

Guelph Board of Trade.

It appears from a paper laid before the Legislative Assembly some days ago, that several bills which were passed last session, and which became law, were so passed in violation of the British North American Act. Nine of these acts are now on the statute book for Ontario. The Hamilton Times in enumerating these acts, or clauses of acts, says:—It may be stated that every Act of the Local Legislatures passes under the supervision of the Minister of Justice, and that he approves or disapproves, as the case may be, of each section and sub-section of every one of those Acts, and that process having been completed, the whole are again submitted to the examination of the Privy Council, which confirms or reverses, as the case may be, the conclusions arrived at by the Minister of Justice. The Acts and clauses to which the Privy Council have objected in the Statutes of the last session of the Ontario, have not been formally disallowed, but in so far as particular sections have been objected to, the Minister of Justice recommends that they be repealed, or so amended as to make them conform to the provisions of the North American Act, and to bring them within the jurisdiction of the Local Legislature; and it is recommended that chapters 38 and 64, be wholly repealed.

Among those acts to which objection is taken is one "to incorporate the Board of Trade of the town of Guelph," on the ground that the Local Legislature, in passing the bill, exceeded its jurisdiction, inasmuch as by the second sub-section of the 91st clause of the British North American Act the regulation of trade and commerce is placed among those matters over which the Dominion Parliament has exclusive jurisdiction. If therefore the suggestions of the Minister of Justice are not acted upon by the Legislature of Ontario, this Act, and the objectionable Acts and clauses will, as a matter of course, be formally and officially disallowed, and we presume such disallowance will be published in the Official Gazette, and thus the errors and blunders of the Attorney-General and head of the Government of Ontario will be proclaimed to the world, and to the great discredit of the Legislature and legislation of this Province.

Result of the English Elections.

One hundred and twelve of a majority! With all his resources of fitness and trickery Disraeli dared not face such odds, and he has announced the resignation of the Ministry of which he was the leader. He has been premier for about three years, thus winning an evanescent and troublesome reward of his life-long efforts. He makes his retirement more gracefully than any person would have expected, he yields to fate when he sees that further fight would be unavailing and leaves the field to his rival. He goes claiming the honour of having been a reformer in his time, and he has the solatium of knowing that the extension of suffrage which he says his Government voluntarily conceded has acted as an auxiliary in securing his overthrow. He has also refused a peerage, and hence Disraeli may with some sort of show claim to be considered as a martyr to his own magnanimity. His present action has given a flat contradiction to the assertion that he had no feeling on the Church question, or, to speak more accurately, it is designed to be a contradiction, and to demonstrate that he has been and is an enthusiastic, an earnest, though a defeated champion. He disclaims any modification of the opinions of himself or colleagues; they are more than ever convinced that Mr. Gladstone's proposition is wrong in principle and probably impracticable, and one which, even if practicable, would be disastrous to the nation. To all this it may be answered that if disaster succeed, the nation, not Mr. Disraeli is responsible. He took the question to the country, and it has given its answer, so that whatever may betide the late Premier is relieved from responsibility. Still, in the expression there is a characteristic of Toryism standing forth unconcealed, and Mr. Disraeli instead of saying that the proposition was wrong and impracticable might as well have said to the Liberal members and their supporters, "You are fools, all of you, although so numerous; it is only among us grand old Tories that wisdom is to be found." However, Mr. Gladstone will probably be called upon immediately to form a ministry, and with the majority he has at command he should have but little difficulty in affecting a divorce between the State and the Irish Church. The Liberals should by this time have learned the truth of the adage that strength dwells in unity, and no longer contribute to their own defeat by divisions among themselves. The only cause of trouble that is to be apprehended is, that the aristocratic Liberals will yield a reluctant or indifferent support to a plebeian leader, although the position has been honourably won, and though the rank to which their abilities entitle them is under, not over him. It is to be hoped that more wisdom will prevail in their counsels, and that the arrogance of birth will not create attempts at usurpation.

LOCAL ITEMS. THE TAXES.—The ratepayers should bear in mind that all taxes should be paid on or before the 16th inst., so as to enable them to vote at the forthcoming Municipal elections.

Wednesday last being the anniversary of the execution of John Brown, the champion of the slaves, the colored folks in some places indulged in celebrations, designed as a tribute to his memory.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Committee of Arrangements will be held in the Town Hall this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, to audit and settle accounts for celebration. A full attendance is requested.

PIANO BY AUCTION.—We are requested to state that Mr. Thornton will offer for sale, at his book sale this evening a very superior cottage piano. It will be sold without reserve, and doubtless will go at a bargain. It is by Broadwood, of London, England.

DEATH OF ROBT. JONES.—Our obituary to-day contains a notice of the death of Mr. Robt. Jones, late of the North American Hotel, Guelph. We learn that some days previous to his death, while at a fire in Brampton, he fell into a ditch and dislocated his thigh, from the effects of which he died on the 3rd inst.

REMOVAL.—As will be seen by advertisement Mr. H. Metcalf has removed to his handsome New Saddlery Shop adjoining the Alma Block, where we hope he will remain for many a year and prosper. He is now ready to fill all orders promptly, and has on hand a fine stock of harness, saddles, trunks, whips and every other article in the line.

MAIL CONTRACT.—Tenders will be received at the Postmaster General's office, Ottawa, up to December 11, for the conveyance of a mail twice each week between Mount Forest and Clifford, and return, the service to commence on January 1st. We believe it is also the intention to establish a semi weekly mail between Mount Forest and Harrison, on different days, to the Clifford service.

LUMBERERS.—The Galt Reporter says:—We understand that a large number of lumberers have proceeded for the winter to the upper sections of the Grand River, where they will prepare oak and elm timber for the Quebec market. This timber will be floated down the Grand River in the spring, as was the case some three or four years ago. The enterprise was not then, we believe, a great success, owing in part to the rapid rise and fall of the river in spring preventing the timber from being rafted to the lakes without great trouble and expense; but it appears that they are about to try it again. The men engaged in getting out the timber are mostly all French Canadians.

It would seem that Mr. Galt is yet an adviser of the Crown, though without a port folio. So we learn from a letter of his to the President of the St. Andrew's Society, Montreal, in which he explained that he would have to be absent from the annual dinner because that, as a member of the Privy Council, though not of the Government, he had to be in attendance at the swearing in of Sir John Young.

DIED.

JONES.—At Brampton, on the 3rd inst., Robert Jones, late of the North American Hotel, Guelph, aged forty-two years.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Dec. 4th, 1868. Hugh Wilson, Mount Forest; George Laing, Hamilton; A. Anderson, Fergus; Jas. Fleming, Brampton; W. T. Costigan, Montreal; E. Stovel, Toronto; C. F. McGregor, Toronto; J. P. Cross, Fergus; John Davies, Hamilton; James McCoy, Montreal; H. C. Allen, Brampton; A. Connell, Elora; W. Morhall; Stratford; F. Gallow, Toronto; S. C. Henry, Lucan; G. Crawford, Brampton.

New Advertisements.

COOK WANTED. Wanted a First-class Cook, to whom liberal wages will be given. Apply to J. MILLER, Castle Garden Saloon, Guelph, November 28.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC. Notice is hereby given that from and after this date the subscriber will not be responsible for any debts contracted in his name, without his written order and signature attached. STRICKLAND DUFFIELD, do if Guelph, Nov. 12.

APPRENTICE WANTED. Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once. Guelph, 3rd December.

STRAYED BOAR. Strayed from the farm of the subscriber, near Guelph, on Tuesday last, a black Suffolk Boar two years old, in good condition. Any one returning him, or giving such information as will lead to his recovery, will be rewarded. December 3. d3w1. PETER GOW.

DYEING DAILY. The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Hair Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all

PERSONS WHO DYE To give him a call. Resuscitation guaranteed to perfection. J. MIMMICK, Hair Dresser.

FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion for Grinding all kinds of Cutlery, viz: Razors, Knives, Scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE. JOSEPH MIMMICK, Hair Dresser, Guelph, December 4. d4r. Next Post Office.

GUELPH TANNERY FOR SALE.

That available property situate in the Town of Guelph, consisting of Tannery, Dwelling House, Office, all Stone, and Wooden Stables. The Tannery has 70 Vats and 10 Leaches, and is run by Steam. The house is

IN THOROUGH REPAIR

The main building could be advantageously turned into a Brewery, Foundry, or Woollen Factory. The whole property will be sold upon liberal terms. Apply at the Tannery, or to BEARDMORE & CO., 6 Wellington Street West, Toronto. December 4th. d4WFW-21

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF, SADDLER,

Begs 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 HORSE-CLIPPING, Blankets, Sursingles. A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual. H. METCALF, Guelph, December 4. dw

AN EVENING WITH AUTHORS.

THE GREAT AUCTIONSALE OF BOOKS, &c., WILL BE CONTINUED. THIS FRIDAY EVE'NG. A very Excellent Square PIANO,

Will be offered this evening at the hour of 8:45. This instrument was imported from England in June last, and is in good condition. As it will be sold without reserve, a good opportunity is presented to procure a good Piano at a LOW PRICE. It is now on exhibition at the Store. Good houses every evening.

At M. Shewan's Old Stand, 22 WYNDHAM STREET.

J. B. THORNTON, Manager of Sale. Guelph, Dec. 4. d

THE Equitable Life Assurance Society

OF THE UNITED STATES. Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.

W. O. BUCHANAN, 81 Great St. James St., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

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The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of Dollars, already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for unfeigned congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policyholder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed. The rank of THE EQUITABLE among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the ninth; in 1861 the eight; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second. Insurances effected on the most favorable terms by GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph. Guelph, December 4th. dtf

GREATEST ATTRACTION YET!

THE HOLY BIBLE, Illustrated by Gustave Dore, Price, \$40.50.

MILTON'S PARADISE LOST,

Illustrated by Gustave Dore, Price, \$20.

DANTE'S INFERNO,

Illustrated by Gustave Dore, Price, \$15.

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Illustrated by Gustave Dore, Price, \$15. These valuable works will be sold at

CUTHBERT'S,

ON SATURDAY NIGHT. Guelph, 3rd December. dw

SPEED LODGE No. 180.

The next Regular Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8th, when a full and punctual attendance of all the members is requested. Election of Officers. J. CRIDFORD, Secretary Guelph, 2nd December, w1d

A NEW VOLUME OF MUSIC FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS,

ESTABLISHED THE GOLDEN ROBIN, Containing: I. Musical Notation. II. Rhymes and Exercises adapted to Physical Action.—III. Songs for all occasions. IV. Sacred Pieces.

BY W. O. PERKINS, Author of "The Nightingale," "Sabbath School Trumpets," &c. The whole forming a most attractive Music Book for Juvenile Classes, Schools and Seminaries, and one that cannot fail to be admired by all Teachers and Scholars. Price 60c. Sent post-paid. OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & Co., 711 Broadway, New York.

BANKRUPT STOCK FOR SALE.

F. B. KNOWLES, Of the Village of Rothsay, Ont., has assigned to me, for the benefit of all of his creditors, the whole of his stock of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, BOOTS & SHOES, &c. The Stock is all quite new, and the Goods in excellent condition. Tenders for the above Stock will be received by me up to the 12th of December, 1868, at so much in the \$.

The Stock Book or Schedule of Stock can be seen at my store in Guelph up to the 10th instant. JOHN HOGG, Assignee. Guelph, 2nd December. 6dW2

BOYS, LOOK HERE!

WANTED at this office, a number of boys to sell The Evening Mercury. Active lads can make good wages after school hours. Apply at the counting room at once. Guelph, 23rd November.

CANADIAN ALMANAC FOR 1869,

Only 12 1/2 Cents, at DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, Nov. 27. daw 1f

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

CHEESE. CHEESE.

160 INGERSOLL FACTORY, 50 SMALL DAIRY, PARSON'S STILTON, REESOR'S STILTON, Kentish Filberts, English Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Soft and Hard Shelled Almonds, New Turkey Figs, Desart Raisins, French Prunes.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S, Wyndham Street. Guelph November 31st. dw

AUCTION SALE OF CHATTEL PROPERTY

Belonging to the Estate of the late DR. THOS. S. PARKER, deceased. W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from the Executors of the late Dr. Parker, to sell by Public Auction, On Saturday next, 5th of December, At his late residence, Market Street, Guelph, with out reserve, the following Valuable Property:—2 good horses, set of double harness, single do., buggy, cutter, sleigh, wagon, cutting-box, crowbar, wheelbarrow, shovel, wagon-rack, plough, harrows, spade, forks, a quantity of oats and peas in the straw, 3 good pigs, buffalo robes.

TERMS—\$10 and under cash, over that amount 6 months' credit on approved notes. Sale at one o'clock, precisely. Mark—NO RESERVE. Guelph, November 30th. dtwd

LOOK OUT FOR THE UNRIVALLED

Mason & Hamlin Organs Expected in a few days at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE

They won the First-class Medal at the recent World's Exposition in Paris. They are not only the Best, but also the Lowest Priced Instruments which can be produced in America.

AGENTS WANTED. W. WARNER CLARK, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, Dec. 3. daw 1f

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE

Will be sold by Public Auction, on TUESDAY the 8th inst., that desirable White Brick Cottage, situated on the London Road, next to the residence of the Rev. Mr. Ball, containing six rooms, pantries, &c. with suitable outhouses. There is a good cellar, soft water cistern, and a never-failing well. The garden is in a high state of cultivation, and well stocked with fruit and ornamental trees. Title indisputable. Terms easy, and made known on day of sale. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock precisely.

FURNITURE. At the same time and place will be sold 2 bedsteads, excellent cooking stove, and parlor cooking stove, the latter nearly new, chairs, tables, and a number of other articles. Terms for the furniture cash. JAMES WALLACE, Guelph, Dec. 5. d4

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

Will open their Retail Store in the New Alma Block on SATURDAY morning the 5th instant with a choice assortment of Fresh Groceries

Guelph, 3rd December. Bills 104 NEW GOODS Silver 100.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FRUIT. FRUIT. FRUIT CROP 1868.

Layer Raisins Seedless Raisins Currants Turkey Figs Bunch Muscatel do. Valencia do. Prunes Havana Oranges Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

NUTS—Soft Shelled Almonds, Shelled Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts. Orange Marmalade and Confectionery, Sardines, English Potted Salmon, Potted Meats, Fresh Lobsters (in the shell and canned).

HERMETICALLY SEALED GOODS—Peaches, Strawberries, Blackberries, Tomatoes and Green Peas. APPLES. APPLES.

One hundred barrels choice hand picked Fruit, in fine Rhode Island Green, Golden Russett, Red Winter and Spitzenberg.

BISCUITS—Soda, Abernethy, Picnic Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Ginger Nuts. FISH, FISH—New Finnan Haddies, Smoked Salmon, Bloaters, White Fish, Salmon Trout, Cod Fish, Haddock, Scalloped Herring, Labrador and Lake Herring, Pickled Cod Fish.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS Buy Platt & Co's Baltimore Oysters. Expecte in a few days, Oysters in the shell.

NEW TEAS, Sugars, Coffees, Tobaccos, and General Groceries. LIQUORS—Fine Old Rye, Malt and Common Whiskies, Sleeman's Ale, Bass' Pale Ale, Guinness Porter (old, and in splendid order).

CROCKERY—A large assortment, complete in every department. GLASSWARE (Plain and Cut)—Tumbler, Wines, Goblets, Decanters, Spoon Holders, Butt Coolers, Fruit Dishes, Preserve Plates, Sugar and Creams, Water Bottles, Salt, &c. FIN HEAVY PLATED CRUETS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' PRESENT A large stock in Gift China Mugs, Teas, with a variety of mottoes, Children's Toy Tea Sets.

The foregoing Goods will be found on inspection and trial to be fresh and good, and to form a large and complete assortment, the prices of which will be as low, if not lower, than the largest and biggest putting house in the trade. Guelph, 30th November. dw GEORGE WILKINSON.

FRESH ARRIVALS AT THE FRUIT DEPOT

Another Lot of of those Delicious Oranges, Lemons, Sweet Potatoes, Pea Nuts, Chestnuts, &c.,

Will be sold to the Trade at LOW PRICES for Cash. HUGH WALKER, Guelph, Nov. 25. dw Fruit Depot, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

BUSINESS STILL GOOD

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE DRESS GOODS!

Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money. JACKETS! JACKETS!

Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Sealskin Jackets, Whiting—Black and Coloured. Petersham—Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.

Table Linen and Sheetings. The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

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For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE. PHILIP BISH, Guelph, Nov. 25. daw 1f