

**NO REPRIEVE.**

The people of Lindsay have been magnanimous, not to say foolish, enough to sign a petition praying for the liberation of Father McMahon and other Fenian convicts now following their legitimate occupation of doing the State service in the Penitentiary. In addition to this memorial the papers concerning these gentlemen, lately laid on the table of the House of Commons, contain a letter from the British Charge de Affairs at Washington in reference to the case of Lynch, and a despatch from Lord Monck to the Duke of Buckingham, asking for further instructions. His Grace replies, that Her Majesty's Government see no reason to interfere any further in regard to the commutation of the sentences in these cases. Why should they? What special claims have McMahon, Lynch and the others to mercy? Are the vagabonds who enter a country sword in hand to murder and to pillage to be regarded as criminals of a less dangerous character, or more entitled to leniency than he who by stealth robs his neighbour of a few sheep or of a horse. They may plead their American citizenship, but what nationality can be an excuse for villany and murder? The hands of their associates still grasp the brand in the States, and the ability, not the willingness, is the only requisite that is wanting to bring about a second perpetration of crime. The quality of mercy was almost strained to save their culpable necks from the gallows, and yet forsooth, with consummate impudence, they must crave for uncontrolled liberty and restoration to those enjoyments and privileges which are the right of honest, upright men alone. They were not convicted without the most impartial trial, and without the exertions of clever counsel, and if we remember distinctly, the fairness with which he was tried, the readiness with which he was allowed the benefit of every doubt drew from Lynch an enconium on British justice. But to what end should they be liberated? To return again to the States, to stir up anew the smouldering embers of Fenianism, so far as they had power, to incite new energy in the monster by whispering in its ear that sweet word, "revenge;" and to re-enter the land where they had been treated with a generosity that was not humanity but weakness, to show their gratitude by carrying fire and sword. They are safe where they are; they might be mischievous were they at large. Had they received their deserts to the uttermost a much smaller prison than the Penitentiary would have now been confining their bodies; that it is not so they may thank the mercy which tempers British justice, and they should be quiet and grateful. "Let the carrion rot; there are no noblemen but Romans," said the haughty patrician to the gladiator, who begged the body of his friend, slain in the arena, for burial; so we may say, let the guilty suffer the punishment due to their crimes; none deserve freedom but the innocent.

**THE NORTH SHORE ROUTE.**—The Ottawa Times is authorized to state that E. R. Burpee, Esq., of St. John, N.B., has made an offer to the government to locate, construct, and equip the whole line of Intercolonial Railway from Truro to Riviere du Loup, by the North Shore route, for a lump sum of \$14,600,000. If Mr Burpee's offer is accepted, he will be prepared, on the opening of the season, to place a couple of thousand men at work on the road. He is already well known in the sister Province, having constructed some eighty miles of the Western extension railway, and is a man of indomitable energy and perseverance. His tender will be in the hands of the Government in a day or two.

**CONSCRIPTION DISTURBANCES IN FRANCE.**—According to a telegram published a few days ago, it appears that *emutes* have occurred at Bordeaux, and that "seditious" placards have been posted up at Paris, Lyons, Marseilles and Rennes. The reforming of the Garde Mobile is the cause assigned for these disturbances, the first bitter fruit of the new army bill. Thus, in town and country throughout the empire, the French people manifest their decided opposition to a project which, if strictly carried out, will break up families, disturb industry and threaten the peace of Europe.

The House of Commons have passed, as they have done several times before, the bill for the abolition of the compulsory church-rate. There is as yet no reason for hoping that the aristocracy of the Upper House will concur in this most urgent reform.

Brantford is having a series of incendiary fires at the present time. All the cities and towns are having their turn.

The investigation into the murder on the Grand Trunk Railway East has been going on in Prescott. The coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict of wilful murder against some persons unknown. An investigation also has been carried on for several days in the Mayor's Court on a charge of murder against John McFaul, who was arrested there on suspicion. The evidence bearing against McFaul is principally that he was seen in Prescott in company with the deceased driver, Sykes, and afterwards at the station at the time the train started, and again at Prescott station on the return of the next train from Brockville. Sykes, also, before he died, continually persisted that McFaul was one of those that robbed him, as he knew his voice dress and figure. McFaul, he said, had once before tried to rob him, but did not succeed. The officials of the train were all examined, but none of them knew anything of the robbery, not having heard of it till next day. Neither did they notice the three men on the train, or when they were coming on or leaving it. McFaul's family set up alibi. The man arrested at Port Hope was also brought to Prescott. On the night of the murder three men went out from Prescott to the junction in the branch train. One of these was Sykes, another was noticed as having an iron "lift" on his deformed foot, but the third was not particularly noticed. The second was traced to Belleville and then to Port Huron, where he was arrested under a feigned name, his real name being Charles Baker. He has admitted being at the hotel and meeting the train at the Junction, but denies being implicated in the crime. He came from Ogdensburg, and so did the other stranger along with him. Both prisoners have been remanded for a week, when it is expected important testimony will be forthcoming. Detective O'Neil, of Ottawa, is working up the case.

**NEW BRUNSWICK MATTERS.**—A requisition, numerously signed, has been presented to J. W. Cudlip, Esq., requesting him to become a candidate for the vacant seat for the city and county of St. John. It is said that Mr. Rose's Insurance bill is not received with much favor in New Brunswick, because it is highly prejudicial to all companies doing business with little or no capital. Fancy Companies insuring property to the amount of millions of dollars in all parts of the world, with a capital of only \$25,000, and yet there are English companies which do this. Should such companies meet with serious losses from a series of fires, or even one great conflagration, they must inevitably become bankrupt, because they have no reserve upon which to fall back, in case of meeting with such disaster. Such instances have occurred in Canada, and unless Mr. Rose's bill pass, they will most surely occur again. If a chartered institution, involving so much risk, cannot raise \$100,000 to be deposited as security, at 6 per cent interest, it could not raise the means to pay losses by fire.

**ITALY AND THE CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT.**—The King of Italy is a greater Reformer than even Mr. Gladstone. Church lands in Italy have been sold to the amount of \$27,000,000, the gentry and farmers being the purchasers at very handsome prices, expecting to make their acquisitions profitable. In this way a great quantity of land, hitherto suffered to lie waste, will be brought under careful cultivation, to the great benefit of the whole country. The Priestly ownership of great landed estates, during the middle ages, was a blessing and a benefit to the people; but in the present advanced stage of civilization and intelligence, it is a curse—and as such, the King and people of Italy have regarded it; hence the confiscation of the church lands for the benefit of the country. English journals unanimously approve the conduct of Victor Emmanuel in this matter. Then why not advocate the application of the same doctrine to the church property in Ireland.

**FOUND DROWNED.**—A coloured man named Addison was found drowned in the canal at Brantford on the 22nd inst. Some parties spirited the body away while it lay in the dead house, and it is not known what has become of it.

**MARRIAGES.**  
**GREAR-ARMSTRONG.**—On the 29th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Drummond, near Perth, by the Rev. Mr. Hanford, Mr. John Grear, coal and wood merchant of Guelph, late of Kingston, to Miss Marsha Armstrong 3rd daughter of David Armstrong, Esq., of Drummond, and late teacher of the Fort Elmsly Public School. No cards.  
**CUTLER-MACFADDEN.**—On Thursday, the 20th inst., at the residence of the bride's brother, James Macfadden, Esq., Stratford, by the Rev. Thomas Macpherson, Walter Hoyt Cutler, Esq., of Guelph, Barrister-at-law, to Annie Margaretta youngest daughter of the late Captain James Macfadden, of London Ont.  
**SINCLAIR-SINCLAIR.**—By the Rev. George McLennan, on the 27th March, Neil Sinclair Esq., to Miss Margaret Sinclair both of the township of Minto.

**New Advertisements.**  
**BIRD CAGES.**  
Just received a variety of Bird Cages, a better assortment than ever before offered in Guelph.  
JOHN HORSMAN.

**Toronto Advertisement**  
**W. & D. DINEEN**  
BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of  
**HATS, CAPS AND FURS**  
Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st.  
Wholesale and Retail.  
Toronto, 30th March, 1868. dw6t

**GUELPH EVENING MERCURY.**  
DON'T fail to subscribe to the GUELPH EVENING MERCURY.  
VERY latest Telegraphic, Local and other News in the MERCURY.  
MORE and better selected Reading Matter appears in The Evening Mercury than any other paper in Guelph.  
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THE Standing Circulation of the EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY is 6,400 copies, a circulation which no other journal in this section of Canada can lay claim to.

**ALBION HOTEL!**

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.  
MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.  
L. W. DECKER.  
Montreal, 30th March, 1868. d

**NOTICE.**

THE partners heretofore existing and known as the firm of Robertson, Mair & Co., Iron Founders and Machinists, Guelph, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of February, 1867. All debts owing to and by the Company will be paid and received by A. Robertson, senior.  
A. ROBERTSON, senior.  
THOMAS MAIR.  
Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dl-w2

**Important to the Ladies.**  
**BONNETS & HATS**  
CLEANED, &c.  
**Mrs. PRINGLE**

HAS much pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that on after  
**MONDAY the 6th of APRIL**  
she will assume her old business in all its branches, and will be glad to see her old patrons, and all those requiring her services.  
Residence—Next door to W. Brownlow, Undertaker, Douglas-st.  
MRS. PRINGLE. dw1

**MONTREAL**  
**Boot and Shoe Store**  
**SPRING ARRIVALS.**

**NEW GOODS!**  
FASHIONABLE, SERVICEABLE, DURABLE, COMFORTABLE.  
A BEAUTIFUL American Prunella Walking A BALMORAL, very stylish. Call at once and see them. **LACROSSES** for sale.—  
TERMS CASH.  
**JOHN McNEIL,**  
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.  
Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dw

**TOM THUMB!**  
And His Family.

**GENERAL TOM THUMB'S TROUPE,** consisting of the Original world-renowned  
**GENERAL TOM THUMB,**  
And his beautiful and accomplished little Wife.  
**Mrs. Lavinia Warren Stratton!**  
That inimitable specimen of wit, skill, agility and comic drollery.  
**COMMODORE NUTT**  
(known as the \$30,000 NUTTY), and his intended wife, the sweet little sprite,  
**MISS MINNIE WARREN**  
Positively ONE DAY ONLY, at the Town Hall, Guelph,  
**MONDAY, the 6th of APRIL**  
TWO LEAVES, at 3 and 8.

After an absence of three years in Europe, where they have delighted nearly all the Kings, Queens, Emperors, Nobility, and five million citizens of the Old World, these wonderful Lilliputians have returned to their native land, fare giving a few Farewell Entertainments prior to their final retirement into private life.  
They are undoubtedly the most astonishing and delightful Wonders of the age! Four beautiful and symmetrically formed ladies and gentlemen in Miniature. Graceful, intelligent, witty, educated and refined, exhibiting the most polished manners of the fashionable drawing room, and yet only the size of three year old children.  
Their unique and exquisitely enchanting performance and Exhibitions never fail to charm and delight every beholder.  
Songs, Duets, Dances, &c., in characteristic Costumes, Military Exercises, Comic Imitations and Delicacies, Fantastical Orations, Dialogues, Amusing Tricks, Classic Statues, Funny Pantomimes and Burlesque Comedies, enchant the children, delight the ladies, and astonish and please the gentlemen.  
The scores of Rich and Elegant Dresses, and the brilliant collection of Diamonds worn before the various Potentates of Europe, all of which are introduced in these Popular Levees cost over Twenty Thousand Dollars in gold.  
These little mites of humanity are conveyed to and from their hotel and hall by their beautiful Sheldahl Ponies and Miniature Carriage, attended by Elfin Coachman and Footman in Livery.  
Ladies and Children are considerably advised to attend the Day Exhibition, and thus avoid the crowd and confusion of the evening performances.  
Admission - - - 25 cents.  
Children under ten 15 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents, children under ten 25 cents.  
Guelph, 2nd April, 1868. lw12

**FRESH ARRIVAL**  
OF  
**Messina Oranges**  
AND LEMONS.

THE subscriber has this day received 200 boxes of choice Messina Oranges and 50 boxes choice Lemons. Also, a large supply of  
**Fresh Cocoa Nuts,**  
**Pea Nuts,**  
**Turkey Dates,**  
Together with a general assortment of  
**Figs, Filberts, Almonds,**  
**Brazil Nuts, Prunes,**  
**Sardines, Lobsters, &c.**  
Also, 20 barrels of choice CRANBERRIES, and a general assortment of APPLES.  
Orders from Fruit Dealers respectfully solicited. All orders from the country will receive prompt attention, and Fruit warranted in good order.  
P. S.—We intend to keep a large supply of FRUIT on hand during the fruit season. We are also determined to sell Fruits low, if not lower (as usual), than any fruit dealer in the Dominion. As we only sell Fruit by wholesale, it is impossible for our customers to have any refuse fruit packed in our boxes, therefore dealers in fruit can depend on obtaining first-class Fruit at all times from us, and at as low a price as possible, as we purchase at all times first-class Fruit, and from first hands in New York and Boston markets.  
**A. MILLIGAN & CO.**  
Nor. 1. 2 and 3. City Hall Buildings.  
Toronto, 30th March, 1868. d.

**NEW IMPORTATIONS OF DRY GOODS**  
daily arriving, and will be the Cheapest Goods ever offered in Guelph.

**STEWART'S**  
**PARASOLS**  
ARE all this Season's Importation and **LOW IN PRICE.**

**STEWART**  
HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body the stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

**STEWART**  
IS NOW SHOWING  
Ladies' Black Spun Hose,  
Ladies' Black Silk Hose,  
Ladies' White Silk Hose.

**STEWART'S**  
CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.  
**STEWART'S**  
JOHN MACDONALD & CO  
TORONTO,  
Have now a very  
**Large and Complete Stock!**  
To which, throughout the Season,  
**ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WEEKLY**  
**JOHN MACDONALD & CO.**  
Nos. 21 and 23, Wellington Street, and Nos. 28 and 30, Front Street, TORONTO.  
No. 108 King Street, Manchester, England. dw1a  
Toronto, 25th March, 1868.

**STEWART'S**  
**PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!**  
THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland.  
ISAAC BUCHANAN.  
ANDREW BINNY.  
PETER T. BUCHANAN.  
Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868.

**STEWART**  
HAS just opened a lot of Ladies' COLLARS, CUFFS and NECK TIES.

**STEWART**  
**WM. STEWART.**  
Guelph, March 28, 1868. dw

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

**OPENED TO-DAY!**  
New Spring Dress Goods,  
New Hats New and Skirtings.  
Guelph, March 27, 1868. **A. O. BUCHANAN.**

**JUST OPENING**  
AT THE  
**BRITANNIA HOUSE**  
A Splendid Assortment of  
**SPRING FURNISHINGS**  
2 & 3 PLY CARPETS,  
Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.  
Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.  
**HEFFERNAN BROS.**  
Guelph, 25th March, 1868. d

**A. R. McMASTER & BRO.**  
Are now opening out their  
**Spring Importations!**  
And will be glad to see their customers and friends at  
**32 Yonge-st., Toronto.**  
Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

**GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,**  
Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen,  
Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of  
**Staple & Fancy Dry Goods**  
In the Dominion. A large assortment of  
**Home and Foreign Woollens!**  
AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.  
They are constantly receiving **Leading Styles** from the various places of production.—  
**Terms Liberal.**  
Lyster Mills **Sheetings** 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lyster Mills **YARNS** and **BATTING.**  
Toronto 26th March, 1868. dw-1m.

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**SPRING IMPORTATIONS**  
THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their  
**SPRING IMPORTATIONS**  
—OF—  
**BRITISH AND FOREIGN**  
**DRY GOODS.**  
And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.  
**BUCHANAN & COMPANY.**  
Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw