

**MOST CONTEMPTIBLE.**  
We have had occasion several times to point out the mean, contemptible cowardly conduct of the Advertiser, in trying to fasten the responsibility of some error it had committed on the Mercury or some other paper. Its last night's issue we are furnished with the latest and most barefaced instance of such contemptible conduct, and in order that the public may not be misled by any statements which we give its own words. We also state that we fell into the error as the Advertiser did in reference to the amount the Bank of Commerce had lost through Naughton's leaving, and in Monday's issue the Mercury made the necessary correction, but we did not lay the blame of that error on the Advertiser, speaking of Naughton's flight on Saturday the Advertiser said:—"He (Naughton) did not go away, however, provided, having just before drawn \$100 on the credit of the firm, from the Bank of Commerce—being upwards of \$600 over the whole account. One of \$2,100 and another of \$100, were drawn on Provincial banks, which turned out to be worthless." In Monday's Advertiser the following paragraph appeared:—"We are pleased to learn that the Bank of Commerce will not suffer to any great extent by the disappearance of Edward Naughton, and that therefore the statement of the Mercury to that effect is totally groundless. A portion of the drafts which Naughton made perfectly good, while his property, chattels, and those of the firm, expected to cover all deficiencies, far as the Bank is concerned." These two paragraphs furnish their own commentary.

**The Deaf and Dumb.**  
In a lengthy circular which Mr. McMillan, of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Milton, addresses to the Wardens and members of County Councils of Ontario, it is stated that there are in the Province deaf mutes, 100 dumb and paralysed, consequently idiotic, and 632 blind. A child out of every four dies under five years of age. The causes of the above mentioned maladies, and of much of the infantile mortality Mr. McGann are three. First, consanguineous marriages, and the disease must be traced back to the grand parents, for it is a generation in a direct line, and appears in a collateral branch of the family. Second, scrofulous affection in mother or grandmother is sure to induce deafness, blindness or idiocy, or a badly progeny who die prematurely. And third, dissipation or an abandoned mode of living is sure to be visited on succeeding generations. All these are facts established long ago, but which still lose nothing of their force by repetition, or by being endorsed by the experience of Mr. McGann. There is no doubt whatever that Nature is jealous of her enactments, that if her laws are broken she sends her angels to exact the full amount of the penalty. We are disposed to deprecate the arrangement by which the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation (some physiologists say the fifth generation is always safe) but it is Divine and we must question its wisdom. We do not know that the spread of intelligence will be very effectual in removing the last two causes which Mr McGann assigns for the cases of which he speaks. Intellectual education goes but a short distance in ridding men the mastery of their passions that is the work of no human teacher, we think that consanguineous marriages are of much rarer occurrence than they were some years ago, and that there is an increasing tendency on the part of the sexes to avoid marital relations with those who could previously claim kinship.

**From Ottawa.**  
It is rumored that surveys on the central line of the Intercolonial Railway have been suspended by order from Ottawa. There is no quorum for the Council at the capital and nothing is being done. The looseness of the public administration is something wonderful. A strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Government to abandon their intention of appointing Mr. Howland Lieutenant Governor. A good many Conservatives have called upon Sir John A. Macdonald, on a charge of Fenianism, to be removed from office. His property was destroyed, and the Sheriff has stepped in to complete the wreck of the affairs. On the recommendation of the militia department, it has been decided to improve the plank road running from the St. Lawrence south to the village of Huntingdon, in order that troops may be thrown into that place to protect the frontier.

The Rev. J. P. Dumolin, assistant minister of Trinity Church, Montreal, and late of Galt, about leaving on a tour through Europe, was presented to the congregation with a purse of \$100 and a suitable address, to which Mr. Dumolin responded.  
**SIR JAMES WATSON BARRIE**—Ald Dakin, President of the Great Western Railway Company, Mr. Falconer, and Mr. Mackenzie Baker, the Secretary, are expected to arrive at New York by the steamer, on or about Wednesday. Mr. Barrie has gone to meet them at New York. This is the same deputation that was sent there four years ago.

John Alexander, a native of Derry, Ireland, and for many years Crown Land agent in the County of Simcoe, died in Barrie a few days ago. He had amassed a fortune variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000, and the entire sum has been left to good and charitable purposes. His old servants were all remembered, and after them came the following: To the resident minister of the Barrie Presbyterian church an annuity of \$400. To finish the Presbyterian church in Barrie the sum of \$2,500. To fence, lay out and improve the Presbyterian burial ground in Barrie, the sum of \$500. To improve the street leading to said burial ground, \$200. Towards building and fitting up a Protestant common school, or common school house for male and female scholars, on the site of the present common school house, the sum of \$5,000. To enlarge the Town Hall and Market House in Barrie the sum of \$5,000. For a steam fire engine, hose, and water tanks, for the town of Barrie, the sum of \$5,000. For improving Collier street in Barrie, by grading, making side-walks, planting trees, &c., the sum of \$1,000. To assist in paying off the debt on the English Church in Barrie, or for improving the grounds thereof, the sum of \$1,500. Towards the debt of the Wesleyan Church in Barrie, the sum of \$1,000. To the Presbyterian congregation of Barrie the house and lot occupied by the Rev. Mr. Frazer, for a manse for the resident minister. In addition to the above there is a sum of \$600, subject to certain conditions, which, if not fulfilled, is to be divided equally between the Grammar School and male and female Common Schools in Barrie for prizes.

There are certain other sums of money, subject to certain conditions, which, if not fulfilled, are to be handed over to the trustees of Knox's College, Toronto. The residue of the estate, if any is to be given to Knox College.

**Napier Reviews the Army.**  
Shortly after leaving the smouldering ruins of Magdala, Napier reviewed the army under his command. The clever and impartial correspondent of the New York Herald says that, "they presented a most gallant array, taking into consideration the fatigues they had undergone. Three months ago, when they first started from the table-land of the Senafe, straining their eyes towards the equator, they numbered 5,600 strong; to day they numbered 5,359."  
The General Order read to them sounds like their own measured tread. It is remarkably precise and destitute almost to a fault of the ornamentation which words can be made to give to facts. It is as follows:—Soldiers of the Army of Abyssinia.—The Queen and the people of England entrusted to you a very arduous and difficult expedition, to release our countrymen from a long and painful captivity and to vindicate the honor of our country which had been outraged by Theodoros, King of Abyssinia. I congratulate you with all my heart on the noble way in which you have fulfilled the commands of our sovereign. You have traversed, often under a tropical sun and amid storms of rain and sleet, four hundred miles of mountainous and difficult country. You have crossed many steep and precipitous ranges of mountains more than ten thousand feet in altitude, where your supplies could not keep pace with you. When you arrived within reach of your enemy, though with scanty food and some of you for many hours without either food or water, in four days you passed the formidable chasm of the Bahilo and defeated the army of Theodoros, which poured down upon you from their lofty fortress in full confidence of victory. A host of many thousands have laid down their arms at your feet. You have captured and destroyed upwards of thirty pieces of artillery, many of great weight and efficiency, with ample stores of ammunition. You have stormed the almost inaccessible Fortress of Magdala, defended by Theodoros with the desperate remnant of his chiefs and followers. After you forced the entrance, Theodoros, who never showed mercy, distrusted the offer of mercy held out to him and died by his own hand. You have released not only the British captives, but those of other friendly nations. You have unloosed the chains of more than ninety of the principal chiefs of Abyssinia. Magdala, on which so many victims have been slaughtered, has been committed to the flames, and remains only a scorched rock. Our complete and rapid success is due, first, to the mercy of God, whose hand I feel assured has been over us in a just cause. Secondly, to the high spirit with which you have been inspired. Never has an army entered on a war with more honorable feelings than yours; this has carried you through many fatigues and difficulties; you have been only eager for the moment when you could close with your enemy. The remembrance of your privations will pass away quickly, but your gallant exploits will live in history. The Queen and the people of England will appreciate your services. On my part as your commander I thank you for your devotion to your duties and the good discipline you have maintained. Not a single complaint has been made against a soldier, of fields injured or villages willfully molested in person or property. We must not forget what is due to our comrades who have been laboring for us in the sultry climate of Zoola and the pass of Koomaylee, or in the monotony of the posts which have maintained our communications. Each and all would have given all they possessed to be with us. But they deserve our gratitude. I shall watch over your safety to the moment of your re-embarkation, and to the end of my life remember with pride that I commanded you.

**R. NAPIER,**  
Lieutenant-General, Commander-in-Chief, Camp, Dalsulo, April 20, 1868.

**A ROW AMONG "FOR HIRE" MEN.**  
The "for-hire" men of Chatham very nearly got into trouble the other day. On the Canadian Rifles leaving that town, they refused in a body to carry the baggage of the troops to the station, alleging that through the red-tapeism of the military authorities, they were kept too long out of their pay. The aid of the police had eventually to be called in, and the indignant "for-hire" men had to succumb.

**PUP LOST.**  
LOST on Upper Wyndham Street, on Saturday last, a black and tan dog pup, part collie, about three months old. Any person returning him to the undersigned will be suitably rewarded.  
JAMES O'NEIL,  
Guelph, 8th June. d4 Anglo-American Hotel.

**MASONS WANTED.**  
WANTED, two masons—one to cut and the other to build. They can get work for the season, and good wages. Apply to  
ROBERT RICHENS,  
Race Course, Eramosa Road.  
Guelph, 8th June.

**TO BRICKLAYERS.**  
TWO Bricklayers wanted immediately. Apply to  
WILLIAM DAY, Builder,  
Guelph, 27th May. dw-tf

**SPEED LODGE No. 180.**  
THE next regular communication of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, JUNE 9th, when a full and punctual attendance of the brethren is requested.  
JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.  
Guelph, 5th June, 1868.

**BASE BALLS.**  
BASE BALLS at  
W. J. MCCURRY'S BOOKSTORE,  
Guelph, June 5, 1868. d

**Carmina Collegensia**  
A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF  
The Songs of the American Colleges,  
WITH Piano-forte Accompaniments, to which is added a Compendium of College History, collected and edited by H. B. WAITE.  
This is the most extensive collection of Student Songs presented to the public. Every College in the United States having been solicited to contribute to its pages, nearly a thousand songs were received from which great care was taken to select those most valuable in reference to quality, permanency and general interest, only such being used as possessed intrinsic merit, or cast light upon some regular College custom.  
Prices: In Cloth, emblematically embossed, neat and durable, \$2.25. Superior Edition, on extra paper, full cloth, emblematically embossed, gilt edge, \$3.50. Small, post-paid.  
OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.  
June 4, 1868. daw tf

**Turnip Seed.**  
**C. & A. SHARPE**  
GAIN call attention to their stock of SWEDD and WHITE-FLESHED TURNIP SEEDS, the growth of 1868, comprising the following favorite varieties which have been grown expressly for their retail trade:  
Sharpe's Improved Purple Top Swede, Matson's, Marshall's, East Lothian, Ashcroft's, Bangholm, Shamrock, Skirving's, Laidy's, King of Swedes, Little's Westbury, White Globe Turnip, Red do, Green do, Green Top Yellow Aberdeen Turnip, Purple Top do, Grey Stone, (a great favorite variety for Fall feeding.)

And all other Varieties of Turnip and other Seeds.  
Guelph, June 3rd 1868.

**NOW RECEIVING**  
Ex. Ships GLENBERVIE and ANGLESEA,  
FROM LIVERPOOL, 20 BALES PARLOUR, DINING ROOM, BED ROOM, AND HALL PAPERS,  
At Day's Bookstore,  
Guelph, 6th June. dw

**Medical Dispensary**  
USE  
**HARVEY'S PECTORAL BALSAM**  
A most speedy, safe and effectual preparation for the cure of  
Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, &c.  
PRICE, - - 25c. per Bottle.  
Prepared and for sale only by  
E. HARVEY,  
Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St., Guelph.  
May 26. daw tf

**Apothecaries' Hall!**  
MARKET SQUARE.  
JUST received, a large supply of  
Hagan's Magnolia Balm.  
LAIRD'S BLOOM OF YOUTH  
For Beautifying the Complexion, Eradicating Freckles, Eruptions, Sunburn and Tan.  
**A. B. PETRIE,**  
Chemist, Market Square.  
Guelph, 2nd June. daw tf

**ATTENTION DIRECTED.**

**STEWART**  
IS now showing a choice assortment of Black Lace Shawls from \$4 to \$30.

**STEWART**  
CALLS for special attention to Silk, Tissue, and Fancy Jackets and Mantles.

**WM. STEWART**  
WOULD respectfully draw the attention of the public to his stock of Goods suited for the present season. It embraces the greatest attractions in  
PRICE, VARIETY and STYLES  
Mr. STEWART has ever had in his power to offer to the public. Inspection and comparison will bear out his statement, that he is now giving his customers a benefit of at least 20 per cent. by having his Goods purchased in January and February, since which time Goods have advanced from 35 to 50 per cent.

**STEWART**  
IS still fully assorted with STAYS that fit the body, so highly recommended.

**STEWART**  
COTTON HOSE  
IN White, Brown and Fancy, at one-third lower in price than last year.

**WM. STEWART.**  
Guelph, 5th May, 1868. dw

**GREAT BARGAINS.**  
GREAT BARGAINS AT THE  
Rutherford House, Guelph.  
THE large and varied stock of DRY GOODS at the above place are now being sold at and under cost. Great Bargains are given as the whole is to be sold out forthwith. Also, in stock a full supply of TURNIP SEED from the most improved Seedsmen, viz:  
Skirving's Improved, Sutton's Champion, White Globe, Bangholm, Dawburn's J.P. Top, Yellow Aberdeen, Marshall's, Sharpe's Improved, Rape & other Seeds.  
A Well Assorted Stock of Groceries as usual.  
Guelph, June 9th, 1868. dw1n

**JAMES CORMACK,**  
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,  
HAS NOW ON HAND A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF  
**LIGHT TWEED SUITS**  
Alpaca Coats  
Clergymen's Black Alpaca Coats  
Brown Linen Coats  
Brown Linen Dusters  
Farmers' Brown Linen Drill Pants  
Brown Linen Vests  
White & Colored Marsilles Vests  
AT EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.  
JAMES CORMACK,  
Guelph, 6th June, 1868. dw Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**BRITANNIA HOUSE**  
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.  
**JUST OPENED!**  
A Very Choice Assortment of  
**Hoop Skirts**  
VERY CHEAP.  
**HEFFERNAN BROS.**  
Guelph, 6th June, 1868. daw

**Wilkinson Again.**  
GEORGE WILKINSON, desirous to inform his customers and the public, that he has resumed business in the same place, and will be happy to receive from all old customers their respective patronage. The subscriber has now in stock a large and full assortment of  
**GENERAL GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,**  
The Quality of Goods kept are the best that are produced on the Continents, and will be SOLD AT AS  
**REASONABLE PRICES**  
As FIRST-CLASS GOODS can be bought for.  
**GEORGE WILKINSON.**  
Guelph, June 5th, 1868. d6in-w1t

**CHROMOS**  
A Fresh Lot of CHROMOS Just Received at  
**CUTHBERT'S.**  
HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?  
They Supercede everything in the Picture Department that has ever been seen in Guelph.  
Guelph, 5th June, 1868. dw