

A METEOR.—A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fleecy cloud, a meteor ball, very luminous, of a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and to the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into one immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows:—  
"If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callouses, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Briggs's Curative. It will effect a certain cure, in incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for British Possessions.

EAST WARD ELECTION.—We are authorized to state that Mr. William Allan will be a candidate for a seat on the Council for the east ward. Judging from present appearances, he is likely to be returned without opposition.

A wealthy old bachelor of Clinton has left an order with a shoemaker for a right foot boot to match his two left foot old ones. He is equipping for a trip to Europe.

At the last sittings of the county court for Simcoe, Judge Gowen was presented by the Bar of the county with an address and a costly life-size portrait in oil.

NEW AND PRETTY PIANO MUSIC FOR DEBUTANTS.  
Fingered and suitable for pupils who have taken but one or two quarters.

CRYSTAL GEMS,  
A collection of easy and brilliant Polkas, Waltzes, Marches, &c., composed and arranged by C. K. B.

1. Fairy Footsteps.
2. Snowflake Polka.
3. Charming Schottische.
4. Romping Galop.
5. Silver Star Quickstep.
6. Fairy Mazurka.
7. Soldier Boy's March.
8. Mabel Waltz.
9. Sweet Kiss Polka.
10. Rosy Cheeks, Schottische.
11. Run-away Galop.
12. Hilda Waltz.
13. Fairy Tale Polka.
14. Sunbeam Schottische.
15. Bird-wind Galop.
16. Leap Year Quickstep.
17. Whispering Love Maz.
18. Tambour March.
19. Belgravia Waltz.
20. Silver Shower Polka.
21. My Darling Schottische.
22. First Impression Waltz.
23. Past Boy's Galop.
24. Cornflower Waltz. Price 30 cents each. Sent, post-paid, on receipt of the price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry  
This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs; while even Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.  
From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me.  
"About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the Lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a 'Seated Consumption.' He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition, for it is, I think, all it purports to be—THE GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIMES. The above statement, gentlemen, is my voluntary offering to you in favor of your Balsam, and is at your disposal."  
Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SON, 18 Tremont-st., Boston, and for sale by all druggists generally.

GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.  
AMESBURY, MASS., Oct. 13th, 1864.  
M. GRACE—Sir, Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe abscess upon my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues.  
Yours with respect,  
JAMES BRAN.  
I certify to the truthfulness of the above statement.  
H. S. DEARBORN, M.D.  
SETH W. FOWLE & SON, Boston, Proprietors  
Sold by all Druggists, at 25 cents a box. By mail 50 cents. Northrup & Lyman, General Agents, Newcastle, Ont. law 1y

WHOLESALE ONLY.

Merchants desiring to assort their GROCERY LIQUOR Stock for

Christmas and the Holidays,  
Will do all to take quotations from the subscriber by buying.

Just Received, a large lot of FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES, which will be offered LOWER than they can be imported, in quantities to suit the COUNTRY TRADE.

JOHN L. LEWIS.  
Guelph, Nov. 18. daw 1f

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, December 17, 1868.

Flour @ 100 lbs.	1 10	1 18
Flour @ 50 lbs.	55	65
Spring Wheat @ bush	95	1 00
Oats @ bush	52	55
Peas @ bush	80	85
Barley @ bush	1 10	1 20
Hay @ ton	10 00	12 00
Straw @ ton	3 00	4 00
Shingles @ square	1 00	1 50
Wood @ cord	1 00	1 50
Wood @ cord	24	25
Eggs @ dozen	20	22
Butter (store packed) @ lb.	18	19
do (dairy packed) @ lb.	20	22
Geese, each	30	37
Turkeys each	37	45
Chickens @ pair	20	25
Ducks, do	25	35
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	1 25
Lard @ lb.	04	05
Beef @ lb.	00	02
Pork @ 100 lbs.	60	75
Sheep Pelts each	05	1 00
Lambkins	50	60
Hides	50	60

Money Market.  
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICES—  
Guelph, Dec. 17, 1868.  
Gold, 134.  
Greenbacks, 107 1/2 to 108, sold at 74c to 74 1/2c.  
Silver bought at 44 dis.; sold at 45.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.  
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's. report by special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'  
Montreal, December 17, 1868.  
Flour—Extra, \$5 40 to \$5 50; Fancy, \$5 10 to \$5 10; Welland Canal Superior, \$5 00 to \$5 05; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, \$5 00 to \$5 25; Superior No. 1 Western wheat, \$1 08 to \$1 05; No. 2 do, \$4 60 to \$4 60; Bag flour, \$2 00 to \$2 50. Wheat—Canada Fall, \$1 12 to \$1 13; Spring, \$1 14 to \$1 15; Western, \$1 08 to \$1 10. Oats, per 32 lbs, 47c to 49c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1 20 to \$1 30. Butter—dairy 30c to 35c; store packed 18c to 20c. Ashes—Pork \$5 50 to \$5 65; pearls \$5 40 to \$5 05. Pork—Mess, \$21 50 to \$21 50; Prime, \$14 00 to \$14 50. Peas, 92c to 93c.

TORONTO MARKETS.  
Toronto, Dec. 16.  
Fall wheat \$1 10 to \$1 00; spring wheat \$1 00 to \$1 02; Hour, No. 1 super, \$4 65; extra \$5 25; barley \$1 25; peas, 83c to 84c; oats, 55c to 54c.

CALT MARKETS.  
December 17.  
Fall wheat, \$1 15 to \$1 20. Spring wheat, \$0 90 to \$0 95. Barley, \$1 05 to \$1 15. Oats, 47c to 50c. Peas, 84c to 86c. Butter, \$20 to 24c; Eggs 15c to 16c; Potatoes, per bag, 70c to 75c; Pork \$7 00 to \$7 25; Hay \$11 00 to 12 00.

# LARGE ARRIVALS OF NEW PATTERNS, IN CHINA, GROCKERY, AND GLASSWARE, FOR THE HOLIDAYS,

CONSISTING OF  
Printed China Tea Sets,  
Plain China Tea Sets,  
White and Gold China Sets,  
Plain White Granite Tea Sets,  
Fancy Coloured Tea Sets,  
Extra Fancy Coloured Tea Sets.

Also, a Beautiful Assortment of Glassware, of all the Newest Patterns, which will be sold cheap

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,  
Guelph, December 8. No. 52 DAY'S BLOCK.



WANTED,  
Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.  
Customers to buy out one of the Largest and Cheapest stocks of

## BOOTS AND SHOES TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.

JOHN CRIDIFORD  
INVITES inspection to his stock of NEW FALL GOODS, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.  
Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, No. 41, Wyndham-st., Guelph. FOR CASH ONLY.

JOHN CRIDIFORD. dw

## BUSINESS STILL GOOD

AT THE  
BRADFORD HOUSE  
DRESS GOODS!

Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.  
JACKETS! JACKETS!  
Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Sealskin Jackets, Whitney, Black and Coloured. Petersham, Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of

FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.

Table Linen and Sheetings.

The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

## MILLINERY!

For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.  
For CHEAP HATS go to the BRAEFORD HOUSE.  
The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY, TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH  
Wyndham St. et. Guelph, November 2

## E. O'DONNELL & CO.

GUELPH, ONT.

## TEAS.

Ping Suey Tea, BEST \$1.00 | Best Oolong, 75c.  
Best Moyune, 87 1/2 | Best Japan, 65  
Choice Young Hyson, 80 | Best Black, 68  
Young Hyson Teas, 50c.

Good Plug Chewing Tobacco at 20c per lb.

SILVER TAKEN AT PAR.  
At E. O'DONNELL & CO'S.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph October 20th. dw

## 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. Sharp's Seedstore. 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 off-licenses and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodations for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 15th. dwly

## DOMINION SALOON, GUELPH.

FRESH OYSTERS!  
Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with LIQUORS, WINES, ALES and CIGARS, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m.  
DENIS BUNYAN.  
Guelph, 17th October.

## 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 15.

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. Valuation of property offered.

Debentures, 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 1826.

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

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK  
Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses  
in Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.  
For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 150 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered. The speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 20x40 feet, a stone kitchen story and a half high 21x22, back kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x50 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosa to Fergus, and is distant from that village 8 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or if by letter (post paid) to

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,  
Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph

BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE.  
Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on  
Wednesday, 6th January, 1869  
At one o'clock, p. m.

Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street Guelph, on which there is a two-story house—part brick, part stone—containing nine rooms, with good cellar, woodshed, hard and soft water, stable, cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: One-tenth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Possession on the 7th March, 1869. Title indisputable.  
For further particulars apply to

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,  
Agents for the Vendor.  
Guelph, Dec. 16.

TROTTER & GRAHAM,  
DENTISTS!  
GUELPH and BRAMPTON  
LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY,  
Successors in Guelph to Trotter.  
Office, over Higginbotham's Drugstore  
Guelph, 2nd August, 1868. dwly

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,  
Market Square, GUELPH.  
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR  
will be supplied with the best  
Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!  
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,  
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provide on short notice at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,  
Proprietor.  
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whistly

## BILLIARD HALL!

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

## MASON & HAMLIN CABINET AND METROPOLITAN ORGANS, Have Just ARRIVED at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE.

They are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than Three Hundred prominent American artists, and a great many European musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These Organs are provided with all the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS, including the  
Mason & Hamlin Improved Vox Humana, or Fan Tremolo,  
Which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effect, including a remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the nearest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the MASON & HAMLIN Company are now so great that they can afford and undertake to furnish, not only the best, but also the Lowest Priced Organs made. Every instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1000 and upwards.  
Illustrated Catalogues with full description and prices of the various styles of Instruments sent free to any applicant. Canvassing Agents Wanted.

W. WARNER CLARKE,  
Guelph, Dec. 13. daw 1f Market Square, Guelph

## NEW GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS FRUIT. FRUIT. FRUIT

CROP 1868  
Layer Raisins | Seedless Raisins | Currants | Turkey Figs  
Bunch Muscatel do. | Valencia do. | Prunes | Havana Oranges  
Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

NUTS—Soft Shelled Almonds, Shelled Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts.  
Orange Marmalade and Confectionery, Sardines, English Potted Salmon, Potted Meats, Fresh Lobsters (in the shell and canned.)

HERMETICALLY SEALED GOODS—Peaches, Strawberries, Blackberries, Tomatoes and Green Peas.

APPLES. APPLES.  
One hundred barre choice hand picked Fruit, in fine Rhode Island Green, Golden Russett, Red Winter and Spitzenberg

BISCUITS—Soda, nethy, Pic-nic Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Ginger Nuts.

FISH, FISH—New Finnan Haddies, Smoked Salmon, Hloaters, White Fish, Salmon Trout, Cod Fish, Haddock, Sealed Herring, Labrador and Lake Herring, Pickled Cod Fish.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS  
Buy Platt & Co's Baltimore Oysters. Expect a few days, Oysters in the shell.

NEW TEAS, Sugars, Coffees, Tobaccoes, and General Groceries.  
LIQUORS—Fine Old Rye, Malt and Common Whiskies, Sleeman's Ale, Bass' Pale Ale, Guinness' Porter (old, and in splendid order.)

CROCKERY—A large assortment, complete in every department.  
GLASSWARE (Plain and Cut)—Tumblers, Wines, Goblets, Decanters, Spoon Holders, Butter Coolers, Fruit Dishes, Preserver Plates, Sugar and Creams, Water Bottles, Salt, &c. FINE HEAVY PLATED CRUETS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' PRESENTS  
A large stock in Gift China Mugs, Teas, with a variety of mottoes, Children's Toy Tea Sets.

The foregoing Goods will be found on inspection and trial to be fresh and good, and to form a large and complete assortment, the prices of which will be as low, if not lower, than the largest and biggest putting house in the trade.  
Guelph, 30th November. dw GEORGE WILKINSON.

## FALL STOCK. JAMES CORMACK, MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

HAS now the pleasure to announce the arrival of his Fall Stock, which will be found one of the Largest and Best Assorted in the Province, comprising the CHOICEST GOODS OF THE SEASON, in Overcoatings, Undercoatings, Trouserings and Fancy Vestings.

I would call special attention to the very Large and Superior Stock of Ready-Made Clothing. This Department, which is so well-known to the public as being 'Better Cut' and 'Better Made than the most of such Goods. Besides having an immense Stock to choose from, you can get better served at the very lowest prices, to be found.

In the Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods it is unusually large and attractive, embracing everything NEW, NOVEL, PLAIN and COMFORTABLE, and would invite the attention of the public to No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

## JACKSON & HALLETT, GROCERS, NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

We have ALWAYS ON HAND as below, which will be sold as CHEAP as quality will allow  
Hyson, Japan, Congu and Gunpowder Teas,  
Which for Strength and Flavor is not to be surpassed

McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal. Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal  
Fruit and Fish  
Cigars, Pickles, &c.

NEW LAYER RAISINS,  
NEW VALENTIA RAISINS,  
NEW SELECTED CURRANTS,  
NEW FIGS AND LEMONS,  
NEW CANDIED PEELS,  
FRESH RED HERRING (100 Boxes),  
NEW LABRADOR HERRINGS,  
NEW CODFISH (Dried),  
FRESH WHITE FISH,  
FRESH TROUT FISH

GENUINE MARTELL'S and HENNESSY'S BRANDIES, in wood and bottle. SHERRIES, PORTS, GINS, RUMS, &c. Wholesale and Retail. Hiram Walker's WINDSOR OLD RYE WHISKY, KEY and WINDSOR OLD MALT WHISKY. ALLSOP'S ALE, BASS' ALE, BLOOD'S PORTER LONDON PORTER.

Goods Delivered in all Parts of the Town with Promptness  
D. JACKSON. J. HALLETT.  
Guelph, November 16th, 1868 dw

## WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block.  
JOHN A. McMILLAN is now turning out over six hundred pairs of Boots and Shoes per week at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. An immense Stock of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Children's

RUBBER OVER-SHOES AND BOOTS  
At the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. The cheapest and best Boots in the County of Wellington, without exception, are got at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory. Ten thousand people can testify to the fact.  
Observe, you lose money if you do not get your Boots and Shoes from John A. McMILLAN, Boot Maker for the million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor.  
Guelph, 31 Oct dw [Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st, Guelph.