

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above factory...

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as timekeepers...

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS. Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches...

TO LUBBERMEN these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods...

OPENING NOTICE. The GUELPH BAKERY Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him...

A. GILCHRIST Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has taken the Store...

NEXT DOOR TOM. SODEN'S, Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article...

SPECIAL NOTICE. The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years...

New RUSTIC Accessories. He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds...

From the Locket to Life Size. Equal as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion...

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends...

ARCHIBALD McKEAND, (Successor to John W. Murton), Banking and Exchange OFFICE,

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and Special bought and sold at best rates...

NOTICE TO DEBTORS. ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER. The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. R. WELLS...

GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors.

MONTEAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY. GUELPH AGENCY. CANADIAN LINE-Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.

GLASGOW LINE-Portland to Glasgow every week. CABIN-Guelph to Liverpool, \$85.50 and \$93.50...

GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual...

JAS. BARCLAY. Guelph, 16th Jan. 1869.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, GENERAL AGENTS, TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH.

Agents for investing Money for the TRUST and LOAN COMPANY OF UPPER CANADA, AND THE CANADA PERMANENT BUILDING and SAVINGS SOCIETIES OF TORONTO.

THESE Companies afford every facility to the borrower, and give him the privilege of either retaining the principal for a term of years or paying it off by instalments extending over any term of years up to 16.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Have also a large amount of PRIVATE FUNDS On hand for Investment.

Money Invested and interest collected. Mortgages bought subject to examination of title, and valuation of property offered.

Debtors, Stocks and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Are Agents for the Royal Insurance Co'y OF ENGLAND. CAPITAL - \$10,000,000.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, are Agents for the STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, Established in 1825.

The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,999,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, are Agents for the FARM for sale in ERAMOSIA. For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less...

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph. Also, Town Lots and Houses in Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Importers of BALTIMORE OYSTER DEPOT! WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

PLATT & CO'S BALTIMORE OYSTERS! IMPORTED DIRECT. GEORGE WILKINSON, Sole Agent.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Horse, harness, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage.

Full ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS always on hand. Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL, NATHAN TOVELL, Jr. Guelph, December 12. 1868.

DOMINION HOTEL, GUELPH. JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL ST., a few doors above Higginbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seditors. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders held weekly at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 16th. 1868.

LEATHER WANTED. Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

SPECIAL NOTICE. The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers and Moccasins, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work. This is no humbug. Call and see, and remember the spots - Guelph, Fergus and Elora. JOHN A. McMILLAN, Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory for the Million Guelph, 4th January, 1869. dw

APPRENTICE WANTED. Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once Guelph, 3rd December.

THE GREAT BLANKET SALE AT A. O. BUCHAM'S WILL BE CONTINUED THIS WEEK.

Guelph, Jan. 12, 1869. dw

THE Equitable Life Assurance Society OF THE UNITED STATES. Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.

W. O. BUCHANAN, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada. COLIN SEWELL, M. D., Examining Physician, Dr. R. L. MACDONNELL, Consulting Surgeon, GEORGE MACROE, Solicitor, BANK OF MONTREAL, Bankers.

WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER DAYS BLOCK, Opposite the Mark Guelph.

GALLERY OF ART. R. W. LAIRD, Looking Glass and Picture Frame MANUFACTURER, 9 King-st. West, TORONTO.

JOHN A. McMILLAN. Has much pleasure in intimating to the Trade that he is now prepared to supply at the Lowest Wholesale Prices Boots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.

All Manufactured by himself in Guelph. Dealers are requested to call and examine my stock and prices, and they will find a much better article than any imported work, and their price as low as the lowest. Terms, liberal.

WANTED, a number of good journey men to work on Ladies' Kid, Goat, Frenchie and Canvas Gaiters, in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine.

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Evening Mercury. SATURDAY EV'G, JAN. 16TH, 1869.

A man named Smart has been fined \$20 by a Woodstock magistrate, for wearing volunteer clothing, contrary to the statute.

Our Minto correspondent says:—There has been splendid spring weather here for the last few days. The snow is daily disappearing, and along with it good sleighing, and unless winter returns business with you from the country will also get smaller.

GOING, GOING, GOING.—Mr. Robert Rutherford is determined to have a clearing sale of first-class drygoods and ready-made clothing, commencing on Wednesday next, when all will be sold without reserve, and great bargains may be expected. See advt.

New Church.—Our Lutheran friends of Rev. Mr. Rau's congregation, Elmira, have determined to erect a new church early next summer, and have advertised for tenders for the mason work and carpenter work required.

The Directors of the Trafalgar, Esquimaux and Erin Road Company are advertising for tenders for forming the gate at Silver Creek, and there is a rumor that they will shortly proceed to gravel the road to Stewarttown and perhaps Ashgrove.

HOUSE BURNED.—A house on the farm of Mr. John Linton, near New Aberdeen, was burned on the 12th inst., and nothing was saved from the flames except a few articles. The house occupied by Mr. Linton himself, would also have been burned, had not a few of the neighbours arrived in time and worked manfully, thus preventing further damage.

PATENT STEAK BROILER.—This is a very useful household article. It is a sort of gridiron with upright iron pins, on which the meat is fixed for broiling, and having a tin cover to put over the whole. By using it, steaks are much quicker and better broiled, and all the juices of the meat is preserved. No family should be without it. The agent, Mr. C. Huhn, is now selling them in town.

ARTHR DISTRICT LODGE.—The first meeting of the new District, known as the Arthur District, was held at Arthur on Saturday, the 9th, when the following officers were elected, and duly installed at the senior District, Alma, on Tuesday: Wm. Eden, D. M.; John Morrison, D. M.; Richard Brandon, D. Sec.; Wm. Ludlow, D. Treasurer.

DISTRICT ORANGE LODGE.—The regular annual meeting of the Loyal Orange District Lodge, Victoria District, was held in the Orange Hall, Alma, on Tuesday, the 12th, when the following officers were elected and duly installed: Br. J. C. Steel, District Master; Br. R. Dognan, Deputy District Master; Br. Thos. Johnson, District Treasurer; Br. F. Dalby, District Chaplain; Br. H. Cameron, Director of Ceremonies.

THROWS OUT.—As the party who were to take part in the Catholic concert at Arthur were nearing the village, the road being very slippery, the driver could not control the speed of the team, and he had to choose between running into a conveyance just in front with six of the party therein, or try to pass them. He attempted the latter, and succeeded in spilling the whole cargo,—with the exception of two ladies, who were not seriously injured.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES.—As will be seen by reference to advertisement, anniversary services will be preached in the Congregational Church to-morrow (Sunday) by the Rev. E. T. Bronfield in the evening, and Rev. W. Cavan in the afternoon. On the Monday following a tea-meeting will be held at 6 o'clock p.m., when addresses by several speakers, and appropriate music by the Church choir will be given. A pleasant evening's entertainment may be expected by all who attend.

CURLING.—The Secretary of the Guelph Curling Club has received intimation of his admission into the ranks of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland, and that a medal has been awarded to be played for this season between the Guelph and Fergus Clubs—the opposing parties to choose their umpire, who will appoint the place of play, see that the game is played in accordance with the rules of the Royal Club, and who will report the result of the party to the Secretary of the Canadian Branch. No doubt this will be the great event of the season to the lovers of the "roaring game" in this section.

SOCIAL PARTY.—The officers and brethren of Speed Lodge held a private social party in the Lodge Rooms last evening, which was well attended. The gathering was restricted to members of the lodge, their wives and lady acquaintances. A very agreeable evening was spent by the company. Dancing was kept up with spirit till an early hour; while parlour amusements were provided for those who did not wish to mingle in the mazes of the dance. Bro. T. H. Taylor sang several of his imitations songs. The officers provided a sumptuous repast, which did them every credit. Prof. Yale's quadrille band supplied the music.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—Mr. Lewis Glick, lessee of Mr. Frazer's distillery, Fergus, left home on Monday last, with the avowed intention of paying his revenue duties to Mr. James Gow, inspector of inland revenue. He came to Guelph early in the afternoon, with a horse and buggy, and put up at Ellis's American Hotel. He did not make his appearance at Mr. Gow's office, but took the Great Western train at 4:40 for Fergus, and he was heard of no more. Since then nothing whatever has been heard of him, and all sorts of surmises are made as to the cause of his disappearance. He had about \$200 with him when he left, and some fear that he has met with foul play. He is a man whom everybody in the neighbourhood would have trusted implicitly so far as honesty goes, and is in good circumstances, so that there does not appear to have been any pecuniary inducements for him to run away. The distillery has been seized by the revenue officers, but independent of this the surmises held are satisfactory, and the Government is thus fully secured from any loss. Mr. Glick's horse and buggy has been sent back to Fergus. It is to be hoped that this matter will be thoroughly explained before long—but in the meantime it wears rather a suspicious look.

BY TELEGRAPH. PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. London, Jan. 15.—The Treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the settlement of the Alabama claims has been signed by Mr. Johnson and Earl Clarendon, on the basis of the original protocol.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Conference on the Eastern question will meet again to-day. All the indications are that Greece is bent on war. A despatch from Athens states that King George is preparing to retire to Nauplia.

London, Jan. 15.—All the great powers except Russia have united in a demand upon Greece, that for the preservation of peace, she withdraw her formal objections to the Conference, as presently constituted. The powers have reason to hope that Russia will also concur in this demand.

Madrid, Jan. 15 even.—The election for members of Constituent Cortes have commenced. The reactionists made some attempts to create disturbances at the polling places, but they proved abortive. With these exceptions good order has been maintained.

London, Jan. 15.—A despatch from Hong Kong, just received, states that a strong rebel force had captured the city Hokabadi in Japan. The persons and property of foreigners were respected.

Lisbon, Jan. 15.—Rio Janeiro dates to December 24th, state that the Allied army had made a vigorous assault on the Paraguayan stronghold, at Villata, and after a desperate battle, succeeded in carrying it. President Lopez's army was utterly destroyed. The allied army captured over 3,000 prisoners of war. Lopez himself, with barely 2,000 men made good their escape. This important victory opens the way to Assunção, the capital, to which place the Brazilian iron-clads have gone.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The public newspapers reports that the Conference on the Eastern question held an harmonious session to-day, and adopted unanimously a conciliatory resolution. Mr. Rangabe was not in attendance. His absence is regarded as a refusal by Greece to recognize the conference.

London, Jan. 15.—Despatches from India confirm the previous reports of the complete victory obtained by Skeere Ali, the Khan of Cabool, over his rebellious nephew, Afdool Rappan Guznee.

American Despatches. Washington, 15th.—The Committee appointed to examine into the election frauds in New York returned this morning. The evidence taken is very great and shows that gross frauds were perpetrated. A bill is soon to be prepared authorizing the admission of Virginia upon the adoption of the proposed Constitution with the obnoxious clause in regard to disfranchisement, the test oath, and probably some other objectionable features struck out. It is believed it will be followed by an Amnesty Bill, either universal or with some few exceptions, to take effect in the month of January.

Justment meets the approbation of Gen. Grant and a large number of the most prominent members of Congress. There is no doubt, whatever that the Senate will reject the treaty by which Mr. Seward agreed to pay seven millions and a half for St. Thomas. There is a disposition, however, to soften this decision towards the Danish government, as all Senators conversant with the subject sympathize with that Government for the unpleasant position in which it has been placed.

Salem Correspondence. The weather is still unchanged, and as yet there is no indication of snow falling; the roads are now for the most part denuded of their late soft white covering, and jagged patches of half melted snow lie in unfrequented parts of the village or wastes adjacent to them; the streets are coated with ice, and pedestrians walk with constant fear of losing their perpendicular, while heavy laden horses, slipshod and ill-tempered drag with difficulty their burdens up the glassy hills. Fowls peck about the bare hill sides in search of food, and the gentle robin chirping his cheerful notes may be seen hopping along the fence. The warm afternoon, when the azure sky, and the genial atmosphere, remind us more of the dawn of spring than the depth of winter.

The annual school meeting for the election of a trustee, &c., was thinly attended here; there are about 250 ratepayers in this section, and yet not more than fifteen were present. It is much to be regretted that such indifference should be shown in matters affecting the moral training of our youth. James Findlay, Esq., the retiring trustee, was nominated, and would have been elected unanimously, but he declined to accept office for the reason that he was almost incapacitated from attending to his own private affairs, and therefore was unfit to transact business for the public. Mr. John Street was then nominated, and no opposition being given, was duly elected.

We are waiting anxiously for the arrival of the Lightning Express. It will no doubt reach this station at some time to-day, we are informed—but know not how long—that an able staff of conductors will be attached to the Express.

The dissatisfaction and anxiety recently prevailing here concerning the new railway is now entirely removed by an advertisement—Tenders for ties, W. G. & B. R. R.—signed by Mr. Robertson, contractor; this looks like business, and therefore was unfit to transact business for the public. Mr. John Street was then nominated, and no opposition being given, was duly elected.

THE ST. CATHARINES BANK ROBBERY.—The efforts of our police to secure the men who robbed the branch of the Montreal Bank at St. Catharines have thus far proved fruitless. It is now well known that they reached Buffalo about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, having been brought from Tonawanda in a rockaway. They reached Tonawanda in a hack from Niagara Falls. The drivers of both vehicles were in the city, No account of the affair was received here until after nine o'clock Tuesday morning, thus giving the rogues a good start over the police. The Bank has offered a reward of \$5,000 for their apprehension.

WEST GARAFRAXA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was held in Cobbe's Hotel, Douglas, on Tuesday, 12th inst. The Treasurer's report shows the Society to be in a flourishing condition. The receipts were larger last year than they have been any year since the year was organized—with the exception of the year 1866, the public grant being larger than that year. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Robert J. Black, President; Francis Cassidy, Vice-President; Andrew Nichol, Secretary and Treasurer; Directors—Peter S. Martin, Peter Rennie, Peter Couss, John Clarke, Ephraim Dyer, Harvey Cull, E. Vrooman, Hugh McDougal, and John G. Richardson. Auditors—Wm. Campbell, and John Jefferson Dobbin.

A noted politician was once asserting his entire indifference to the opinions of his opponents, and to their personal abuse. "Why," said he, "a man liken-ed me the other day to Judas Iscariot, but I don't care." "Yes," said a bystander, "but how does Judas feel about it?"

A French Doctor has discovered that a wasp sting will cure rheumatism.