

Evening Mercury
 MACDONNELL STREET
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1868.

A State of Suspense.
 Today we hear that there is the greatest probability the Fenians will make a raid on Canada and perpetrate by means of fire and sword all the mischief within their power; to-morrow we will perhaps be told on authority apparently as reliable, that this is no longer to be dreaded, that the huge abortion is hastening decay, and that efforts to revive it must prove entirely futile. So the contradictory rumors run the opening of spring rendered possible for the Fenians to make an assault, if the leaders had the power to infuse new enthusiasm into the broken and disordered ranks of the army of the Republic, to reanimate it with fresh hopes of rapine, and above all to draw from the incredulity of ignorant zealots the money they require for supplying their own domestic comforts. How long shall we be assailed by doubts? How long shall national peace of mind lie at the mercy of an organized band of villains? A state of suspense is at all times unpleasant when danger is threatened, even though we may reasonably judge that the worst which will happen will not be very bad.—*Tempa mortis magis terret, quam mors ipsa*, said an old philosopher, and it is, the pomp of death frightens more than death itself, and the maxim applicable to concerns of much less moment. Doubt preponderates over hope in most minds, and leads people to anticipate the worst. There is no doubt that the threats of the Fenians have affected injuriously the trade of the parts of the Dominion. We do not feel much difference here, but there are places where the inhabitants are so terrified, and some of the volunteers and their families have been put in trouble that may turn out to have been unnecessary except as a measure of caution and prudent forethought. These assertions and denials of a fresh attack upon Canada are becoming common to every person, and there seems to be a wish that if O'Neil intends to signalize his valor on our shores once more he would "come on" upon as he can possibly make it convenient. Things have been in readiness for his reception for some time, and we are beginning to think that it is not polite of him to keep waiting. We want to see the worst, and get settled down quietly to our work again, and give the bodies of the volunteers and the minds of nervous people rest. We do not think that the most timid anticipate horrors, but there can be no doubt that should the Fenians land, blood will be spilt, and how little soever it may be, it is sufficient to cause anxiety. Most of us then look forward to a meeting with the Librators as something inevitable, unpleasant, and a duty we would like to discharge with all possible despatch. Possibly the United States will save us the trouble, but we do not see what justification the Government of that country can offer for allowing the Fenians to carry matters so far as they have already done, to make demonstrations against the face of a people who never injured them, to disturb the calm workings of society, and give us reasons for preparing for war. If they do not intend to allow us to be real sufferers from the depredations of any of their subjects, they would show, not so much their friendship, as their respect for the law of nations by putting down organization and preventing us suffering even in imagination.

THE ENGLISH MINISTRY.—The cable brings us the important information that Mr. Disraeli is likely to appeal to the people. Probably the attitude that is being waged in defence of the Church Establishment by some of the prelates, and expectations from some of the new boroughs may inspire him with the hopes of meeting Parliament next December with a more numerous following than he has at present. The issue before the House is one of sufficient importance on which to go to the country, but there is a very weak probability that Mr. Disraeli will find himself stronger six months from now than he does at present. One point at least will be decided by the dissolution. The opinions of the people on Church and State as far as Ireland is concerned will be made manifest, for each candidate's views on this subject will be a test, and on them, without much reference to what he may think on other important matters, will be chosen or rejected.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—We learn from England that the eminent Canadian geologist, Sir William Logan, on a Liverpool in the *Java*, accompanied by an efficient staff, for the purpose of prosecuting the new geological survey in this country.

IRISHMAN ILLUSTRATING THE HORRORS OF CONFINEMENT.—It is stated that out of one hundred persons sentenced to endure this punishment for life, fifteen survived it!

Movements of Fenians in Buffalo.
 The special correspondent of the *Hamilton Times* writing from Buffalo on Saturday last says:—"The conflicting reports set afloat by persons who derive their information from various sources, may be sifted down to the fact that all are mere conjecture, with the one exception, that the Fenians are now extremely active. A movement of some kind is progressing, but the nature of the plans are known only to the leaders. If either the American or Canadian Governments are informed of the details, they have shrewd detectives, who are in the confidence of O'Neil himself. There is no appearance of any extra assembling of Fenians here, but the city is swarming with the native stock, and all are in expectation of being called on to fall in, and stand in readiness to abandon ordinary pursuits and obey the mandates of their leaders. I hear a statement that a force is being quietly concentrated in a wild section of the country in a northern part of New York. You have the story on the authority of all other rumors. One piece of intelligence I can give you beyond all doubt. The preparations for a raid into Canada are being made, and the movement will not stop until the Fenians are confronted by United States troops and the leaders arrested, or their progress is obstructed on your side of the line. They mean business, and the rank and file are fired with confidence that they will be able to make a stand. The date for the opening of operations it is impossible for any one to give who is not in the confidence of the leaders. But the move will be sudden, when everything is prepared for the dash, unless the leaders are arrested and the troops sent to the frontier.

The N. Y. *World* draws attention to the following noteworthy facts:—In Russia money is at 12 per cent. discount, in Italy 15 per cent., in Turkey 20 per cent., and in Brazil 50 per cent. discount. Thus the national credit even of the "sick man of Europe" is better than that of the "Great Republic of the West." In the matter of taxes the facts are equally striking. Taxation in France amounts to \$9.97 per capita, in Great Britain \$10.92, and in the United States \$16.00 per capita.

THE VOLUNTEERS AT BRANTFORD.—A special despatch from Brantford to the *Hamilton Times* says:—"The Burford Cavalry Troop received orders from headquarters on Friday night to proceed to Brantford, and remain there for further orders. The troop, numbering 45 men, and 3 officers, and horses, arrived here at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and were billeted in the town. A Battalion of Volunteers are also expected; billets for that number have been secured by the Major. The 35th Battalion are under orders to march at a moment's notice, with two day's cooked rations on hand. Every man will be on hand when wanted.

ANECDOTE OF A HIGHLAND SOLDIER.—No man, that ever lived among the peasantry of Scotland, will deny the effect produced on them by their popular songs. During the expedition to Buenos Ayres, a Highland soldier, while a prisoner in the hands of the Spaniards, having formed an attachment to a woman of the country, and charmed by the easy life in which the tropical fertility of the soil enabled the inhabitants to live, had resolved to remain and settle in South America. When he imparted this resolution to his comrade, the latter did not argue with him, but leading him to his tent, he placed him by his side and sung him, "Lochaber no more." The spell was on him. Tears came in his eyes, and wrapping his plaid around him, he murmured, "Lochaber na mair—1 mun gang back!—Na!" The songs of his childhood were ringing in his ears, and he left that land of ease and plenty for the naked rocks and sterile valleys of Badenoch, where at the close of a life of toil and hardship, he might lay his head on his mother's grave.

BIRTHS.
 MORRIS.—At Guelph, on the 13th inst., the wife of E. Morris, Esq., Manager of the Ontario Bank, of a son.

DIED.
 MCCORMACK.—At Guelph, on the 13th inst., Mrs. McCormack, late of Eramosa, aged 75 years.
 The funeral will take place on Wednesday, at 1 p.m., and proceed to Eramosa. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without notice.

COCKBURN.—At Morrisburg, on the 13th inst., John Cockburn, aged 70 years.
 The funeral will take place at Morrisburg to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock.

CHANCE.—In Guelph at half-past 1 p.m., on Monday, the 13th inst., Sarah, the beloved wife of Mr. Robert Chance, aged 28 years.
 The funeral on Wednesday. Particulars to-morrow.

New Advertisements.
FRESH ROASTED COFFEES!
 Mocho, Java, Jamaica, Laguayra, Rio and Maracaybo
 THESE Coffees combine great strength and flavor, and FRESH GROUND on receipt of orders. Can be had separate or mixed.
 GEO. WILKINSON.
 Guelph, June 15. daw tf

To Contractors.
 TENDERS will be received up to noon On Saturday the 20th Inst., for the building of an addition to the Castle Garden Saloon.
 Plans and specifications may be seen at my office.
 F. J. CHADWICK.
 Guelph, 5th June. d-td

REUNION
 GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNION
 ON FRIDAY, 26th INSTANT
 IN AID OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
 Particulars hereafter.
 Guelph, 13th June, 1868 d

SPEED LODGE No. 180.
 AN Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, JUNE 16th, when a full and punctual attendance of the brethren is requested.
 JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.
 Guelph, 12th June, 1868.

OATS FOR SALE
CRICHTON'S
 Flour and Feed Store,
 A QUANTITY of Oats for sale at Crichton's Flour and Feed Store—price 54c in silver. FLOUR, first quality, market price.

POTATOES
 From \$1 to \$1.20 per Bag,
 according to quality.
 Remember the Stand—three doors below Webster's.
 Guelph, 13th June, 1868. d

TO BAKERS.
 A JOURNEYMAN BAKER is desirous of employment. Has been nine years at the business. Enquire at MERCURY OFFICE.
 Guelph, June 12th. 3td

WORK WANTED.
 WANTED by an active young man, work as a light porter, or to take care of a horse.—Inquire at MERCURY OFFICE.
 Guelph, May 12th. 3td

OATS
 DOWN TO
 55 CENTS IN SILVER.
 To \$3.62 in Silver,
 At WEBSTER'S.
 Guelph, June 12, 1868. do tf
 1868. JUNE 1868.

MAGAZINES!
 Bow Bells
 Sunday Magazine
 Good Words
 English Mechanic
 London Society
 Cassell's Magazine
 Cornhill
 Tensley's Magazine
 Temple Bar
 Chamber's Journal
 Quiver
 Sunday at Home
 Leisure Hour, &c.
 Back numbers of SUNDAY MAGAZINE and GOOD WORDS for January, February and March, 1868, at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
 Guelph, June 12. dw Opposite the Market.

TO FARMERS.
 A RESPECTABLE young man, who has been brought up to farming, is desirous of obtaining a situation on a gentleman's farm.—Would have no objection to take a share of the work. Apply at this office.
 Guelph, 11th June. dw1.

MASONS WANTED.
 WANTED, two masons—one to cut and the other to build. They can get work for the season, and good wages. Apply to ROBERT RICHENS, Race Course, Eramosa Road.
 L. Lewis, Esq.

DRY GOODS
 \$20,000 FOR \$10,000
 AT W. STEWART'S.
 TWO Importer's Stocks of
FANCY DRESSES, DRESS GOODS, HOSIERY, SKIRTINGS, SHIRTING FLANNELS
 HABERDASHERY, &c. AT HALF-PRICE.
 W.M. STEWART
 HAS much pleasure in informing and calling the marked attention of his friends and the public, that he has succeeded in relieving TWO WHOLESALE HOUSES of their stock of goods suited for the present season, value, at half cost, over \$10,000, of Dress Goods, Hosiery, Skirting, Flannels, Skirtings, and a large lot of Haberdashery,
 AT HALF THE COST OF THE GOODS Laid DOWN.
 The undernoted lines will bear out his statement that he is now giving the public benefit:
 2635 yds. Dress Goods reduced to \$0.10 Former Price, 25c.
 2354 do do do do 0.12 Former price, 25c.
 2120 do do do do 0.15 Former price, 20c
 1976 do do do do 0.20 Former price, 35c
 265 Fancy Dresses, each, 1.00 Former price, \$2.25.
 175 do do do do 1.25 Former price, \$2.50.
 300 do do do do 1.50 Former price, \$3.00.
 215 do do do do 2.00 Former price \$4.00
 Choice Lot of do, do, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.
 A SMALL lot of Dresses, slightly soiled, will be offered at merely a nominal price.
 A LOT of Ladies' Jackets, in Meltons, Velvet, Tissue, Silk and Water-Proof Cloths, will be offered at above quotations.
 A LOT of Shirting FLANNEL at half-price.
 A LOT of Gambroons and Kentucky Jeans from 12 1/2c per yard.
 A LOT of Hosiery, mottled and striped, from 12 1/2c per pair.
 A LOT of Cotton Gloves at 5c per pair.
 A LOT of Croquet Skirts and Skirtings at prices
 DIRECTED to a lot of Light Ground Prints, partially damaged by water in transit, at 12 1/2c per yard, worth 17c.
 Lace and Muslin Curtains, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White and Coloured Quilts, Toilet Covers, Damasks, in Union and Wool, Reys, Towels, Huck's, Crash, Tickings, Bleached and Grey Cottons will be offered at Low Prices.
 NOTE.—The above Goods were never sold in the Town of Guelph at such a sacrifice in price. Every one should consult their interests by an early call.
 W.M. STEWART,
 Wyndham Street, Guelph
 Guelph, June 12. daw tf

New Advertisements.
New Fruits
 NEW FRUITS AT
THE FRUIT DEPOT
 Pine Apples, Oranges and Lemons, Strawberries & Tomatoes EXPECTED DAILY.
 Fresh Oysters arriving daily.
HUGH WALKER,
 Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph.
GREAT BARGAINS.
 GREAT BARGAINS AT THE Rutherford House, Guelph.
 THE large and varied stock of DRY GOODS at the above place are now being sold at and under cost. Great Bargains are given as the whole lot to be sold out forthwith. Also, in Stock a full supply of TURNIP SEED from the most approved Seedsmen, viz:
 Skirving's Improved, Bangholm, Marshall's, Sutton's Champion, Dawburn's I.P. Top, Sharpe's Improved, White Globe, Yellow Aberdeen, Rape & other Seeds.
 A Well Assorted Stock of Groceries as usual.
 Guelph, June 9th, 1868. dw1in

BRITANNIA HOUSE
 WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
JUST OPENED!
 A Very Choice Assortment of
Hoop Skirts
 VERY CHEAP.
HEFFERNAN BROS.
 Guelph, 6th June, 1868 daw

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
JAMES CORMACK,
 TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
 HAS NOW ON HAND A FLENDID ASSORTMENT OF
LIGHT TWEED SUITS
 Alpaca Coats
 Clergymen's Black Alpaca Coats
 Brown Linen Coats
 Brown Linen Dusters
 Farmers' Brown Linen Drill Pants
 Brown Linen Vests
 White & Colored Marsilles Vests
AT EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.
 JAMES CORMACK,
 Guelph, 6th June, 1868. dw Wyndham-st., Guelph.

MUSLINS!
 AND
GRENADINES
NEW.
 A. O. BUCHAM.
 Guelph, May 30, 1868.