

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
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**Red River Settlement.**  
The Appearance of the Country, its Climate, quality of the Soil, &c.

CONTINUED.  
The land in general throughout the greater part of the country seems to be of the same nature as that in Minnesota. Usually timber grows along the banks of the rivers and streams and around the lakes, but the trees do not grow near so tall as in Canada. The common varieties of timber are oak, white ash and poplar. There is some pine on Lakes Minatoba and Winipeg, principally of the Norway kind. It is much smaller and more knotty than the pine in Canada. The prairie fires kill a great deal of the timber, and likewise a great deal of game, especially in the spring when the brood is young.

As a proof that the land in the west is fertile I may state that I was shown a field in Minnesota where seventeen crops of wheat had been raised in succession, and another on the Assinaboine where eighteen crops were raised, and my informant told me the last was a good one. No manure is ever put on the land, and the straw is burned, neither of which is good farming. This system must eventually ruin the land. I saw but very little clover or timothy in Minnesota, and none at all in the Red River. The settlers depend wholly on cutting natural grass to make hay, which grows on the low lands. In many cases they mow it with a machine. This shows how easily the land can be worked. This will overbalance many other difficulties, as settlers can use the reaper on their first crop, for there are no stones or stumps to disturb them. In fact all the labour the settler has is to plough the land, which is much easier than chopping and clearing in Canada.

When at Mr. John McLean's, at the Portage, I had a trial of the breaking plough. Two yoke of oxen without any extra hard pulling ploughed a fourteen inch wide furrow, and from 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep. They prefer to plough the land shallow at first as it rots better. Some sow on the first breaking, but Mr. McLean and others told me they plough it a second time about two inches deeper, and they are well remunerated in the extra yield, as in dry seasons sowing on the first ploughing dries up the grain. The ploughs they use for general use are somewhat similar to the old No. 4. It has a long beam and short handles with steel moulds and steel flat plates for shares, tapering to a point in front, some revolving coulters, others stationary ones. They are of different sizes, some being 10 inches, others 14, 16 and 18 inches in width. In the latter they generally use a wheel, and have 3 yoke of oxen attached. They are all of American make. My impression is that some of our Canadian make of ploughs would do as well, if not better, only they would require to have steel moulds as the land is so loose after first ploughing that a plough can hardly be kept from clogging. One good stout team, or at most three horses, could break easy with an ordinary plough a furrow ten inches wide. When at Mr. McLean's I saw in the Mercury his letter which was so widely published. I was assured by him and others that he did not exaggerate the yield mentioned there, the land referred to being a fertile spot belonging to the Hudson Bay Company, and well worked, and he brought good clean and pure seed from Canada. He felt rather annoyed at it being published, especially as the past season had turned out so unfavourable, and the letter being a private one, written to a friend the previous year when the country was more prosperous.

When there I saw a number of letters addressed to him for information from parties in Canada, and will here endeavor to answer some of the questions put.—First in regard to schools. There are the most part in connection with the different missions, and are supported by friends in Canada and Britain. A farmer enquires if it would pay to take teams into the Settlement from Canada and pay duty. There is no duty to pay if properly bonded through the United States. The native horses are too light to plough, especially to break up with. It would be better for intending settlers to take teams, as they can haul from 20 to 25 hundred from St. Cloud on each team to where the settler intends to go. The working oxen are pretty good, but will likely be scarce, as many will not doubt be slaughtered in behalf of some parties who were breaking land for hire at the rate of from \$4 to \$5 an acre. No fall wheat has been raised with any success in the country. In regard to the enquiries of a miller, I would say that the country as far as I went is for the most part too level for good water privileges. I have been informed that there are some good privileges on and near the little Saskatchewan. About 90 or 100 miles west of the Portage, the land is more rolling with numerous small lakes and more rapid creeks. When going up I met parties on their way from the Portage with grists to Fort Garry to a steam mill, a distance of 67 miles. There are wind mills at the Portage, but it is very uncertain to get a grist from them.—Steam mills will be the most certain in this country. There are one or two water mills near Fort Garry, but they do not work regularly. As regards the cost of taking in machinery, I met a Mr. McKinney, a Fort Garry merchant, and next day the machinery for a steam saw mill he is to erect near Lake Winnipeg. He said it would cost him for carriage close on \$900 or \$900. The machinery was made by Beckett, of Hamilton, weight nine tons and eleven hundred. His teams had to remain at St. Cloud for 25 days from the time it was to be forwarded there, which would add greatly to the cost of the carriage. The ordinary price of carriage per Red River carts from St. Cloud to Fort Garry is \$4 per hundred; from Toronto or Hamilton to St. Cloud from \$3 to \$4 per hundred.

TO BE CONTINUED.  
WELLINGTON GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—The Spectator says:—"Our friends throughout the Northwest country will bear with satisfaction that at a meeting of the Directors held on Monday evening last, the tenders for the construction of the first section of the road from Guelph to Fergus were opened, and they quite sustain the estimate of Mr. Reid, the Engineer. The contractors are Messrs. H. & J. Hill, gentlemen whose experience and character will enable them to carry out the work satisfactorily."

**BIRTHS.**  
MARRIAGES.  
DIED.

**New Advertisements.**  
**ARTILLERY COMP'NY.**  
**CLARK'S Music Store.**  
**BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, and SCHOOL BOOKS.**  
**CHEAP.**  
**At Clark's Music Store.**  
**NOTICE.**  
**Singing and Pianoforte.**  
**CARD.**

**ARTILLERY COMP'NY.**  
ATTENTION.  
A FULL MUSTER of the Company, for inspection in heavy marching order, is requested on **Friday Night**. By Order.  
WILLIAM DAVY, Captain.  
Guelph, September 16th. ds

**CLARK'S Music Store.**  
For Tomatoes, Peaches, Plums, &c.  
**SELF-SEALING JARS.**  
SOLD BY JOHN A. WOOD are the best ever invented. Buy before they are all sold.  
ONE THOUSAND POUNDS OF  
**PURE HONEY,**  
Strained or in the Comb,  
Only Twenty Cents per lb.,  
Cheaper than Butter.  
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.  
Guelph, September 7th. dw

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**  
**N. CROFT**  
WOULD inform his friends and the general public that he has opened a shop in his old premises, on  
**CHURCH STREET,**  
Two doors West of Deady's Hotel,  
Where he is prepared to make up Gentlemen's Garments in the newest style.  
**CUTTING DONE ON SHORT NOTICE.**  
Sent for the best Sewing Machines.  
**N. CROFT, Church-st.**  
Guelph, 11th September. d

**TO RENT.**  
A COTTAGE in the outskirts of the Town, near Mr. Neve's, about one mile from the Market House. The Cottage contains four rooms, and is attached to it a stable, &c., and two and a half acres of land. Apply to  
WM. STEWART, Merchant.  
Guelph, September 15th. ds-w1

**2, DAY'S BLOCK.**  
Receiving daily, a complete assortment of  
**CHINA, CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.**  
COMPRISING:  
Plain China Tea Sets,  
White and Gold Tea Sets,  
Extra Fancy Tea Sets,  
White Granite Tea Sets,  
Colored Granite Tea Sets,  
Fancy Granite Tea Sets.  
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**Medical Dispensary**  
**COUGH NO MORE!**  
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**RASPBERRY COUGH SYRUP!**  
WHY suffer with a cough when relief can be had after taking a single dose of this Remedy.  
From its first introduction to the public, great numbers have given their testimony as to its curative properties. One bottle will be found sufficient to convince the most scrupulous.

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**E. HARVEY.**  
Wyndham Street,  
OPPOSITE ENGLISH CHURCH.  
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**TO RENT.**  
THE undersigned, having removed to his farm is prepared to let or lease his late residence. The house contains ten rooms, besides kitchen, cellar and milk-house, with the necessary out-buildings and garden. There is a never-failing spring of water runs through the cellar. Situated about ten minutes walk from the Market House. The premises can be leased for one or more years, with more or less land, as may be agreed upon.  
Apply to  
PETER GOW.  
N. B.—The buildings could easily be arranged for two tenements.  
Guelph, September 6th. dtf

**NO MONOPOLY**  
**PETRIE'S Drug STORE,**  
Old Post Office,  
Wyndham Street.

**DYE STUFFS!**  
BEING determined to maintain my reputation for keeping  
**THE BEST DYE STUFFS IN GUELPH,**  
Have this year devoted a greater amount of time and care to the selection and preparation of dyes. My stock will now be found complete, and all parties be 100 per cent satisfied, and of the quality in making colors required, and of the  
**Very FINEST SHADE.**  
A. P. B. would call particular attention to his BRIGHT SCARLET DYE, which has given a universal satisfaction during the past two years, and pronounced by all parties superior to any they have ever used before. Remember the Old Post Office Buildings.  
**A. B. PETRIE, Chemist.**  
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**PUFF. PUFF. PUFF.**  
Keep the Feet Dry and the Head Cool.  
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**THE FERGUS PUFF BAG,** "better known as the man from the Rural Districts," has got off, as he supposes, a good thing by quoting part of an advertisement of mine, and commenting thereon. The public will note the fact that there is no comment on the latter portion of said paragraph, which I will again repeat:  
*The Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store does not pretend to Manufacture Boots and Shoes, neither do we import Goods and palm them off on the public as Home Made.*  
The Wellington Shoe Factory advertises to sell none but Goods made in Guelph, which is sheer humbug. Or why expose Toronto and Montreal Goods for sale? It won't do Mr. John A., if there is any honesty in you, and you have any good articles in your establishment, give the credit to those who manufacture them, not to the one-horse affair you call a Manufactory, consisting, by the way, of four men and boys, three girls and a few bits of machinery, "not forgetting the thing without a coat," that you happen to run.  
For Stylish, Cheap and Durable Boots and Shoes, go to the Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store. For Slop Work and Cool Impudence go the one-horse Factory.  
**JOHN CRIDIFORD.**  
Guelph, September 16th. dw

**OPEN CONFESSION**  
THE Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, Guelph, "does not pretend to Manufacture Boots and Shoes," so says the advertisement. (Read it if you want to have a jolly good laugh.) John A. McMillan says that is a fact; the things are indelible; they may be worshipped without the slightest infringement of the second commandment, and the few unfortunates who go crippled with a mass of uncomfortable wrinkles on their feet, can groan in agony. That is a fact too.  
JOHN A. McMILLAN invites the Penitentiary to come to him and he will learn it to Manufacture Boots and Shoes. He wants three apprentices yet, (having already selected three of the six he advertised for the other day,) and if it is a good boy, and behaves well, and gives over galling the public, John A. thinks he can make a man of it yet, though it is rather late to begin.  
People of Wellington, note the fact that the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-St., Guelph, "the Old Post Office Block," is the only spot in the whole County, where Boots and Shoes are manufactured extensively. Come and see the Boots and Shoes making, come and see the Machinery at work, come and see the work in progress, come and see the busy hive of industry, and you will go away determined to buy imported work no more.  
The Cheapest Boots, the Best Boots, all Home-Made Boots, are to be got at the "Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory," Wyndham Street, Guelph, "The Fergus Boot and Shoe Store," corner of St. David and St. Andrew Streets, Fergus, and the "Elora Boot and Shoe Mart," directly opposite Kirk & Clarke's Elora.

**I DEFY COMPETITION.**  
**JOHN A. McMILLAN,**  
Guelph, 15th September. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**CORDWOOD WANTED**  
ON GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.  
THE undersigned is prepared to receive Cordwood  
In any Quantity, from FIVE CORDS upwards,  
Delivered anywhere along the Line,  
**JOHN A. McMILLAN,**  
Guelph, 15th September. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
The Right Place to Buy CHEAP  
**GROCERIES and LIQUORS**  
THE BEST STORE IN GUELPH TO BUY  
**China, Crockery, and Glassware.**  
We are constantly receiving large additions to our present Extensive Stock from the best Markets in the Dominion and the United States, and will sell at prices that shall defy successful competition.  
Try our New Crop TEAS.  
Purchase our Bright Sweet SUGARS.  
Try one Plug CHEWING TOBACCO, at 20c. per lb.  
**BASS' PALE ALE and GUINNESS'S PORTER,**  
IN SPLENDID CONDITION.  
Particular attention paid to fine Wines and Liquors, and we recommend buying the dozen or single bottles, as purchasing by the jug destroys a fine article. A quantity of SALT at  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO'S.**  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, September 10th. dw

**JUST OPENED!**  
**AT BUCHAM'S.**  
Just opened and selling remarkably Cheap, a nice selection of  
**New Fall Dress Goods,**  
**New French Lustres,**  
**New Empress Cords,**  
**New Sultana Cords,**  
**New French Merinoes,**  
**THIRTY-THREE AND THIRTY-SIX INCH GREY COTTONS,**  
**THIRTY-TWO AND THIRTY-FIVE INCH WHITE COTTONS,**  
**SIXTY SEVENTY-TWO INCH GREY SHEETINGS,**  
**AND TEN-QUARTER WHITE COTTON SHEETINGS.**  
We will guarantee the Cotton Goods just opened, fully FIFTEEN PER CENT UNDER REGULAR CURRENT PRICES.  
**NEW PRINTS,**  
**A. O. BUCHAM.**  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, September 5, 1868. dtf

**NEW FIGURED LUSTRES.**  
—The above Goods are new and decidedly Cheap. See them.  
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**AMERICAN HOUSE**  
BOSTON, MASS.  
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of the magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, convey guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entire house has been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly replenished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.  
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LEWIS RICE & SON, Prop'rs

**CHEAP FIREWOOD!**  
THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply Firewood, consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, delivered, \$2 25 per cord. Persons having firewood themselves will be supplied at \$1 75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning off underbrush in one minute; the entire house has been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly replenished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.  
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**CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE**  
Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of L. Lewis, Esq.  
Guelph, June 15. d-5m

**MEDICAL HALL!**  
Ontario, Guelph.  
Just received, a fresh supply of  
**MINCASEA**  
For the successful rearing of Infants.  
This article is prepared under medical supervision, and supported by the Scientific and Theoretical Institutions of Great Britain, France, &c., and is the only preparation manufactured for this purpose.

**Cocoa Nut Oil Soda Soap**  
For imparting a Beautiful Whiteness and Softness to the Skin.  
**CAMPBELL'S**  
**Quinine Wine!**  
—A large supply just received.  
**E. HARVEY & CO.,**  
Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell-Sts. Guelph.  
Guelph, September 1st. dw

**Anglo-American Hotel**  
FOR SALE.  
THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London. It is 130 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high, and of cut stone; 13 and 11 feet high between ceilings; cellular full size of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone kitchen 40 x 24, with a cistern that holds over 1000 barrels of water. It is situated in the best business part of the town, and is directly opposite the proposed site of the new Union Passenger Station of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. It is the only first class building in the town that is capable of doing a first-class business. The hall runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and none in the house dark. The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stone stable, capable of affording accommodation for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to back street.  
**A CAPITAL FARM.**  
Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of its size in this county. Three horses and feeding stable and fog house on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs that never fail. The fences are of board and new. The farm is laid out in ten acre fields. All the farm implements are new, and will be sold if desired at valuation.  
**First-Class LIVERY STABLE.**  
Also, there is in connection with the hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario, of fifteen horses, doing the only first-class business in town and indisputably surpassing all others.  
As the proprietor is retiring from business he offers to the public a property, the advantages of which are seldom enjoyed by one man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve, within three months, either the business partially, or the whole property as may be agreed upon to suit the purchaser.  
Terms—For the hotel property, half cash down will be required, the remainder to be paid in six yearly instalments, or ten per cent allowed off the second half, if paid at time of sale.  
Guelph, Aug. 29. JAMES O'NEILL, Proprietor. d-wrtf

**BILLIARD HALL!**  
Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,  
**GUELPH, ONT.**  
Four New Belgian Standard American tables.  
Guelph, June 24. W O'CONNOR, Proprietor. do ly

**SPECIAL ATTENTION.**  
THE Highest Market Price paid for  
**Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Catskins, and Wood Pickings,**  
At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street.  
Guelph, July 23. D. MOLTON.  
**Shoe Tools & Findings**  
A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.  
RYAN & OLIVER,  
114 Yonge Street, Toronto  
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

**TO MACHINISTS.**  
STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Calliper Rules, Calliper Squares, Ames Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Stubs Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by  
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