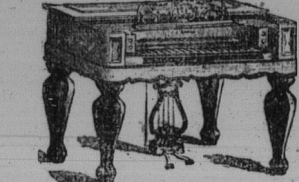


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**Guelph Melodeon Co'y.**



**Dissolution of Co-Partnership.**

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of **BELL, WOOD & CO.**, is this day dissolved, by mutual consent.  
WM. BELL  
JOHN WOOD  
Witness,  
ROBERT BELL  
ROBERT McLEOD.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square, Guelph 15th April, 1869. W3

**BELL BROS'**  
The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

**MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS**  
In the old stand, under the name of W. Bell & Co. Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are such superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

Pianos and Melodeons Tuned and Repaired.  
All our instruments warranted for 5 years and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.  
Address, W. BELL & CO. dwt  
Guelph, April 30, 1869.

**PRIVATE RESIDENCE FOR SALE**  
In the West End of the

**TOWN OF GUELPH.**

For Sale, within ten minutes walk of the Post Office, consisting of a substantially built

**Stone COTTAGE, dry & healthy**

Containing eight rooms, with stable and Driving House, all in good condition. Pleasantly situated in a respectable locality. A large garden planted with choice fruit trees, and plenty of excellent spring and soft water. Terms of payment, easy. One-half of the purchase money may remain on mortgage. Apply to the proprietor,  
J. E. WORSFOLD,  
May 19. dwt  
Buckingham's Survey.

**GLASGOW HAM CURER.**

The subscriber wishes to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that he has been

**A large stock of Beef, Pork, Rolled Spiced Hams,**

All of which will be sold at 12 1/2 cents per lb. The best Bacon from 10c. to 12 1/2 cents. Smoked shoulders same as the Bacon.

**A Splendid Lot of Smoked Hams Lard, &c.**

A large lot DRIED BEEF and MUTTON will be sold at from 4c. to 5c. per lb.  
D. NAISMITH,  
Upper Wyndham Street dwt  
Guelph, May 20th, 1869.

**TOWN OF GUELPH.**

**TENDERS WANTED.**

Tenders for the erection of a DOME on the MARKET HOUSE will be received at the Town Clerk's Office until

**Saturday, 5th of June next**

The tenders are required according to two plans, which, with specifications, may be seen at the Clerk's Office. The Council will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk,  
Guelph, 26th May. dwt

**\$1616. \$1616.00.**

For sale, very desirable property known as the

**Heffernan Estate, Situated on Wyndham Street,**

In the Town of Guelph. The property is now rented for \$1616 per annum.

Offers will be received for the whole or in lots up to 1st June next. The property is free from incumbrances. For further particulars apply to  
JOHN HARRIS,  
Guelph, May 1, 1869. dwt

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A comparison of our rates with the rates of any Company either doing or purporting to do a legitimate business respectfully invited.

**EVERY INFORMATION GIVEN**

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**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

The subscriber, in returning thanks to his friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage bestowed on him during the past eight years, begs to announce that he has rented **STALL No. 4, Guelph Market**, where he will at all ways keep on hand a choice assortment of

**FRESH AND SALT MEAT**  
of all kinds, which he will sell at the lowest possible prices.  
JOHN TYSO, Butcher,  
Guelph, May 8, 1869. dwt

**EDUCATIONAL.**  
**MRS. WM. BUDD,**  
Organist of the Congregational Church

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open **MONDAY 4th JANUARY, 1869.** she will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.— Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. dwt  
December 30.

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**AND SUMMER**

**DRY GOODS**

Seasonable and New.

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Of my House in the trade.

**Terms Strictly Cash.**

Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham

**LACE CURTAINS**

CHEAP

**WM. STEWART.**

Guelph, 10th April. dwt

**HARD TIMES vs. SOFT ONES.**

**OWING TO THE HARD TIMES A Softening of Prices has taken place.**

It would be folly to say that we do not WANT MONEY, as "Money makes the Mare to go."

The way to make TIMES SOFT and MONEY BASKY is to buy your Boots & Shoes at

**JOHN McNEIL'S**  
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-St.

I beg to inform the public that I have been appointed Agent for

**RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES,**

Celebrated for their durability, cheapness and fine finish. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Machines sent to any part of the country carefully packed. Prices same as at the Factory.

JOHN McNEIL,  
Montreal Boot and Shoe Manufacturer, dwt  
Guelph, May 19.

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,**

**Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,**

Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,

**GUELPH, Ontario.**

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN  
Guelph, April 1, 1869. dwt

**CHILDREN'S**

**GARRIAGES**

In great variety, and remarkably cheap at MRS. HUNTER'S.

**THE PATENT CLOTHES HORSE,**

A most useful and convenient article. Every house should have one.

**AT MRS. HUNTER'S.**

Something new in TOYS, at Mrs. Hunter's.

**Dress Making & Straw Millinery**

At MRS. HUNTER'S

**Juvenile Clothing and Patterns**

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A large and select stock of Fancy Goods, Wools, &c.

At MRS. HUNTER'S,  
Berlin Wood and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph. May 12 dwt

**GOOD NEWS FOR ALL**

**PROF. HERMAN'S**

**VERMIN DESTROYER**

Which is known to be far superior to anything ever yet discovered for killing rats, mice, insects on poultry, ants, bugs, cockroaches, black beetles, fleas on dogs, tick or scab on sheep or goats, &c., in less than ten minutes. Sold in packets at 25c. per packet, or six packets for \$1.25. The powder is warranted free from all bad smell, and will keep in any climate. It may be spread anywhere without risk, as it is quite harmless to cats and dogs for they will not eat it. Directions for use on each packet.

The above discovery has gained for Professor Herman a silver prize medal at the Intercolonial Exhibition for Victoria, Australia, of 1866, besides numerous testimonials.

Messrs. E. CARROLL & CO., Day's Block, Wyndham-St., Guelph, Agents for Guelph and vicinity. May 29. dwt

**CLARK'S**

**Washing Composition**

FOR SALE BY THE QUART, AT

**PETRIE'S DRUG STORE**

Parties wishing to give the Celebrated Washing Compound a trial can do so now, without buying a FAMILY BOTTLE.

The subscriber has purchased the exclusive right to

**Manufacture and Sell**

the above article in the TOWN and TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH.

**Family Rights:**

For the above District only to be purchased of

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**TAKE NOTICE,**

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CALL AND SEE MY STOCK AT THE

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JOHN A. McMILLAN,  
Boot and Shoemaker for the Million, Guelph, Guelph, May 18, 1869. Fergus and Elora.

**Four Journeymen Shoemakers Wanted Immediately.**

**Dominion Store.**

Just received, a Complete Stock of

**WORKING CANVASS**

Of all descriptions; also a great addition to the already handsome

**Stock of Berlin Wools,**

Making it now as complete as any found in the Dominion. These will be sold at

**SMALL A PROFIT as Possible.**

Stamping for Branding done to order.

**Mrs. T. Robinson,**  
Guelph, May 26. dwt Upper Wyndham st.

**MORTGAGE SALE.**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage, (which will be produced at sale) made by Andrew Warner, and more particularly made by HENRY HATCH, Esq.

**AUCTION**

At the Town Hall, in the Town of GUELPH, at 12 o'clock, noon,

**On Saturday, June 12th, 1869**

By W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer, that Stone Store and Dwelling House, and other buildings and premises in the Village of Rockwood, in the County of Wellington, containing 25 and a half acres, more or less, and recently occupied by the said Andrew Warner, and more particularly described in the above mentioned mortgage.

Terms and conditions made known at time of sale, on application to HENRY HATCH, Esq.

Messrs GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, dwt  
Guelph May 26, 1869. 424ward.

**DOMINION SALOON.**

**FRESH OYSTERS!**

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 Paris supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p. m.

**DENIS BUNYAN**

**HOUSE and LOT FOR SALE.**

House and Lot for sale on Delhi Street, Mitchell's Hill, Guelph, being Lot 23, in Division A, containing one-fifth of an acre. The house is built of stone, and contains four rooms and kitchen, also clothes press and cellar, all well finished. The lot is well fenced, and planted with choice fruit trees. There is a good well, with pump, on the premises; also, stable and carriage house. This house is well adapted for a small family, being on a healthy site, and affording a fine prospect. It will be sold cheap. For further particulars apply to WM. JOHNS, Esq., near the Elora Road. Guelph, 26th May. dwt

**BILLIARDS**

**GREAT EXCITEMENT.**

**Billiard Hall Refitted**  
New Style Tables  
Establishment twice a Week  
**AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.**  
Guelph, 24th February. dwt

**Evening Mercury.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 2, 1869.

**Town and County Items.**

**HORTICULTURAL SHOW.**—The Spring show of the Guelph Horticultural Society will be held on Tuesday, the 20th day of June, in the Drill Shed.

When Tom Muley was taken back to Galt to Guelph with the lively horse he had abused he was taken before a Justice of the Peace and fined \$8 and \$7.50 costs.

**DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.**—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received extensive shipments of *Prussia* and *North American*, and ex ship *Lake Superior*, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

**PHARISWORTHY.**—Our Elora correspondent informs us that at a congregational meeting of Chalmers' Church on Monday May 31st, it was decided to raise the stipend of the minister (Rev. Mr. Middlemas) from \$600 to \$800. This act shows the high and just estimation in which this Revd. gentleman is held by his flock. It also speaks well for the liberality of the congregation, which is by no means a large one.

**THE HILLSBURG MAIL.**—Some of our subscribers have complained to us that the WEEKLY MERCURY does not reach Hillsburg regularly on Thursday night. We have made enquiry into the matter, and find that since the afternoon mail train on the Grand Trunk was changed to a later hour, the stage for Hillsburg, when the train happens to be late, does not wait for the mail from the west, and consequently the papers have to lie over a day at Georgetown. Such being the case the remedy is in our hands.

**CHILDREN'S CONCERT TO-NIGHT.**—Dr. French, assisted by his class of 170 pupils, will give his farewell concert this evening, and next Friday in the Town Hall, at 8 o'clock. A graduated stage, twelve feet high at its highest point, and twenty-four feet long, has been constructed. Curtains will be provided adding greatly to the interest of the solos, duets, and pieces in character. The stage will also be decorated with evergreens. Such a galaxy of happy voices alone would amply repay a visit to the Hall. Tickets for this concert 25 cents; children under ten years 15 cents. Be sure and go early to secure a good seat.

**HARRISTON NEWS.**—Our Harriston correspondent informs us that at the last fair in that village there were only about 30 head of cattle on the ground, not a good looking one in the lot and only a few cows sold. On Saturday last Mr. James B. Preston, saw-miller, Harriston, ran his left hand against one of the saws and got it badly lacerated. It is feared that one or more of the fingers will have to come off. Mr. Melchior, Secretary of the Minto Agricultural Society, states that 123 members have paid their subscriptions and that a good many more are still expected to do so.

**INQUEST.**—Dr. Herod, coroner held an inquest, on Tuesday, on the body of Mr. Bolton's child, which we have already mentioned died suddenly the day previous. There was not much elicited but what we have already given. The little fellow was not altogether well in the forenoon and the girl laid it on a lounge. About 3 o'clock the father came in, and remarking that it was sleeping, went to look at it, and found that it was dead—how long we do not know. The autopsy is the verdict returned and just when drawn up to the stable door, and when the driver had alighted he bolted and made off at a furious pace down the street below the fair ground. He turned the corner and found for the railway track, knocking down a verandah post which narrowly missed falling on two children. As soon as he got to the track he took a sudden dash down towards the big hotel, and a getting the wagon jammed against a post he snapped the whip-tree in two, broke the reach and made off down the Waterloo Road.

**METRIC WAIFS.**—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a collection of poems, entitled "Metric Waifs from the Thousand Islands," by Mr. Wylie, Editor of the Brockville Recorder. The author has for some time held the position of poet to the Press Association, and his efforts in the line of poetry have been not a little admired. Many of the poems in the little book now before us have already had an extensive circulation in the newspapers, having been copied from the author's paper in which they first appeared. Among them are some stirring patriotic songs, and many beautiful lyrics; and in the composition of all Mr. Wylie has evinced the possession of no inconsiderable portion of true poetic spirit and fervour. The Author tells us in a prefatory note that the collection is designed more for circulation among private friends than for public sale; but many books less attractive in contents though more pretensions in outward appearance have not been condemned by modesty to make no acquaintance except those of their author.

The "Local" begs to tender an expression of his gratitude to Dr. Briggs, the Chiroprapist, for having relieved him of a corn, which people in a crowd had an ugly habit of treading upon. It was of no use whatever, except as a natural barometer for it always made vigorous leaping before a storm. On this account it may be missed, but its absence will not be regretted. The operation was quick, painless, and was not succeeded by any inconvenience. All who are corned, not in the head but in the feet, will find that Dr. Briggs is the man for their money.—*Guelph Mercury.* Dr. J. Briggs has established a branch office at No. 6 King Street, West, Toronto. His wonderful remedy for corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, &c., the Modern Curative is sold by druggists and country merchants generally. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., Guelph.

Seal of the Dominion of Canada.

Messrs. J. G. & A. B. Wyon have now on view at 287 Regent Street, Impressions from the seals of the four Provinces of Canada, and the Great Seal of the Dominion, just completed, with the gold medallion that has been struck in commemoration of the union of the Provinces. They are all designed and executed in a very high style of the art. Of the seals, that for the Dominion is, of course, the largest. It represents the Queen, seated under a Gothic canopy, and holding the ball and sceptre, while the wings of the canopy contain the shields of the Provinces—two on either side—hanging on the stem of an oak. These Gothic canopies occupy nearly the whole of the middle space of the seal; the ground between them and the border is covered with a rich diaper, and a shield bearing the Royal Arms of England fills the space beneath the canopy. The border of the seal bears the inscription "Victoria, Dei Gratia, Britannicæ, Regina, F. D. Canada Sigillum." This work would add to the reputation of any other seal engraver, though it can hardly do so to that of the Messrs. Wyon, whose productions have long enjoyed high and deserved celebrity. The seal is well filled, as it should be in a Gothic design, but it is not crowded; the ornaments are all very pure in style, and the whole is in the most perfect keeping. The execution is not less remarkable; the relief is extremely high in parts (although it does not at first appear to be so, owing to the breadth of the composition); but, in spite of this difficulty, the truth, sharpness and finish of every part have been preserved as well as they could possibly be on a medal, or even on a coin. The smaller seals for the Provinces are engraved on one general design. The crown surmounts a central shield bearing the Royal Arms, below which is a smaller shield, bearing the arms of the particular Province—New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec or Nova Scotia. The Royal motto on a flowing ribbon fills up the space at the sides; a border adapted to the outline of the design runs outside this, and touches the circular border of the seal, containing the legend. These seals are no less remarkable for carefulness of execution than the one to which we have referred. The medal which has been struck to commemorate the confederation of the Provinces is in solid gold, and is so large and massive that its value in metal alone is \$50. On the obverse there is a head of the Queen, for which Her Majesty recently gave Mr. Wyon sittings; the reverse is simple, and the hair is hidden by a tanna seated and holding the scroll of confederation, with figures representing the four Provinces grouped before her. Ontario holds the sheaf and sickle; Quebec, the paddle; Nova Scotia, the mining spade; and New Brunswick, the forest axe. Britannia carries her trident, and the crown on her side. The following inscription runs round a raised border:—"Juretas et Patrius Vigor Canada Instaurata, 1867." The relief on this side is extremely bold, and the composition, modelling and finish are such as to leave little to be desired. The treatment of the head on the obverse is broad and simple; the hair is hidden by a sort of hood of flowing drapery, confined by a plain coronet, and the surface is but little broken anywhere. The ornaments are massive rather than rich; there is a plain pendant in the ear, and a miniature of the Prince Consort is attached to a necklace of very chaste design.—*Evening Mercury.*

**BY TELEGRAPH**

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

LONDON (midnight), June 1.—The Irish Church bill was read for the first time in the House of Lords to night. It was agreed that the bill should come up for second reading on the 14th inst.

Mr. Motley, it is understood, to day addressed a letter to Lord Clarendon informing him of his arrival in London, and officially requesting the appointment of a day for the presentation of his credentials. As the Prince of Wales holds a leave of day, to-morrow has been named as the most fitting time for the ministerial introduction.

The English press are burdened with glowing articles on the future prospects of the two countries.

LONDON, June 1.—Nearly all the journals have articles to-day on the presentation of the address to Mr. Motley, and discuss the probable future relations between Great Britain and the United States. The Times, after contrasting Mr. Sumner's speech in the Senate with Mr. Motley's language of yesterday, hopes that the peaceful tendency of the latter is not to be attributed to appearances; but a real practical indication of the intentions of his Government. Setting aside all controversies, Great Britain offers Mr. Motley a hearty welcome. The Times is assured that both the Government and the people of the nation will reciprocate his friendly expressions.

**Nassagaweya Competitive School Examination.**

(From our Correspondent.)

The competitive examination of the schools of Nassagaweya, took place on Saturday last in the Drill Shed at Hallowville, which Capt. Lyon had graciously fitted up for the occasion. One hundred and sixty-seven scholars were entered for examination in the different divisions. There was only a small representation from Sections Nos. 5 and 8, and none from No. 7. At 10 o'clock, all was ready for work, but not one of the examiners had put in an appearance, which was a great disappointment. Various schemes were proposed for getting over the difficulty, and finally it was agreed to take some of our own teachers, together with our Local Superintendent, and such among the visitors as were competent, and at it they went with a hearty good will and discharged their duties faithfully and impartially. I should say, however, that Mr. Little, of Milton, who was one of the examiners appointed, came at noon and rendered very efficient service during the afternoon; but the day was not long enough to finish the exercises, so that the Fifth Book Division was not examined in some five or six branches for which they were prepared. The best of feeling prevailed in all the parties concerned, and I must not forget to mention that our friend, Mr. Lyon, of the Hallowville House, done all in his power to accommodate everybody, even to furnishing the children with dinner at a reduced rate, if they chose to have it. In a word, everything went off pleasantly, and I heard the Superintendent remark, that it was the most interesting examination we ever had.—The following is a copy of the prize list as officially recorded:

(The figure after the name denotes the school section to which the pupil belongs.)

1st division, 5th book, Geography, J. Elliott, 1; Algebra, L. Tait and N. McGregor equal; J. Elliott, 1; McPhee, 2; Book-keeping, J. Elliott, 1; W. McPhee, 2; M. Keen, 3.

2nd division, 5th book, Reading, J. Marshall, 4; J. Easterbrook, 4; M. A. Sorrah, 4; Spelling, J. Easterbrook, 4; A. McPhee, 2; W. McPhee, 2; Girls' penmanship, E. McPherson, 9; M. Keen, 3; M. Lister, 4; Boys' penmanship, L. Tait, 9; A. Eadie, 9; H. Fletcher, 4; Arithmetic, A. McPhee, 2; N. McGregor, 9; L. Tait, 9; Grammar, J. McGregor, 9; L. Tait, 9; E. McPherson, 9; Canadian History, L. Tait, 9; E. McPherson, 9; N. McGregor, 9; English History, J. McGregor, 9; E. McPh