

Canadian Publishers.

It is perhaps not generally known that publishers in Canada labor under a great disadvantage in one respect at all events, and that is in the matter of British copyright works.

The number of standard works issued from the English press seems to increase year by year, while the efforts of such writers as Chas. Reade, Hepworth, Dixon, Lytton, Dickens, Yates and various others are eagerly sought for as soon as published.

Under existing circumstances United States publishers have a right to bring reprints of British works into this country on payment of a duty of 12 1/2 per cent.—the proceeds of this duty accruing to the author in Great Britain as compensation for the privileges accorded to the American publishers.

These are the simple facts of the case, and should call forth the strongest expressions of disapproval from all interested in the material prosperity of the country. There is no reason why Canadian printers should not produce books at a much cheaper rate than they can be produced in the States, and all they ask is to be treated with on the same terms as the foreign publishers.

The grievance complained of is quite palpable, and we are glad to learn that steps have been taken to point out to the British authors their own interest in the matter, and secure their co-operation in the endeavour to repeal a law which has neither reason nor justice in its favor.

Mr. BRUCE'S ELECTION.—The Advertiser will persist in representing our words in reference to Mr. Geo. A. Bruce's election. We never expressed the slightest opposition to Mr. Bruce running for councillor—he had as much right to do so as any other ratepayer.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—A petition in favor of Legislative action on this question in England, is being circulated among the members of the Local House of Ontario. Out of the 70 members comprising the Legislature 56 have appended their signatures to the petition.

\$18,000.00.—The Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co. has accumulated a capital of over EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, and has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses.

SORROW.—We have been requested to state that the services of the young people of Knox's Church will be held during the last week of this month. The Sabbath School anniversary in the course of a couple of weeks.

The Poet Laureate at Home.

The following account of a visit to the greatest of living poets will be read with interest:

We crossed the Cowes, and took a fly to Farningford, distant twelve miles, glorious drive across the Isle of Wight, between ivied hedges and past gardens of laurel and laurestians. I found Farningford wonderfully improved. The magnificent Roman lexes in front of the house are finer than any I saw in Italy.

"Tennyson and I retired to the study at the top of the house, lit pipes, and talked of poetry. He asked me if I could read his "Boadicea?" I thought I could. "Read it and let me see," said he, "I would rather hear you read it, I answered. Thereupon he did so, chanting the lumbering lines with great unction. I spoke of the Idyle of Guinevere as being perhaps his finest poem, and said I could not read it aloud without my voice failing me at certain passages.

"His reading is a strange monotonous chant, with unexpected falling inflections which I cannot describe but can imitate exactly. It is very impressive in spite of myself I became very much excited as he went on. Finally, when Arthur gives the Queen, Tennyson's voice fairly broke. I found tears on my cheeks and Mr. Tennyson was crying on either side of me. He made an effort and went on to the end, closing grandly.

"How can you," I asked (referring to previous conversation) say that you have no surfeit of personal fame. "This poem will only die with the language in which it is written." Mrs. Tennyson started up from her couch. "It is true," she exclaimed, "I have told Alfred the same thing!" After that we more sherry—in fact, finished the Waterloo bottle; then went up to the garret to smoke and talk.

MURDER IN A CHURCH.—During the annual festivities of the colored people's Methodist Church, at Cumberland, Md., on Christmas evening, four men, named Sykes Sills, John McGirr, Michael Ryan and Thomas Sammons, with open knives and uplifted "billies," rushed past both doorkeepers into the fair room, asking where Jones Cook, alias Jerry Bowler, was. Upon seeing these rowdies rush in, the colored people, both men and women, became alarmed, and commenced to retreat in all directions; finally Sills and McGirr caught Cook, pushed him against the stove, and stabbed him close to the heart, and, as he fell, McGirr pushed him to the floor and stamped upon him. He died instantaneously after receiving the wound.

BRIGGS' MODERN CURATIVE FOR CORNS, BUNIONS, GROWING NAILS, TENDER FEET, &c.—It is the safest and most efficacious remedy ever discovered for the cure and prevention of ailments of the feet. It is not potent or acid, but a soothing, softening and healing ointment warranted not to injure the most delicate foot, but will soon effect a radical cure of these vexatious torments of the human family.

The elections in the township of Minto resulted in the return of Messrs. Connell, Prain, Lemon, Hughes and Dolmage. The Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway having been made a test question, the above were elected mainly on account of their views in favor of the railway by-law in its entirety.

The Elora Times learns that Mr. Whitlaw, of Paris, who rents Mr. Fraser's mill there, has bought Mr. C. Allan's water-privilege junction of the Grand and Irvine rivers, and intends to build a first-class mill thereon immediately, which will supply a want long felt in that locality.

The Peel and Maryboro' Agricultural Society, will meet at Hollis, on Saturday, the 16th inst.

The Hon. Wm. McDougall is not expected home before the first of February.

HOTEL ARRIVALS,

COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Jan. 9th, 1869

H Warburton, Montreal; J Gray, Montreal; John P Smith, St. Catharines; J May, Toronto; Alexander Boyd, Toronto; G Mortimer, Montreal; C Whitehead, Mitchell; G Merrick, Ottawa; J Guthrie, San Francisco; R Kirkwood, Buffalo; W Kirby, Mount Forest; E D Campbell and son, Flamboro'; J M Campbell, Mount Forest; P Swan, London; A P Pringle, Port Perry; W J Webster, Montreal; W J Thompson, Arthur; Thomas Dalley, Egremont; Thos Duncan, Hamilton; A Miles, Hamilton; David Spence, Mount Forest; W Spry, Owen Sound; R Ransford, Clinton.

MARRIAGES.

SIMPSON—DEFFIELD—At Guelph, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. John Hoag, Mr. James Simpson, Guelph, to Miss Bessy Duffield, Rockwood.

DIED.

ARMSTRONG—Suddenly, at Guelph, on the 9th inst., of disease of the heart, David Armstrong, aged 29 years. The funeral will take place on Tuesday after noon at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE TO THE VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

The Members of Nos. 1 and 2 Volunteer Companies are hereby notified to master at the Drill Shed ON TUESDAY, the 12th inst, at 11 o'clock, a. m., with shakos and side-arms, to attend the funeral of the late David Armstrong.

THREE SHEEP STRAYED.

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, Elora Road, about two weeks ago, three Ewes, two White and one Black. It is thought they went into the neighborhood of Paisley Block. Any one returning them to the owner, or giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be rewarded.

CAUTION.

All parties are hereby cautioned against purchasing or negotiating, on account of value not having been received, two Promissory Notes; the first for \$25, dated the 1st of March, 1869, the other for \$35, payable about the 1st of December, 1869, both made jointly by John Johnson and Angus Johnson, in favor of Station Hand with me on Monday, at the practice room, at 7 o'clock.

SPEED LODGE.

The regular monthly meeting of Speed Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, over the Bank of Commerce, on Tuesday evening, January 12, at half-past 7 o'clock.

NORTH WARD ELECTION!

To the Electors of the North Ward:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Councillor for the North Ward, in place of Dr. Herod, who has sent in his resignation.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF PURE-BRED GALLOWAY CATTLE, LEICESTER AND SOUTH-DOWN SHEEP, HORSES, IMPLEMENTS, &c.

Mr. James McMonies, Jr., has received instructions from Thomas McCrae, Esq., to offer for sale by public auction on his farm, Lot 5, 13th Con, East Flamboro.

GRAND BLANKET ENTERTAINMENT,

On Saturday Night!

Special to MECHANICS.

A. O. BUCHAM

HAS on hand 200 pairs of ROSSA MOND'S 1 1/2 BLANKETS, and desires to inform the Mechanics of this Town—and all others who take an interest in the

BLANKET QUESTION

That he will offer the lot for sale on Saturday night at half-past six o'clock, at PRICES WHICH WILL STARTLE THE PUBLIC.

The Blankets will be offered precisely at half-past Six o'clock,

And A. O. B. would urge upon intending purchasers the necessity of being early on the spot.

Saturday Night,

AT HALF-PAST SIX O'CLOCK.

A. O. BUCHAM.

Guelph, Jan. 7, 1869 daw 1f

BOARDING.

Parties requiring board can be accommodated with good table in a first-class Boarding House, situated near the Post-Office. Address A. B., Guelph Post-Office, or apply at his Office.

New Advertisements.

100,000 COPIES SOLD OF THE "HARP OF JUDAH," two admirable books of Sacred Music for Choirs, Singing Schools, Musical Conventions, &c., by L. O. GIBSON. Every Choir and Singing School should have them, for they will be sure of giving satisfaction. Price of each, \$1.38. Sent post-paid. A liberal discount made on quantities. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston, C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his house and settle as early as possible.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention.

THE GUELPH Classical and Commercial Academy

Will commence the third session on WEDNESDAY, the 6th inst. The Scholars are prepared for business, professions, or the University. The business course comprises Book-keeping by Single and Double Entry, Commercial Arithmetic, plain and ornamental Writing, and all that is usually taught in the Commercial Institutes.

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At 20c. 25c. and 30c.

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That eligible and commodious Stone Dwelling House and Lot containing nearly half an acre of ground, with large Stables and out-houses complete, the residence of the late Dr. Parker, situated on the corner of Market and Dublin Streets.—This property is but a short distance from the Market and business part of the Town, and is an admirable location as a dwelling for a professional or business man. The above property will be sold on easy terms, which may be known by applying to

GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGGINBOTHAM, Executors.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER.

The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. H. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. C. T. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be put in suit in the Division Court.

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HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

For sale, a house and lot. Terms, easy. Apply personally, or by letter.

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EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregational Church,

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.—Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.

Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to

JOHN R. PORTE'S

JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE,

Nextdoor to Mr. Boffy's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street

The following choice articles will be found in Stock

Ladies' Companions

Ladies' Work Boxes

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Guelph, 17th December dw

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New Advertisement.

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\$15,000 WORTH OF

CANADIAN GOODS

To be rushed off before the 1st March, at the BRITANNIA HOUSE.

IN ORDER to make room for Spring Goods HEFFERNAN BROS. are determined to clear out their Immense Stock of Canadian Goods

AT PANIC PRICES!

Consisting in part of TWEEDS, FULL CLOTHS, SATINETTS, FLANNELS, BLANKET, caps, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, &c. Call at once, and call early.

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Very fine Black, Young Hyson and Japan Teas

Coffees, Tobaccos, Sugars

Pickles, Sauces, Lobsters, Sardines

Bottled Ales and Porter.

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Martell Brandy, Jules Robin Brandy, Pinet Castillon & Co's Brandy, Seignette Brandy, Holland and Old Tom Gin, Rum, very fine Old Port Wine, Pale and Brown Sherry, Hay's Scotch Whiskey, Camplachie Scotch Whiskey, Stewart's Scotch Whiskey, Dunville's Irish Whiskey, Windsor Pure Rye and Malt Whiskey, Bourton Whiskey.

Labrador HERRING, Lake Huron Herring, White Fish, Salt, &c., very low.

Guelph, 5th January. dw

J.J. LANGDON.

Retiring from the Retail Trade.

ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OUT.

WM. STEWART,

In returning thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on him for the last thirteen years, respectfully intimates his intention of retiring from the Retail Business.

In order to facilitate the entire clearance of Stock, he will on WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, commence the GREAT SALE, when Goods will be offered at Cost, and in many cases under. The public should take advantage of this rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at the Lowest Prices ever offered in Guelph. The reputation of the Stock being so well known for extra quality, and being composed of New and Fashionable Goods, all may rely on extraordinary Bargains.

On and after the 2nd of January the Books will be closed, and during the sale Goods will be sold only FOR CASH.

N. B.—This is no clap-trap sale, as the subscriber is positively retiring.

WILLIAM STEWART.

Wyndham Street, Guelph } Dec. 30th, 1868. dw