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PRICE ONE PENNY.

NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE

East Market Square, Guelph.

A. GRAHAM & CO.

Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg.

First door East of Bell's Melodeon Factory,

EAST MARKET SQUARE,

where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

POTATOES.

On hand, a large consignment of capital potatoes, which we will sell at the lowest possible price. Give us a call.

A. GRAHAM & CO. dtm

Guelph, Nov. 23.

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE.

OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK.

A Very Superior Article

COAL OIL!

NOW ON HAND.

AT PETRIE'S

Old Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Nov. 19. dtm

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced about

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES,

most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as timekeepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS.

Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS

and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer the ASSURANCE Watches to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Elery" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied one minute and a half in five years, WITHOUT OILING OR CLEANING, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN

these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION,

as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fineness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen, or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. In the winter they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON,

General Agents, New York.

ROBERT WILKES,

Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

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WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER.

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Hours in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground. The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

An usual Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.

W. M. BROWNLOW

March 26. 868. dtm

NEW AND PRETTY PIANO MUSIC FOR BEGINNERS.

Fingered and suitable for pupils who have taken but one or two quarters' lessons.

CRYSTAL CEMS,

A collection of easy and brilliant Polkas, Waltzes, Marches, &c., composed and arranged by C. BROWN.

1. Fairy Footsteps, Waltz. 2. Snowflake Polka. 3. Charming Schottische. 4. Romping Galop. 5. Silver Star Quickstep. 6. Fairy Mazurka. 7. Soldier Boy's March. 8. Mabel Waltz. 9. Street Kiss, Polka. 10. Rosy Cheeks, Schottische. 11. Runaway Galop. 12. Hilda Waltz. 13. Fairy Tale Polka. 14. Sunbeam Schottische. 15. Whirlwind Galop. 16. Leap Year Quickstep. 17. Whispering Love Maz. 18. Tambour March. 19. Belgravia Waltz. 20. Silver Shower Polka. 21. My Darling Schottische. 22. First Impression Waltz. 23. Fast Boy Galop. 24. Cornflower Waltz. Price 20 cents each. Sent, post paid, on receipt of the price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York. dtm

New Advertisements.

THE

Boulevard Skirt,

COMBINING BEAUTY, ECONOMY AND DURABILITY, A

UNIVERSAL FAVORITE.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868. dtm

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

D. C. BELL, Portrait and Landscape Painter.

Has taken rooms in DAY'S BLOCK, where he will be happy to execute Likenesses of all who may favor him with their commands.

PORTRAITS

In Oil Colors, painted from life. PHOTOGRAPHS, AMBROTYPES, DAGUERROTYPES and MINUTURES of all kinds copied and enlarged to LIFE SIZE.

FLAGS & BANNERS PAINTED. Lessons given in DRAWING and PAINTING. Inspection of Specimens respectfully invited. Guelph, Nov. 17, 1868. dtm

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF, SADDLER,

Bags to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

IN THE NEW BUILDING,

which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts, Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of **HOBBS' CLOTHING**, Blankets, Sursingins. A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.

H. METCALF. Guelph, December 4. dtm

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.

LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queens Town or Liverpool.

FARE FROM HAMILTON First Cabin, - - - 887, gold value Steerage - - - - 29, " "

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RUTHERFORD HOUSE

JUST ARRIVED

Direct from Labrador,

50 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring

50 half do. do do

15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod Fish, highly recommended for table use.

50 qtls. Dry Cod Fish.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, November 18th. dtm

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,

Market Square, GUELPH.

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 provide on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor, Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby

Wyndham Street, Guelph

Guelph, Dec. 11. dtm

WILLIAM C. BAINE,

ACCOUNTANT.

Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.

Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.

OFFICE—AT MESSRS. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Guelph, Nov. 26. do 5w

CARTER'S

(LATE WEBSTER'S)

FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell

Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain, CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.

Cheaper than the Cheapest IN TOWN.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.

JAMES CARTER do it

Guelph, Nov. 24.

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OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

MONDAY EV'NG, DEC. 14TH, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

The railway Commissioners, Walsh, Chandler, Bridges and Coffin have been gazetted.

Mr. Gustavo A. Drolet, a returned Pontifical Zouave, it appears, married a lady in Montreal worth £15,000.

Brigham Young is looking about for a likely young man to marry his first instalment of thirty-six daughters.

James Cahill, a farmer in the township of Aldboro, died on Tuesday week by drinking whiskey from a bottle said to contain extract of madder.

The present whaling season is the worst in the Arctic for the past twenty years. The larger proportion of the vessels are returning damaged.

The G. W. R. Company have reduced the rate of freight on flour from stations on the Branch. The tariff is now fixed at the same rate as that of the Grand Trunk.

A saw-mill belonging to Mr. McPhee, of Mara, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. Loss \$4,500, of which the Provincial Insurance Company will have to pay \$2,000.

A lady while crossing a street in London on Friday, was run over by a horse and cutter, and seriously injured. Still drivers must "show off," no matter how many lives are endangered.

The total receipts of grain at the port of Whitby this season were 291,000 bushels. Most of it was barley and has been shipped. Wheat to the amount of 24,000 bushels is still in store.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. Hacking and TIL, as publishers of the *Listowel Banner*, has ceased. Mr. Hacking has become sole editor and proprietor.

A boy in Whitby found a flask of powder, and poured the contents over the fire. The result was an explosion by which his face was severely burnt. It is miraculous almost that it was no worse.

At a meeting held in the Town Hall, Galt, on Wednesday afternoon, a Women's Christian Association was organized. About forty ladies enrolled themselves members, and office-bearers were afterwards chosen.

The Grecian Bend is spreading with remarkable celerity. It has reached Ingersoll, an enterprising merchant there having a large quantity of Grecian Bend hoopskirts for sale. Guelph may soon expect a visitation.

The Poles, unable to drive the Russians out of their country, are now endeavoring to burn them out. This is the cause of the incendiary fires in Poland lately, a Russian per day, on an average, being thus treated to a house warming.

While there is but one revolutionary soldier now living in the United States and drawing a pension, there are on the rolls the names of no less than 888 widows of revolutionary soldiers, which proves, without doubt, that widows live longer than married or any other kind of men.

The "wickedest dogs" in the country are kept in the township of Markham. The Council of that township recently paid \$4,700 for damages to sheep in that municipality by unknown dogs. This is the largest amount paid in any one year by any township in the Province under the dog act.

Mr. Elsvall, correspondent of the *Stockholm Daily News*, is at present in Toronto. He has been instructed by the Swedish Government to acquire a knowledge of this country—its climate, laws and resources—with a view of encouraging emigration, and developing the commercial relations of the two countries.

Geo. Francis Train has been set at liberty. The plaintiffs in the case against him having withdrawn the suits. Train has issued writs against the Marquis of Abercorn, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, for one hundred thousand dollars damages for false imprisonment; and against the Ebbw Vale Steel Company for \$20,000.

A METEOR.—A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fiery cloud, a meteorball, very luminous of a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and to the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into one immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows:— "If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callouses, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Briggs' Curative. It will effect a certain cure, in incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for British Possessions.

ANOTHER PLOT IN THE PENITENTIARY.—Another plot among convicts of the Penitentiary was discovered, says the *Kingston News*, on Monday, fortunately to render it abortive. It was planned that at dinner time some of the convicts should throw in the eyes of the guards present, steel filings and snuff, thus stupefying them, when a general rush of the prisoners was to be made, and the guards disarmed and secured. There will shortly be a strict investigation into the present state of the prison and the character of the guards. The inquiry we are informed, is at the instance of the majority of the guards themselves, who have petitioned the inspectors for the investigation from a wish to place their own characters publicly above suspicion, and to scrutinize that of, at least, one of their number with whose conduct the petitioners are dissatisfied.

The New School Bill.

The following is a synopsis of the bill relating to Grammar and Common Schools which has been sanctioned by the committee:

1. & 2. The present Boards of Grammar School Trustees are abolished in cities, towns, and villages; and the Grammar Schools are to be placed under the management of Public Schools Trustees, to be elected and classified as Common School Trustees now are; the first election to take place on the second Wednesday in January, 1869.

3. The Grammar Schools to be in future known and designated as High Schools in which are to be taught the higher branches of an English education; also, Latin, Greek, French, &c., according to the programme of studies and regulations provided by the Council of Public Instruction, and approved by the Governor-General.

4. The provisions of the Grammar School Act to apply, as far as consistent with the present Act, to High Schools, their trustees and Head Masters, and others; and the Trustees to have the same power to provide for the support of High Schools as for Common Schools.

5. The Grammar School Fund is to be applied exclusively in aid of High Schools, except as otherwise provided; that is (1) to be entitled to part of such fund, they must comply with all regulations provided according to law; (2) the average attendance must not be less than twenty pupils; (3) an equal amount must be raised by local assessment to that appropriated from the Grammar School Fund; (4) each High School is to be entitled to not less than \$300 and not more than \$1,000 per annum, according to the average attendance, and the length of time such High School is kept open, which sum, with an equal sum to be raised by Local assessment, to be expended for Teachers' salaries.

6. Each Grammar School already established to be a High School; but the Lieut.-Gov. may establish additional High Schools when deemed necessary. The examination of applicants, and the granting of certificates, for admission in the High School, is made the duty of the county or city superintendent.

7. The Inspectors of Grammar Schools are to be the Inspectors of High Schools.

A County Council may form the whole or parts of one or more townships and villages within its jurisdiction, into a High School District. The ratepayers to elect the Board of School Trustees in such case as other cases provided by the Act.

Mr. Ryerson also submitted the following proposition for the establishment of Collegiate Institutes. It is under the consideration of the committee.

Whereas it is desirable to encourage the establishment of superior classical schools, it may and shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to confer upon any High School the name of Collegiate Institute, in which not less than four masters are fully employed in teaching the subjects of the prescribed curriculum, and in which the daily average attendance of the male pupils studying the Latin or Greek languages shall not be less than seventy; towards the support of such Collegiate Institute it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to authorize the payment of an additional sum, at the rate of not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, out of the Superior Educational Fund, provided under the authority of the 10th section of the Consolidated Grammar School Act, 22nd Victoria, chap. 63.

The Temporal Power.

A letter from Rome, in the *Union*, gives an account of the Pope blessing the war material presented to the Vatican Committee. The pieces consist of a complete battery of rifled cannon, four mountain howitzers and the regulation ambulances for an entire division. A large number of persons were present and saluted the Sovereign Pontiff with the warmest acclamations. An address was read by Colonel Baron de Chazette, to which his Holiness, after expressing his thanks, went on to say— "For me, who am a Minister of Peace it may appear that I am misplaced in the midst of arms and the apparatus of artillery. But I am the Minister of God, and the fact must be remembered that the Almighty, who calls himself the God of Peace, is also the God of Battles, and that evil must always be combated. I, the Vicar of Jesus Christ, I defend throughout the world, truth, justice, and rights of everyone; and this is why the whole universe ought to unite to sustain me in my rights. I thank you who are here present, all that select youth and those whom you represent, as well those who are more directly my subjects, and who ardently defend with you the same cause. This is now, with your arms, with these weapons, and especially with the protection of the Most High, we shall see that our enemies will be stopped before these imperishable walls of the Vatican. That will be, if our life, by its holiness, is in conformity with our mission. That will be, if we are with God and his justice; if He is in us by His grace, then God will be fully and truly with us. Et si Deus pro nobis, quis contra nos?"

The Holy Father afterwards visited the various articles, and had all the details of the ambulances explained to him.

LORD STANLEY.—One of the best: in fact the most able speech that has been made during the election contest in England, has been made by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Stanley. It sets forth the character of the true statesman, instead of that of the circumscribed party politician. Lord Stanley's exposition of England's foreign relations reflects honor on his sagacity and prudence. His happy anticipation of the amicable termination of the *Alabama* dispute, should the action of the American minister be ratified by his government, the advice he gives to Greece, the sympathy he expresses for the Spanish people, the noble influence he must exert in his wise construction of the attitudes of France and Prussia, his expressed willingness to support any government that will inaugurate a scheme for the reduction of the national debt, and his unwillingness to deny that the Irish Church needs reform stamp him the true statesman and consequently the medium of foreign respect and gratitude to England. The goods which R. Cuthbert has for sale are rendered doubly profitable to the public from the valuable information with which his watches, clocks, jewelry, books, stationery, albums, toys, etc., are associated.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

London, Dec. 12.—The following Ministers and officers of State have been appointed:—Sergeant Gifford, Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench; Lord Dufferin, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Edward Sullivan, member of Parliament for Mallow, Attorney-General for Ireland; Charles Robert Barry, member of Parliament for Dungarvon, Solicitor General for Ireland; Thomas George Baring, Baron Northbrook, Under Secretary of War; Mr. Vivian, Treasury Lord to supervise military expenditure.

Later despatches from Madrid state that hostilities were expected to commence at Cadix on Saturday, if the insurgents do not submit. The Government has offered the most liberal terms to the revolutionists, left no measure untried to prevent effusion of blood.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—The Government has decided on postponing the attack on the party in revolt in hopes that the insurgents will accept the terms offered to them and surrender. Gen. Roda who is at the head of the Government troops has declared the port of Cadiz blockaded, and foreign representatives have been notified accordingly. News has been received that the Carlist party in Lower Aragon are preparing for revolt, and fears are entertained of a rising of the Republican party in Barcelona to-night. The greatest precautions are adopted to guard against such a contingency in both places. The proclamation of the Government declaring the port of Cadiz under blockade has been promulgated. A fleet, consisting of two ironclads and transports containing 3,000 troops, will sail on the 15th for Cuba.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Hopes are entertained in Paris that the collision between Turkey and Greece may be avoided. The Turkish Government, however, are making every preparation for hostilities, and Turkish troops are being concentrated on the frontiers of Thessaly.

Despatches from Athens assert that the Greek Government will yield nothing. Telegrams from Copenhagen state that the King of Denmark and Prince of Wales have written a joint note to King George of Greece, urging him to concede to the demands of the Sublime Porte.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Despatches from Madrid show that affairs are rapidly approaching a crisis. Admiral Topeto has been despatched to Cadix to negotiate with the insurgents, but according to the latest reports has met with no success. An interview was held between the leading rebels and the representatives of the Provisional Ministry, at which Admiral Topeto was present. The rebels demanded a share in the Government, which was refused by Topeto who told them that having so long submitted to a worse government, they must momentarily obey the present one. Gen. Roda has transmitted a communication from Montserrat stating that on being apprised of events in Cadix he had left Lisbon to offer his services to the Provisional Government. The Provisional authorities replied that they respect him for his intentions, but he must return immediately to Lisbon.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Lord Clarendon received the Foreign Ministers formally on Saturday. Negotiations for a treaty of commerce are to be opened immediately with Mr. Burlingame's Chinese Embassy.

American Despatches

The *Sun's* Washington special says: The mission of Mr. Cushing will, in all probability, prove to be a negotiation with the present smart between Mr. Seward and Mr. Johnson and England. It is not expected that the change in the English ministry will interfere with our negotiations.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders Esq., Police Magistrate.

MONDAY, 14th. — *Matthew Brady* was charged with being drunk on Gordon-st. Fined \$2 and costs.

THE EX-TREASURER OF PEEL.—The