

POETRY.

When were the Good Old Times.

When were the good old times? Will some one tell us when? For I've look'd a back five hundred years, And I can't think they were then.

Jeannie Sinclair, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

At length he had gained the seclusion of his chamber, and could indulge in something like leisurely reflection. The deed was done—Sir Fergus was dead, and nothing now stood between him and the title and estate.

For the present, however, he was restless and anxious in an extraordinary degree. In a few hours at latest the non-return of the Baronet at the Castle would create wonder, and as time progressed that wonder would deepen into alarm, and the conviction be produced that some untoward thing had befallen him.

The day wore on, however, and no one came near the Tower. Lynedoch's restlessness did not abate, for suspense mingled with it, and an intense curiosity to know what surmises and conjectures were afloat.

HORSE MEDICINES. — It is gratifying to know that there is at least one which has stood the test and proved itself worthy the confidence reposed in it; we know of no other article which has proved so generally successful, or given such universal satisfaction; we are confident there is more of it used than all others combined, and that it will ultimately supersede all others that can be no doubt.

M. Y. McTAGGART, M. D. — Dr. McTaggart, of the Hamilton Infirmary, will be at Coulson's Hotel, Guelph, from Monday the 12th of April till Saturday the 17th. He is eminently successful in his practice. Those who are afflicted with Chronic Maladies, such as Consumption in the first and second stages, Bronchitis, Asthma, Lung Diseases of all kinds, Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Liver Complaints, Kidney Affections, Spinal Diseases, Epilepsy, Palsy, Scrofula, Abscess, Ruptures of all kinds, Atrophy or Wasting, or any other disease, should call upon the Doctor at once, and will be glad to visit as long as to necessitate their being told (as many have been) that they will die for them. Unvisited attention will be given to all Female Complaints, and their medical and surgical bearings. Doctors will be removed without the use of the knife, and permanently cured. Consultation free.

THE RIGHT OF SEARCH. — Probably no question is better understood between nations than the search, there is no general law laid down, and consequently they have to be governed by precedents which happened long ago; this is not the case with the Canadian Patent Destroyer. Ancient history does not have to be traced to find out whom it has relieved from the tortuous pains of rheumatism, sudden colds, sore throat, burns, &c. Sold by all medicine dealers at 25 cents per bottle.

Lady Young is on a visit to Niagara Falls.

G. A. D. C.

ACTING MANAGER, THOS. H. TAYLOR. LEADER OF ORCHESTRA, WM. VALE.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club take pleasure in announcing a Select

DRAMATIC

Entertainment, in the Town Hall, On THURSDAY EV'G, 15th APRIL

when will be presented the great moral comic drama, entitled

TEMPTATION

Or, The Irish Emigrant,

together with the thrilling recitation from John B. Gough's celebrated temperance lectures, entitled Going over Niagara Falls, by T. H. Taylor, to be followed by the highly amusing farce of

TURN HIM OUT.

Admission 25c., reserved seats 50c. Doors open at 7.30, curtain rises at 8.

ALEX. F. PIRIE, Secretary. Guelph, 8th April.

New Crop Teas!



1000 Half Chests

NEW CROP TEAS

The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising

- Young Hysons and Hysons
Hyson Twankays
Twankays
Imperials
Gunpowders
Souchongs
Congous
Colored Japans
Natural Leaf Japans
Oologs

REFORD & DILLON.

Toronto, 31st March.

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.



No. 1

COAL OIL

ONLY

40c. per gallon

AT THE MEDICAL HALL.

E. HARVEY & CO.

Chemists and Druggists.

Guelph, April 7.

HAMILTON DYE WORKS.

Two doors from the Royal Hotel Established 1856.

Silks, Satins, Merinos, Danmarks, Moroccan Table Covers, &c., &c., dyed and finished. British and Foreign Shawls cleaned and pressed. Kid Gloves cleaned. Feathers cleaned, dyed and curled.

JAMES CONNER, Hamilton.

Orders left at J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham St., will receive prompt attention. For price list and further information apply to

J. HUNTER, Guelph, 8th Feb.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hogg & Chance, Wyndham Street, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

PIKE & DAVIDSON.

Guelph, April 1.

PEDDLING WAGON FOR SALE.

For sale, the Confectionery Peddling Wagon owned by the subscriber. It is in good running order. Apply to the owner, JAMES HOBAN, Puslinch, or at the Mercury Office.

Puslinch, 3rd April.

DOWN WITH THE PRICES.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

To make room for their SPRING STOCK, just purchased, amounting to \$15,000, have decided to offer the balance of their Winter Stock at FIRST COST from now till

THE 15th DAY OF APRIL

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS.

SUGARS AND SYRUPS

BELOW WHOLESALE PRICES.

TEAS, TEAS!

E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Well-known \$1 Tea for 90c. per lb. Good 80c. Tea for 65c. per lb. Fine Black Tea for 50c. per lb. Splendid Mixed Tea for 60c.

A LARGE LOT OF CHEAP

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

Good Chewing Tobacco, 25c. per lb.

CROCKERY

A Beautiful Tea Set for \$3.

PRESSED AND CUT GLASS

Of all kinds, shapes and varieties, together with the finest assortment and best varied of Fine, Fancy and General Groceries, &c. in the County of Wellington.

Leave your orders at the Cheapest Family Grocery in Guelph.

All Goods WARRANTED to give satisfaction, if not the MONEY will be returned.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Guelph, 2nd April, 1899.

Guelph, Ontario.

We have pleasure in making known to you the arrival of all of our IMPORTATIONS DIRECT FROM THE PLACES OF PRODUCTION, for the Spring Trade, and of saying that at no previous time have we been in the same position to offer you such an assortment to select from; the Varieties of Styles, Fabrics and Novelties in the various Departments are so varied and new that they call for an immediate inspection, in order that the taste and care shown in purchasing be fully appreciated.

We are safe in saying that no other House in the business in Guelph can approach the variety of our Stock to select from; and the prices at which our entire Stock will be offered must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all intending buyers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE for any other House in the Trade TO COMPETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manufacturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others in the Dry Goods business here purchase their Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these importers their profit (as a profit they must have) and then adding their own profit on before selling you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to convince you of the great truth that we assert, that our Goods must be at least twenty per cent under ordinary prices in other Stores in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each.

Yours very respectfully, HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, March 29.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL!

SHAW & MURTON

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE SELECTION OF

SPRING AND SUMMER COATINGS, VESTINGS, TROUSERINGS, SILK HATS, DRAB HATS, FELT HATS, TWEED COATINGS

Dress Shirts, Fancy Flannel Shirts

Collars, Ties, Gloves, Gents' Hose, Braces, &c.

CUSTOM WORK.

ALL ORDERS executed in the LATEST STYLES, with the BEST OF TRIMMINGS AND WORKMANSHIP.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 7th April, 1899.

NO BLOWING

AT J. & D. MARTIN'S

FOR GOOD AND CHEAP

Groceries, China, Crockery & Glassware

GO TO J. & D. MARTIN'S.

POTATOES, SPLIT PEAS,

GRANULATED WHEAT AND BARLEY

ALWAYS ON HAND AT

J. & D. MARTIN'S, Wyndham Street, Guelph 3rd April.

SUCCESS, SUCCESS, SUCCESS,

OF THE

ALMA BLOCK

RETAIL GROCERY!

SOME of his friends may think it a trifle too soon for JOHN A. WOOD to cry Success at so early a season; but this he can assure them, that

His STORES have been Filled with CUSTOMERS

from the 1st till the 31st of March. They come from Egremont, Normanby, Maryboro, Garafraxa, Nichol, Fergus, Elora, Saleen, Pilkington, Woolwich, Conestoga, Watford, Berlin, Baden, Galt, Hepler, Puslinch, Morrison, Akerfoyle, Puslinch Plains, Eden Mills, Rockwood, Erin, Caledon, and Eramosa, in fact the fame of JOHN A. WOOD as

BEING A SUCCESSFUL BUYER AND SELLER OF

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, LIQUORS,

Seeds, Crockery, Glassware, Salt, Plaster, &c.

has gone abroad, and from the whole length and breadth of Wellington and adjoining Counties they come to

John A. Wood's

POPULAR STORES

To lay out their hard-earned cash.

All are grumbling about hard times, but JOHN A. WOOD, and why? Because he is satisfied with smaller profits and quicker returns than the other Grocers of Guelph are, and the public know it. He sells

SUGAR OF ALL KINDS

CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER MAN.

He sells cheaper and better TEA AND COFFEE than any other man. In fact, he sells all his Fresh and Good GROCERIES, SALT, SEEDS, &c., at less prices than any one else can do.

JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, April 1, 1899.

SALE BY AUCTION.

AUCTION SALE OF

Fancy Goods!

AND STATIONERY

AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE, THIS EVENING.

Same to commence at seven o'clock. NO RESERVE.

W. WARNER CLARKE, Market Square, Guelph.

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

WHOLESALE.

NOW OPENING.

Another shipment of Glassware!

CONSISTING IN PART OF

Chamblers, Goblets, Wines

Decanters, Celery Glasses

Butters, Sugars and Creams

Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars

Preserve Dishes, in great variety

Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames

Bird Fountains,

Bird Seed Boxes, Bird Baths

Lamp Chimneys

Specia Jars, Japanned Ware, &c. &c. &c.

R. RAE & CO.

IMPORTERS.

Guelph, 28th December