Horses and Buggies.
Commercial Waggons

At the shortest notice. Also, a large

PLEASURE WAGGON!
FOR PIC-NICS.
Guelph, 19th June. ddm

GASTLE GARDEN SALOON
MARKET SQUARE
GUELPH, ONT.

THE subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR
will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided, short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor,
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitty
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do

CARD.

To Friends & Strangers.

AFTER an experience of over four years in selling the New York Union Piano Company's Pianos, (made under the direction of J. P. Hale at the corner of 10th Avenue and 34th Street, New York) with the instruments of some of the other leading manufacturers, we have decided to drop all others and confine our sales to the

Union Pianos!

Being fully satisfied, after having sold over 800 of these splendid instruments in New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis, that they are the finest toned and most durable Pianos now made, they have given us and our agents less trouble than any Pianos we have ever dealt in, and we would invite both dealers and customers to try them in preference to any other now made. THEY ARE SUPERIOR INSTRUMENTS.

PHILIP PHILIPS & CO.,
Music Dealers,
New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

About 5,000 of the above Pianos are now in use giving entire satisfaction. Samples constantly on hand at the subscriber's Music Store, opposite the Market, Guelph, at 22 per cent. less than other good imported instruments. Also, the best Melodions and Cabinet Organs.

W. WARNER CLARK,
Market Square, Guelph,
Guelph, Oct. 13. daw if

18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68

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JUST Arrived, an Immense Stock of Berlin, & Zephyr, Saxony, Andalusian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American.

FANCYING YARNS.
A Splendid assortment of Brads, Frillings, Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods.

A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns Ostrichs, &c.

JET and RUBBER GOODS.
Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery from the Latest Designs.

J. HUNTER,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St
Guelph, September 12th. dw

Anglo-American Hotel FOR SALE.

THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the G. and Trunk Railways between Toronto and London. It is 150 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high and of cut stone; 12 and 11 feet between windows; cellar full size of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone set then 40 x 24, with a cistern that holds over 300 barrels of water. It is situated in a very business part of the town, and is a very profitable investment. The furniture is sea ly iron, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stable of public accomodation for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to the back street.

A Capital Farm.

Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated; and will produce more per acre this season than any other in this county. Three barns and well fenced and good houses are on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs. The never fails. The fences are of board and new. The farm implements are new, and will be sold if desired at valuation.

First-Class LIVERY STABLE.
Also, there is in connection with the Hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario of fifteen horses, doing the only first-class business in town and indisputably surpassing all others.

As the proprietor is retiring from business he offers for public property, the above premises, which are seldom enjoyed by any man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve within three months, either by public auction, or by private agreement. The price is \$10,000, and the farm is well situated for any business.

LAMPS

FOR THE MILLION.

MEDICAL HALL!

OUR OLD CANADIAN HOME.—This is the title of a piece of new music (song and chorus) published by the Messrs. Northcote, Toronto. It is the composition of Mr. Woodlawn, and is very pretty. The words are in a high degree patriotic, and are of themselves sufficient to render the song popular. For sale at Clark's music store.

E. HARVEY & CO.

PARLOR, BED-ROOM, KITCHEN, HALL and SIDE LAMPS,

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CLARK'S EXCELSIOR Washing Composition!

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Singing and Pianoforte.

Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET
FRIDAY EVENG, OCT. 23, 1868.

Local News.

300 live hogs reached Guelph this morning for the Wellington Packing House. They were purchased in the country north.

There was a large number of cattle offered for sale at the last fair at Mount Forest, and a goodly number sold, although prices continued low.

The subject of who is to be the next Mayor of St. Catharines is already being agitated by the press of that town. The present incumbent is let out of the question.

Some young rascals entered the house of Mr. Urquhart, Mount Forest, on Monday last, while the family were absent, and soon there was a surprising diminutive in the stock of preserves.

The pluck of an expected bridegroom failed him just before the ceremony, in Richmond the other day, and he sent a note to his waiting wife to that effect. Her brothers then escorted him in a muck pond.

The Price of Wales refuses to be made a Freeman until the theory and objects of the organization shall have been revealed to him. This conduct is attributed to the influence of his father, Prince Albert, who was strongly opposed to secret societies.

DIRECT FROM LIVERPOOL TO GUELPH.
—Mr. J. T. Brill received a despatch per Atlantic Cable yesterday. It left Liverpool at 3 p.m., and was delivered to him at 6.30 o'clock. Its contents were brief, but its cost was about \$35.

DR. PARKER.—We regret to learn that about 8 o'clock this (Friday) morning Dr. Parker took a turn for the worse. In addition to the pain arising from the injuries to his leg, symptoms of some internal ailment are developing, and he is in a very low condition.

A few days ago somebody sold a roll of butter containing four or five pounds to a merchant at Mount Forest, that is to say, the casing was butter and the inside was mashed potatoes. The merchant had better warm up the roll and sit down to dinner. The perpetrator of the fraud is unknown.

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Mr. John Fowler, a prominent contractor of London, left for the States a few days ago to escape liabilities of ten or fifteen thousand dollars. He will be comforted in his exile by some pretty large advances which were made him by his employers a few days before he took his departure.

A man of sixty-five, who has a wife and family living in the township of Hope, where he possessed a farm, lately took his way across the border, accompanied by a young woman of twenty, the wife of a farmer hand. The old codger took a round sum of money with him, which was perhaps the decoy that seduced the companion of his flight from her fealty to her lawful lord.

A subordinate among the employees of a leading produce firm in Toronto has lately walked into some of the dealers of that city. Having visited Barrie he induced a number of them to believe that a good thing was to be done up there in grain, and he was intrusted with various sums varying in amount from \$300 to \$300, making a total of \$1,500, with which he left, and has not since been heard of.

THE MOUNT FOREST HOMICIDE.—We learn from Mount Forest to-day, that Coroner Griffith is holding an inquest on the body of Edward Cosgrove, who was killed in a row at that village on Wednesday. The investigation is likely to continue until night. A man named Archibald McKeehan has been arrested for striking the blow which deprived Cosgrove of life, and is now in custody, pending the issue of the inquest.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The November number of this lively monthly has been received from Messrs. E. Tun's & Co., Clifton. It has as usual a comprehensive table of contents. The opening article (profusely illustrated) on fish culture will be read with eagerness, as the subject is commensal at present a considerable amount of attention. There are also accounts of Explorations in Lower California, and of the Handel Festival in London, with cuts of "the stars," which will be found interesting. There is a variety of other matter, in the shape of stories and historical sketches, while the Drawer has lost none of its rich and racy humour. The Magazine is for sale at Day's book store.

The County Debentures.

To the Editor of the Mercury:
DEAR SIR,—In your issue of last evening you proceed to discuss the Debenture Question. Although I considered the Warden had not acted fairly in the sale of the \$14,000 Debentures lately issued, I did not intend to take any notice of it until I saw the article alluded to, but your statements seem to be so utterly incorrect that further explanation is necessary.

I agree with the opinion that the Debentures of our County should not be sold without being advertised (as those of other counties are), and I further think that no promise should be given to any one till the By-law authorizing their issue has been passed.

The proper course would be to have a certain day appointed for the tenders to be received and let all who wish to obtain the Debentures have a fair chance.

As to the insinuation which has been made against the Warden, and which you deny, stating that "the facts will testify," it appears to me that "the facts will testify" that the Warden, if he did not sell the Debentures at a rate of his own choosing, either sold them at a higher rate of discount than he need have done, and at a loss to the County of three hundred dollars, or (if your statement that some of the Debentures were sold at a quarter per cent. discount is correct) he would not have received that advantage, the plain inference is that a difference must have found its way into the pocket of some party. I can hardly think the Warden would be guilty of so doing, but it must be the case if your statement and a similar one made by your Herald is correct.

You were present at the meeting and you report the Warden as having said that he had entertained previous offers, some at a half and some at a quarter per cent. discount. I should like to ask the Warden to what amount were those previous offers? And there is any truth in the statement, why were all the Debentures sold at a half?

You make the Warden further say that he had entertained among others an offer from me—this is untrue, he no doubt received my offer but it certainly was not entertained.

The excuse given by you for there being such a hurry to get the debentures turned into cash is all nonsense, as doubtless both you and the Warden are fully aware that had the issue been ten times the amount offers would have been made for the whole, and the money ready on the day fixed for the delivery of the debentures.

The credit of the County hitherto has not been so bad as to justify any one in supposing that there would be a difficulty in disposing of the debentures; indeed I expect there were offers for considerably more than the issue some time before the final passing of the by-law, and I should like to ask the Warden to what amount were offers received?

Yours truly,
F. J. CHADWICK,
Guelph, Oct. 23, 1868.

ANSWER BY THE MERCURY.
Mr. Chadwick tells us in the above letter that he was constrained to write it for the purpose of correcting our "utterly incorrect statements" in reference to the disposal of the last County debentures. We find, however, on reading his letter that he corrects nothing we said in our previous remarks unless that part where we stated that Mr. Chadwick's offer for a portion of the debentures had been entertained along with others. We were under that impression, but will now correct our statement, and say that he merely sent in his first offer, the non-acceptance of which—for what reason we are unable to tell—no doubt disappointed him, and led him to lay his sorrows before the public, and try to make out a case against the Warden. Had he got the whole, or even the lion's share of the debentures, the informalities he complains of would never have been mentioned by him.

We find nothing in Mr. Chadwick's letter to invalidate our former statement, that the Warden having stated the case, left it to the Council to say who should or should not get the debentures. He merely followed out the system which Mr. Chadwick knows has been in vogue in regard to the disposal of debentures. If we mistake not, Mr. Chadwick has in former years sent in offers for the purchase of debentures long before the by-law authorizing the issue of them was passed. We have said already that the system is a bad one, but the Warden cannot be held responsible for it. It is the Council which should determine how the business is to be done.

A NEW METHOD OF STOPPING WAR.—The workingmen of Europe have recently held at Brussels a Congress to consider the labor question. As we have already stated, the members found great difficulty in conducting their sessions, as some spoke in French, others in English, and many in German. They, however, passed two resolutions. One declares that a war between France and England would be a civil war for the benefit of Russia. The other is even more remarkable. It advises all workmen, if war should break out, to cease at once all work, and it counts upon this action of the workingmen to put a stop forever to the "scourge of the people," as war is denominated. The theory may be right, but the workingmen would find it impracticable.

Bismarck the energetic Minister of Prussia, is accused by the French papers of having fomented the revolution in Spain. The funds at the disposal of the Prussian generals, it is stated, were advanced by Prussia, who raised the means in London and Cadix, from the securities transferred about a year ago, by Italy, in payment for needles-guns. The proceeds of this latter transaction in the money market enabled Marshal Serrano to settle the claims of the troops, whose pay had long been in arrears, and thus to enlist the Spanish army in the insurrection.—King William, of Prussia, is gaining the reputation of a crafty disturber of the nations of Europe, while he is carrying out his plans for the enlargement of his own domains.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A new lodge of Oddfellows has been opened at Stratford.

Norfolk Peterboro is stated by some to be the best land for settlers in Canada at present available.

A detachment of the 57th regiment has been ordered to Canada, to augment the several companies now here.

"Here, you young rascal, walk up and give an account of yourself. Where have you been? After the girls, father." "Did you ever know me to do so when I was a boy?" "No, sir, but mother did."

The English Postmaster-General is urged to propose to the United States an international postage of one penny for single rates, with the belief that it would not only reflect higher honor upon Great Britain, but would be acceptable to the States.

BLANKETS FOR VOLUNTEERS.—B. & W. Rosanord & Co., of Montreal, have been awarded an order from the Militia Department to manufacture ten thousand grey blankets for the use of the volunteers, each blanket to weigh four pounds. They are to be completed on the first of March next. This is only about a third of the blankets required.

The journalists of Prague, who were convicted recently of publishing attacks on the Austrian Government, have been condemned to solitary imprisonment with "fasting." It is suggested that when the unfortunate writers have been nearly starved to death they will feel more kindly towards the paternal government of Austria.

In England, recently, a rich old man died whose young wife had left him but a sorry life. He frequently stated that he would be revenged. On reading the will the vengeance was too well laid. He left all his property, about \$100,000, to his wife, on the condition that she passes every day from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m., in his tomb. Should she miss one hour, the whole fortune reverts to the natural heirs.

The Peterboro Examiner says that on Friday night last a woman named Mrs. Murphy was so burned by the upsetting of a coal oil lamp that she died about daylight next morning. An inquest was held, during which it was learned that Mrs. Murphy had a globe of a lamp set in a hollowed turnip, and that as she was going to bed it was upset on her and on the bed-clothes—setting fire to the whole.

AN ENGINE WITHOUT FUEL.—The Scientific American gives an account of experiments now in progress by Captain Ericsson, in the construction of a solar engine to be driven by air heated by the direct action of the sun's rays, which makes three hundred revolutions per minute without the consumption of any fuel whatever. The inventor asserts that before the close of the present season, bread will be baked from flour ground by the new motor. So far this is all assertion.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE.—High praise has been accorded in England to the prompt, vigorous and effectual measures adopted in this country in order to stamp out the Texan Cattle Disease. At a recent meeting of the Huntingdonshire Agricultural Society, Mr. Robert Montague, brother of the Duke of Manchester, gave a minute account of the progress of the Spanish cattle fever from the Western plains to the Atlantic ports, and of the laws passed in all the different States on its route. He criticised severely the folly exhibited in England in refusing to adopt the precautions which every other country had been compelled to enforce.

Queen Isabella has made her lovers notorious. One hears more of them than of her husband, Marshal Serrano, the head of the insurgents, is understood to be the father of one of her children, but her amours have been as varied as her political action. One who has lately seen him writes: "The King looks like a little boy that has been very well whipped, and he is almost lost to sight behind his wife's portly figure. He is also spoken of with the greatest contempt, and is called Paquito." The inventor asserts that by the fully exhibited in England in refusing to adopt the precautions which every other country had been compelled to enforce.

DONATION AND DEDICATION OF THE PRINTERS' CEMETERY, WOODLANDS.—On Saturday afternoon, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger, the ceremony of presentation and dedication of a place of burial to the Philadelphia Typographical Society, for the interment of deceased printers, took place at Woodlands Cemetery, in the presence of the Society and a number of invited spectators, among whom were Hon. Ellis Lewis, late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, who is the oldest member of the New York Typographical Society, and one of the oldest practical printers in the United States; Hon. Morton McMichael, Mayor of Philadelphia, the oldest newspaper publisher in the city; Henry C. Carey, L.L.D., the oldest book publisher; Louis A. Godey, the oldest magazine publisher; Col. John W. Forney; Wm. Prescott Smith, of Baltimore; Anthony J. Drexel, J. F. Dreer, Joseph Harrison, J. B. Lippincott, and the representatives of several of the Philadelphia journals.

VOTES OF THANKS.—The silly practice of voting thanks to retiring public officials, no matter what may have been the character of their services, received a severe blow the other day on the retirement of the outgoing Lord Mayor of London. The customary vote of thanks was proposed by a member of the Common Council in a very unusual manner. Instead of enumerating the merits of the outgoing mayor, he paraded a long catalogue of his sins, and then proposed a vote of thanks in spite of them. The mayor, it was asserted, had been guilty of discourtesy, of "political idiosyncrasies," of "beggarly hospitality," had snobbishly refused to preside at a public charitable dinner because the tickets were too cheap, and committed many other offences of a similar character. On the whole, the retiring mayor must have had a very unpleasant time listening to the councilman's speech, and can hardly have felt compensated by getting his vote of thanks by a small majority. If this is to be the order of things on occasions of this kind, votes of thanks will probably soon be at a discount.