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### Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EV'NG, FEB. 15, 1868.

### One by one Love's Links are Broken.

One by one our friends depart,  
Voices that have kindly spoken,  
Heart that throbb'd to kindred heart.  
Some are resting in the grave,  
Hillside 'neath its secret sod,  
Headless of its wild commotion,  
Sleeping there a dreamless sleep.  
Some have wandered o'er the flow,  
Prayers nor tears their lives could save;  
Deep their rest beneath the willow,  
In some distant churchyard grave.  
And some are near us lonely lying,  
No love comes to break their sleep;  
No answer comes; wild winds are sighing  
Through the grass o'er which we weep.  
List we for the heart's warm greeting,  
Loved and prized in days gone by;  
Look we for fond glances meeting  
Ours from out the soul-lit eye.  
Ask we for the joyous beaming  
Of the smiles that radiant shone  
Round us in our youthful dreaming—  
Ask for these, where are they gone?  
Ah! not here, not here our dwelling,  
In this changing world of time;  
Thanks to God, all change is telling  
Of a holier, happier clime.  
Thanks to God, this parting pining,  
Weans the heart from earthly ties;  
Life's night of sorrow, darkly waning,  
Will break in morn by the morning skies.  
Weep not o'er hopes departed,  
Seek not here the scattered band;  
Soul of mine, rouse up! look forward  
To the glorious Spirit land.

### The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLUECH.

### A Tale of the Covenanters.

"It may not be, Sir Gilbert," returned Walter, gravely, and seriously, "I know my fate and will do my best to prepare to meet it. They have not spared those whose share in the business was less than mine, and I look forward only to one issue."  
"For God's sake donna, speak in that tone," cried the Baronet. "Think of the poor lassie lying 'wi' her head in yer bosom whose white face is made whiter by every word ye utter. 'Do not forget that Marion hears me,' he rejoined, as he bent down and tenderly kissed her pale and trembling lips. 'But 'tis better that she should be familiarized to what is before us than buoyed up by a false hope."  
"Puddin' and punches, this is mair than onybody can stand," blurted out Sir Gilbert in a broken voice. "I canna, winna think o' the horrible thing ye mean. I'm awa' 'ae get the best counsel that's to be had for yer defence, and I've no leave a stane unturned ta get ye clear."  
Saying which, Sir Gilbert, feeling that he was about to break down, made a precipitate retreat from the cell, and left Walter and Marion alone.  
On the secret privacy of that sorrowful interview we shall not intrude. Walter deemed it to be unkind, if not cruel, to buoy her up with a hope which he did not share; he therefore fortified his own heart with a firmness drawn from the resources of his strong nature, to console her in view of the darkest prospect, though after she was gone the severity of the strain upon his feelings was shown by the emotion which in solitude he gave way. The moment her weeping form was excluded from his sight by the closing of the door of his cell, he threw himself on his pallet, and great sobs shook his ruddy frame. This lasted but a few moments, and when the jailer returned with his food he was calm again.  
Sir Gilbert Barton exerted himself to the utmost to have the best possible defence made for Walter at his trial, which was brought on immediately. He engaged the most eminent advocates to plead, and sought in every way to prepossess the judges in his favour, by getting friends to represent to them the state of matters as between Walter and Charlie Allan, endeavouring to show thereby that the youth had been goaded to join the insurrection, less by his own rebellious inclinations than by Allan's vindictive conduct.  
But while the Baronet wrought so zealously in Walter's behalf, Charlie wrought not less zealously against him, and took all means in his power to ensure his condemnation. In this he was powerfully assisted by Sir James Turner, who had taken a strong dislike to Walter, and put forth his influence to counteract any favourable impression which the Baronet had succeeded in producing. Walter himself, in the height of his indignity, did nothing at the trial to conciliate his judges. He assumed the attitude neither of regret nor repentance, but justified himself as before.  
The trial was soon over, and, as was to be expected, he was condemned to death—all Sir Gilbert Barton's exertions being unavailing to save him. One concession only was granted, a his earnest entreaty, and that was, that the period between the sentence and execution should extend to one month.  
As Walter was being removed from the bar, the Baronet came forward and wrung his hand. His lip quivered in an attempt to utter some words, but his voice refused to come, and, with another vehement grasp of Walter's hand, he turned hastily away, and rushed from the Court.  
Condemned to die! He, so young, so full of all aspiring life, doomed to be cut off in the heyday of youth, and just across the threshold of wedded joy, when he had everything within and around him to make existence so precious and enjoyable. It was a dreadful position, a crushing experience, and the youth felt it to be so. His was not exactly the case of many of the other martyrs in the same cause. He had not espoused the cause of the Covenant with those exclusive religious convictions which prompted and animated the majority. It was as much from patriotic zeal as from religious faith; consequently his spirit was not steeped in swallowed up all earthly considerations, and took away all bitterness from death—may, changed the hour of martyrdom into an hour of ecstatic joy.  
Not that he was assailed by any fear of death, or wished that he had not joined himself with the Covenanters. He had nothing to reproach himself with on that score. He looked with pride and satisfaction on the share he had had in the as yet unsuccessful struggle, and doubted not that it was the cause of truth, and would in the end prevail. But all this did not extinguish in his bosom the desire to live, or make him in love with death. To have all the sweet and tender ties which bound him to earth severed, to have all the high things which glowed in his bosom quenched, to be no more the blessed light of the

was a prospect to the mind of Walter Elliot bitter in the extreme. Yet he might even now escape it if he chose. Let him renounce the Covenant, and his life would be spared. Yes; but what kind of life would be left him after that?—a life without honour, without virtue—the life of a traitor and a coward. No; he would not shun the ladder at the gallows for such shame and ignominy as this. Death a thousand times, rather than life at such a price, and so he made up his mind calmly and firmly to die.

TO BE CONTINUED.

### ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, Feb. 14th.  
The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock. A number of private bills passed, and the House went into committee of the whole on the Supply Bill, and Hon. Mr. Wood moved that that part of His Excellency's speech referring to a Supply, be now read.  
Hon. Mr. Wood then moved "That a supply be granted to Her Majesty." Carried.  
The Committee rose and reported the resolution. Report received.  
On motion of Hon. Mr. Carling the House resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Rykert in the chair, to consider the following resolution—  
"That the sum of \$66,450 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province in aid of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Mechanics' Institutes."  
The resolution was adopted, and a clause having been inserted, founded on the resolution just adopted, the schedules were agreed to, and the Bill was reported and ordered to be read a third time on Monday.  
Hon. J. S. McDonald moved the second reading of the Bill relating to Registrars, Registry Offices, &c.  
Sir Henry Smith said he was not aware that there was much in this Bill different from the law as it now stood, which had worked well. His attention, however, had been called to certain clauses in this Bill, affecting the rights of individuals, for which it was impossible that he should vote.  
Hon. J. S. McDonald said he merely rose to report the intimation that this Bill was introduced to accomplish a special object. It had been introduced at the suggestion of the Inspector of Registry Offices (Hon. Sidney Smith), the old Act requiring various amendments, in order to its working well and with uniformity throughout the Province of Ontario.  
On motion of the Hon. J. S. McDonald, the Bill regarding the inspection of asylums was read a second time and ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on Tuesday.  
On motion of Mr. Rykert the Bill amending the Act relating to Mutual Insurance Companies was read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Springer, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the Waterloo Fire Insurance Company, Mr. Clemens in the chair.  
On motion of Mr. Lyon, the bill to incorporate the Royal Canadian Insurance Company was read a second time and referred to Committee of the Whole on Monday.  
Mr. Beatty moved for a return showing the annual receipts and expenditure of Toronto University, and University College, since the year 1860; also showing the sources of income, names and salaries of professors, officers and employees of said institutions, and the amount expended annually in scholarships and prizes.—Carried.

### BIRTHS.

HASSAN—At New Germany, Township of Waterloo, on the 9th inst., the wife of James Hassan Esq., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

SHERBROOK—ROBERTS—At Cayuga, on Thursday, the 7th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Lett, Ulrich Sprague to Miss Ellen, youngest daughter of Mr. Asahel Roberts, both of Guelph.

### DIED.

BROG—In Mount Forest, on the 12th inst., Elizabeth, daughter of George Begg, aged one year and eight months.

### COMMERCIAL.

#### The Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 15, 1868.

Wheat, per 100 lbs.	37 1/2	4 00
Barley, do	1 50	1 57
Oats, do	0 50	0 55
Hay, do	0 80	0 85
Straw, do	1 10	1 20
Shingles per square	1 00	1 50
Wood per cord	3 00	3 50
Yell. do	0 90	0 20
Butter (brin), per lb.	0 13	0 18
Eggs, each	0 25	0 30
Turkeys do	0 50	0 60
Chickens per pair	0 20	0 35
Ducks do	0 20	0 35
Potatoes	0 60	0 70
Apples per bushel	0 05	0 07
Lamb per lb.	0 05	0 07
Beef	4 50	6 00
Pork per lb.	0 05	0 07
Pork per 100 lbs.	5 50	6 50
Shoop Fells each	0 60	0 75
Lamb skins	40	45
Hides per 100 lbs.	6 00	6 00

#### Money Market.

Jacobson's Exchange Office, Guelph, February 15, 1868.

Gold, 140.  
Greenbacks, 70 to 75; sold at 71 to 74.  
Silver bought at 44 to 44 1/2; sold at 34 to 35.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c to 55c.  
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 55c to 58c.  
Rate in silver.

#### MONTREAL MARKET'S.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., report by Special Telegram to "Evening Mercury."

MONTREAL, February 14, 1868.  
Flour—Fancy, \$7 70 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 50 to \$7 65; Welland Canal, \$7 00. Bag Flour, \$9 00 to \$9 75. Oats—46c to 47c. Barley 90c to \$1.00. Butter—dairy 15c to 16c; store packed 14c to 15c. Ashes—Kola \$2 25 to \$2 50; Pearls \$5 75 to \$6 75. Flour, small arrivals. Grain, no transactions, rates nominally unchanged. Provisions and Pork quiet. Butter in good demand, rates well maintained. Ashes unchanged.

TORONTO, February 14, 1868.  
Flour—Receipts, 100 bbls.; No. 1, at \$7 10 to \$8; Fall Wheat—\$1 63. Spring Wheat—\$1 62 to \$1 65. Oats—50c. Barley—\$1 24 to \$1 25. Peas—none.

HAMILTON, February 14, 1868.

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GEORGE BALKWILL,  
Guelph 19th December, 1867. dw

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W. J. BROWN,  
Guelph, 20th December, 1867.

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Guelph, 2nd August, 1867.

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