

Savings Bank.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE
OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.
The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December.
The terms on other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors.
Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.
For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.
R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

FUNERALS.

WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER,
SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street, in rear of Mr. E. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.
The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend
FUNERALS as usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.
W. BROWNLOW, Guelph, March 20 1868.

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP COY.

GUELPH AGENCY.
CANADIAN LINE—Quebec to Liverpool every Saturday.
GLASGOW LINE—Quebec to Glasgow every Thursday.
CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool, \$75.00 and \$80.50
STEERAGE, do do \$39.50
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$60.50 and \$19.50
INTERMEDIATE, do do \$45.50
STEERAGE, do do \$20.50
Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepared Passage Certificates issued, being friends, at the lowest rates. For tickets, State-rooms, and every information, apply to
GEO. A. OXNARD, Agent, G. T. B. Guelph, April 29, 1868.

Funerals, Funerals!

NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual on hand. Hearse in use. His Steam Planing Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He holds a share of public patronage.
NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Green Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.

PAINTING, CLAZING, &C.

THOMAS BREADON
DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH,
Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c.
BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he is prepared to execute all manner of work in connection with his business at rates as low as
THOS. BREADON Guelph 1st April, 1868.

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

AT PARIS, ONTARIO,
is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination is merely requested, which will be to the advantage of those intending to purchase. All machines warranted.
Also, agent for the **D. LITON KNIFE** & **MACHINES**, one of the best machines in the market.
Apply to
MOSES BECHTEL, General Agent for the County of Wellington, Blair Post Office.
Agent for Guelph: **MRS. HUNTER,** Fancy Store, Wyndham Street.
Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868.

Liverpool & London & Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

This Company has been in existence thirty-two years, and during that period has met with success in every branch of its business. Its losses exceeding **Five and a half million Pounds Sterling.**
The disbursement of this enormous sum over a wide area, has without doubt contributed to the establishment of this Institution in the confidence of Public Corporations, Merchants, Householders and Business men generally, wherever it is represented.
In its 31st year, 1866, the Fire Premiums alone amounted to \$1,000,000
In its 10th year, 1846, " " " " 47,500
" 20th year, 1856, " " " " 222,579
" 30th year, 1866, " " " " 739,232
One year later, 1867, " " " " 818,065
The Fire Reserve Fund is now \$1,274,464
The Life Reserve Fund is now \$9,282,468
The Company is represented throughout Ontario and Quebec by influential Agents, to whom application for Insurance may be made.
G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary, Montreal.
T. W. SAUNDERS, Agent, Guelph. Guelph, 12th Feb. 1868.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.

No. 4, Day Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1868. **D. MOLTON**

Fire Crackers.

The best Fire Crackers that can be got for sale wholesale and retail at the

Dominion Store!

Upper Wyndham Street, next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph.

FISHING GEAR

of all kinds for sale.
MRS. ROBINSON Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 8th May 1868.

R. J. JEANNERET.

From England, (Established in London, Oct., 1842, and in Guelph 1865.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

DAYS BLOCK, Opposite the Market, Guelph.

EVERY description of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery repaired in a superior manner at short notice and on reasonable terms.
Guelph, 20th May. dw

SUMMER DRINKS.

JAMES McCULLOCH, IN thanking his customers and the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in past years, begs to inform them that he has made extensive preparations for the coming season, and is now manufacturing at the

Spring Brewery Depot

GORDON STREET, GUELPH,
All kinds of Summer Drinks, such as Soda Water, Lemonade, Sarsaparilla, Ginger Ale and Ginger Beer.
Also a superior quality of Champagne. Chartered BOTTLED WATER in quarts, which has been tested and highly recommended for years.
All orders left at the Depot, or addressed to the undersigned will be promptly attended to.
JAMES McCULLOCH, Guelph, 22nd May, 1868. w4 dtf

STANDARD Life Assurance Company

(Established 1825.)
Accumulated Fund £3,700,005 1s. 4d. Stg

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,

Agents at Guelph.
THE STANDARD strongly advocates the Bill now before the House under which Insurance Companies are required to make certain deposits with the Government. The Standard is ready and willing to make any deposit required, thus guaranteeing to the fullest extent the Policy holders. Every information to those desirous of insuring will be given at the office of **DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,** Town Hall Buildings, Guelph, 18th April, 1868. dw

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their contracts for the EVENING MERCURY are changed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 27, 1868

WESLEYAN METHODIST MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guelph District was held in Flora on the 26th and 27th. The Rev. C. Lavelle, Minister of the District, presiding. A large number of laymen took part in the second day's proceedings. Rev. Isaac Crane was elected Secretary, and Rev. W. S. Griffith member of the Stationing Committee. The reports presented showed that the spiritual and financial affairs of the church in this District were in a very pleasing and satisfactory condition. The annual Conference will be held in Fergusson on the first Wednesday in June.

GRANT'S FIRST SPEECH.

A number of Republicans waited on Gen. Grant on Friday night last, and complimented him on his nomination for President. Grant's speech in reply is short and characteristic. Here it is: "Gentlemen: Being entirely unaccustomed to public speaking, and without the desire to cultivate that power, it is impossible for me to find appropriate language to thank you for this demonstration. All that I can say is, that to whatever position I may be called by your will, I shall endeavor to discharge its duties with fidelity and honesty of purpose. Of my rectitude in the performance of public duties you will have to judge for yourselves by my record before you."

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate
WEDNESDAY, 27th.—William Hoover was brought before the Magistrate this morning, charged by R. Oliver with assault and battery, and was fined \$17 and costs, the latter amounting to \$2.80. He was also ordered to find sureties to keep the peace for one year—himself in \$200, and two sureties in \$100 each.
Alex. Ewing and Robert Cumberland were charged by the Chief Constable with disorderly conduct on Macdonnell street. The former was fined \$10 and costs; the latter was dismissed.

Crop Prospects.

It is many years since the crops in this Province gave such early promise of an abundant harvest as they do at present. We will not quote the opinion of the "oldest inhabitant," for we have not come within hailing distance of the venerable individual, but so far back as our own recollection extends [and that is enough for purposes of comparison] we do not remember to have seen the crops so far advanced, and looking so fresh and vigorous, or to have heard so many expressions of gratification, unmingled with a single word of complaint, at the harvest prospects. The fall wheat, which covers a vast breadth of land throughout the country, has passed most successfully through a very trying stage, and it has stood the winter frosts and the keen cutting winds of early spring, come out unharmed, and shot into strong and even ranked vegetation. People generally reckon on more or less of the fall wheat being "winter-killed," and it is very seldom except in fields lying in low and unfavorable situations that brown spots of greater or smaller area are not discernible when the vegetating influence of spring has set life into the plants that were torpid, but not dead. This year so far as we have seen and heard the effects of winter are not visible, and the fall wheat renews its course towards maturity with a febrile start then it has had for a number of years. We may add that its present favorable condition is by some attributed in no small degree to the excellent state of the ground when it was sown—the result of the beautiful weather which lingered so long with us last fall. It is usual with such prospects to indulge in glorious anticipations of the future, but we do not remember to have met with any convincing proof of the wisdom of forgetting the proverb, "There's more in a slip between cup and lip." The more people moderate their expectations the less frequently and severely are they disappointed. There are the prospects of well-timed, unfavorable harvest weather, and a decline of prices; any or all of which might arise to crush the hopes that run so high.

THE NEW SERIES OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

I observe by a late edition of the *Evening Mercury* that one of my brethren of the press has written a notice of some of the views held forth in my previous letter on the new series of school books. The point at issue seems to be those nursery rhymes and tales contained in the primary books of the series. Now instead of meeting my objections, the "Ignoramuses" goes on to give his experience with regard to the matter, which rhymes are "impressed upon the young mind, and thus exactly bears me out in my previously expressed opinion, that they impress (youthful) impressions on the most lasting themselves upon the mind in such a way as to exclude and render "useful what might be infinitely more useful. A certain learned philosopher once said that "children should be taught what would come useful to them in mature age." Now brother Ignoramuses (you see we both belong to the same great family of Loel) surely, would not wish to suffer that nothing would be found to occupy the minds of the rising generation, more useful than such rhymes as "Mother Hubbard and her dog," and others of a similar nature, which, although useful in teaching a child how to read, might be replaced by some other "moral principle." This, Mr. Editor, is what I consider the only serious defect in the reading matter comprised in the series, and as all the other points of your correspondent's communication are merely extensions of the hints previously thrown out, we cannot disagree upon them.
Yours, &c.,
HILLSBURG, May 22nd, 1868.

GUELPH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association took place last night in the Town Hall. There was but a small attendance; Geo. Elliott, Esq., was called to the chair. After a few introductory remarks respecting the prosperous state of the Association, Mr. Newton, Secretary, read the financial statement for the year. The amount received for members' subscriptions, sale of ammunition, amounts received from different individuals for purses, &c., is \$199 20c. The amounts received for entries at various times at \$139.00—making the total receipts \$338.20. The amount expended in rent of range, fixing ground, putting up targets, &c., putting ammunition, amounts paid in purses, and other expenses, foot up to \$273.08, leaving a balance on hand of \$60.12. The following officers were then elected: President, Judge Macdonald; Vice President, Geo. Elliott; Secretary, J. Treasurer, E. Newton; Managing Committee, Dr. Howitt, Peter Gow, Col. Higginbotham, James Hamilton, D. McCrae, Alex. McKenzie.

LATEST FROM OTTAWA.

The rumor is again current that there is to be a settlement of the Intercolonial Railway route shortly. The Hon. Wm. Cayley, it is reported, is to be appointed Collector of the Port of Toronto. Considerable activity has prevailed in the Inland Revenue Department, in consequence of the recent descent by Messrs. Romann and Davis upon the western breweries, distilleries and tobacco manufactories. It is reported that Buckley is to be admitted to bail by direction of Sir John A. Macdonald. The Orange party in Ottawa are loud in their denunciations of him, and accuse him of cowardice. The "artful dodger" is evidently in a fix trying to preserve harmony between the Orange and Green. A private of the Rifle Brigade on guard at the gaol on Tuesday, was observed making signals to Whelan, and was in consequence put under arrest. The turkey of the gaol has been dismissed by the Sheriff, although an Orangeman, in consequence of his not exhibiting proper vigilance. Lacroix, the witness for the Crown against Whelan, was taken ill on Tuesday at the gaol, where he is detained for safety. He is not dangerously ill.
On Monday night, at a dance in a hotel in the lower town, Turner, who gave evidence against Whelan, was present. A party asked him to come outside. Turner hesitated, when a person said he wished to warn him against certain persons in the room. Turner then went out. When the door was shut, the man said: "You are the d— witness who informed against Whelan," and aimed a blow at Turner, which he parried, and was about to draw a pistol, when two confederates rushed from behind the fence, and caught Turner's arm, throwing him on the ground, and commenced kicking him about the head and face. Parties came out and rescued Turner. Patrick Looney and Robert Hilliard were arrested as two of the parties; they were brought before the Police Magistrate next morning, released and gave bail.

Magdala before the Battle.

The Abyssinian correspondent of the *New York Herald*, writing on the 4th of April, from the banks of the river Baschila, ten miles from Magdala, says:— "On the top of the plain directly at the mouth of the pass leading into the Jeddah his camp had been situated. The wicker tent, made just as the Pawnee Indians make theirs, still stood as when their owners occupied them, the remnants of the straw bundles, on which the Abyssinian army fed their animals, were scattered near each rough wigwam, the ashes of their fires still remained to show us where the African soldier cooked his humble meal, and a large circular space, cleared of rock and rubbish, marked the site of the Imperial tent. From the appearance and size of the camping place, which stretched over an area of twenty square miles, we judged that the royal army must have numbered over 10,000 men. It was quite an interesting sight, and imagination was busy conjuring up hosts of scenes and incidents in connection with the Abyssinian camp. We might have been able to point out the place where deserters were executed by crucifixion, or where the thief was pegged to the ground, or where the murderer suffered the extreme penalty of decapitation. Frequent mounds of stones testified that death had taken place in the camp, and the oblong slabs of stone with the Amharic hieroglyphics recorded the manner of death.
Truth compels your correspondent to state that he is truly sorry for Theodoros. What I have heard of him from a captain or commander of his army stamps him as a genius. Two solid walls of rock, ranging from one to seventy-five feet in height, flank a precipitous road thirty feet wide, the commencement of the long descent down to the bed of the Jeddah. This road had been blessed by the engineers of Theodoros' army, through solid shell rock, which formed the summit of Wodola plateau. The road, still of the same width, continued to wind along in a zigzag manner for the distance of three miles, until we arrived at the dry bed of the Jeddah, which was 400 yards in width; it then wound up along the spine of a sloping hill, whose summit formed a kind of terrace half way to the summit of the plain of Talanta. From the terrace, which was about half a mile wide, the road, bordering on each side by the rocks scraped from it, ascended very abruptly nearly at an incline of one or two feet, forming sharp angles, until it reached the top of the plain. On the southern side of the Jeddah, from its bed to the very summit of Talanta, was five miles. Had not Theodoros prepared the way for the English army by this magnificent piece of engineering it must have been delayed here for three or four weeks until a path could have been made. As it was, fourteen hours were occupied in crossing from side to side by one brigade numbering 3,000 men.
Even Theodoros did not cross the Jeddah ravine without some loss for the skeletons of 125 donkeys were found on this remarkable road, and our Abyssinian guides, some of whom were present, say that the Negro used to ride a swift white mule backward and forward, some times lending a hand to haul up his cannon, and then labouring with might and main laggards who shirked duty. Here is a subject on which artists may expand their genius, painting Theodoros on his mule, surrounded by thousands of his soldiers, constructing the road across the Jeddah ravine. Napoleon crossing the Alps has been a favorable subject for an ambitious painter, but we think this work of Theodoros would be a more sublime one, after having witnessed the difficulties by which he was surrounded. An English army in his rear, Menekle, King of Shoa, in his front, Wuyshuh Gobayze hovering on his left flank, with Wodo Gallas and Auzbo Gallas on his right.

THE RIFLE MATCH.

In speaking of the match for the Ladies' Cup on Monday, we should have mentioned that last year it was shot for at three rounds, while this year competitors fired five rounds.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE.

The Queen's Birthday Committee will meet in the Town Hall this evening at 7:30 to settle up the business.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, May 26—Michael Barrett, the Fenian, who was convicted of causing the Clerkenwell explosion, was executed this morning.

VIENTIANE, May 26—Telegrams have been received here giving the particulars of a formidable revolt which has just broken out in the Province of Bosnia in Turkey.

London, May 26—The Commission appointed by resolution of Parliament to investigate and report on the condition of the laws of England bearing on the subject of naturalization, and the rights of expatriated subjects, has been formed, and is composed of the following members:—Lord Clarendon, President; Charles Abbott, Secretary, and Messrs. Karshah, Philmore, Forster, and Harcourt.

Paris, May 26—Marshal Niel in an official report declares the Chassepot Rifle to be the best firearm known. He also states that these guns are now being manufactured in the Government arsenal at the rate of 1,600 a day, and that all the infantry of the French army are now supplied with this rifle.

Berlin, May 26—Prussia has taken the initiative in the proposed general disarmament. By command of King William a reduction is to be forthwith made in the Landwehr of the kingdom.

London, May 26—The Epsom summer Race Meeting commenced to-day with numerous attendance and excellent racing. The first race was the Woodcock stakes of 10 sovereigns each, with 2 sovereigns added for two-year olds; won by Mr. Morris' "Belladrum."

American Despatches.

Cincinnati, May 26—First race of three years old was won by Richelle two mile heats, time 3:38.

Cincinnati, May 26th—The excitement over the McCool and Coburn fight increases. Bets were offered for 1 on McCool. Abe Hieken, champion of light weights of England and Jim Donovan of Chicago, will fight on the same line. The battle commences to-day near Cold Spring Station, Indiana, on the line of the O. and N. Railway, about 45 miles from Cincinnati.

Washington, May 26th—A great many members of Congress called on Mr. Stanton and urged him to hold to the War Office, but he said he could not do it. He will not go to the War Office again except as a private citizen.

New York, May 27th—The Herald special in reference to the siege of Tientsin by Chinese rebels, says the leader threatened to assault the town and attempt to carry it by storm. At this place the Imperial capital, Peking—where the Tientsin is 70 miles distant—at the mercy of his followers by giving them the control of the point of confluence of the Zou and Pei or Peiho Rivers. The rebel force move from their position to the agricultural districts, and had threatened the villages lying around Tientsin. The city is defended by a garrison of 20,000 men. Three steam "unbos" were laid in the river. Tientsin, charged with the duty of protecting foreigners and foreign interests, is its duty will be performed in a vigorous manner, as in Tientsin's case the famous treaty with the Chinese government, which accorded to the foreign ministers a right of residence in Peking, besides many commercial advantages, none of which the governments of Europe and the U. S. permit to be impaired by rebellion or native dissension. The insurgents for the most part carry their wives and children with them, and reported as numbering 120,000 souls.

SHEEP SHEARS.

A large variety of SHEEP SHEARS, various qualities, and approved patterns now selling at
JOHN HORSMAN'S

FERGUS FIRE BRIGADE.

We learn that this Fire Company, which is now in excellent condition, is expecting that for all the members will arrive in a few days from Scotland, and that they soon be in possession of a Bell crane West Troy, U. S. These are all equipments that are wanting at present.

READERS AND MOWERS.

Fair visiting town next Fair day will do to look in at Sharpe's Seedstore and their assortment of agricultural implements; they keep nothing but what stood the test of practical experience. The Wool Machine, manufactured by Massey of Newcastle, David Striton, M.P., writes as follows—*Guelph, 11th, 1868.*—H. A. Massey, Esq.: I am glad to inform you that the Mower Reaper which I purchased from your summer has given entire satisfaction, and after a lengthened experience in use of such machines, I have no hesitation in giving it a decided preference.
—D. STRITON, M.P.

CORRESPONDENTS.

J. I. the members you sent us last time as answer to the military problem you proposed, correct, but they were received in our hours too late for publication in our week's issue. Correct solutions to second problem have been received from H. McKay, Jerseyville, "A Tyro," No. 1, Guelph township (taught by Carroll), and Thos. Gregory, Rockwood.

A SAD CASE.

Alfred Perry, of Guelph, who had been found dead on one of the Islands in Lake Superior. He had left behind there to attend to a house in the beginning of winter, and a small supply of provisions, and a merchant was unable to return on the winter setting in with a severe storm, leaving a wife and children.

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