Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

SATURDAY EVE'G, APRIL 11, 1868.

The New Postal Law—Its Operations.

If we stated that the New Postal Law gave general satisfaction we should be very far from expressing the popular opinion concerning it. The provisions by which letters weighing not more than half an ounce are transmitted from one part of the Dominion to another for three cents is pleasing to everybody, but there are some of the other enactment which are considered, and not without reason, nuisances and grievances. The part of the bill most loudly condemned is that which regulates the postage on drop letters and transient newspapers. By the term drop letters, is to be understood those letters which are put into any particular post office to be taken direct therefrom by the party to whom they are addressed. By the new law it has become imperative that these should be prepaid by the parties sending them, otherwise the addressee will not be allowed an opportunity of releasing them, for they must at once be laid aside for transmission to the Dead Letter Office. It is not easy to imagine a more absurd enactment than this. Heretofore the one cent postage on drop letters was a perquisite of the postmasters when the money was paid, and of course when the missives were stamped the Post Office Department was the gainer. The object of the new law no doubt is to secure to the Government all the revenue thus accruing, but we do not imagine that they will be much richer in consequence. People will come in time to understand the fate of their letters if they be not prepaid, and they will prepay those that they drop, but the number of these will be very seriously diminished, and while the public will be incommoded the Department will not be the gainer. Under the old law we believe that there was but a comparatively small proportion of the unpaid drop letters which were not redeemed. But this is only another verification of the old proverb that, "too much cookery spoils the broth."

In reference to the postage on transient newspapers it is as great a bore as that of which we have been speaking. If we recollect properly, at the time the Bill passed it was left to the wisdom and discretion of the Governor in Council to say whether the rate of postage should be one cent or two cents, that point not having been determined in Parliament. When the law went into operation we discovered that the decision had been in favour of the larger sum, to the end, perhaps that what was lost by the reduction on letters might be compensated by the increased rate on transient newspapers. There is almost a certainty that the design will fail in producing the expected effect—if the three cent system do not pay of itself we question if it can be supplemented by increasing the tax on newspapers. The circulation of these between friends and acquaintances is rapidly decreasing, and as there is openly and universally expressed dissatisfaction concerning the rate that has been imposed it is likely to decrease much further. The Hon. Alex. Campbell will add considerably to his present popularity by giving his kind attention to the foregoing obnoxious clauses.

The Reciprocity Treaty.

In reply to a resolution of the Hou. of Representatives, asking for a statement of the trade between the United States and the British Provinces, the Secretary of the Treasury has sent in a communication prepared by George Washington Brega, in which that person reports favorably to a renewal of Reciprocity. The N. Y. *Herald*, referring to the subject, says:—"The desirableness of some fresh arrangement, akin to that which, for party reasons, was permitted to expire in March, 1866, is, we believe, admitted by the great majority of intelligent business Americans. The old treaty may not have been perfect in all its details, but its general operation during the ten years over which it extended was undoubtedly beneficial both to the United States and the Provinces. It was, in fact, much too beneficial, mutually, to be sacrificed at the bidding of high tariff men. Of this the experience of the last two years has furnished abundant proof; and we hope and believe that, either by concurrent legislation or treaty, some plan of Reciprocity will be consummated at no distant day. We cannot look for it this year or next, but the interests involved are sufficiently numerous and large to warrant steady effort for the enlightenment of Congress on the subject."

The Toronto *Telegraph* has a report based on a private letter received by a citizen, that the notorious highwayman and murderer Townsend, who was a terror in the province some ten or twelve years since has been arrested at Cheyenne, Dacotah territory.

Half Ounce Letters.—Prepayment Optional.

	Prepaid	Unpaid
In the Dominion	3c	5c
Prince Edward Island	3c	5c
United States	6c	10c

Half Ounce Letters.—Prepayment Compulsory.

Britain by Canadian Steamers	12½c
" via Halifax	12½c
" via New York	15c
Newfoundland	12½c
British Columbia and Vancouver	10c
Red River	6c

Local or Drop Letters, to be distributed at the Post Office in which they are posted, and unless prepaid will not be forwarded 1c

NEWSPAPERS.

Single Papers to Non-Subscribers, in the Dominion, to Great Britain, United States P. E. Island and Newfoundland 2c

To Subscribers.—Weekly papers, per Quarter 5c
do Semi-Weekly do 10c
do Tri-Weekly do 15c
do Daily do 30c

☞ Subscribers residing in Britain, United States, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, etc., must prepay their Canadian postage as above through the Canadian publisher.

Newspapers coming into Canada.

From Britain, by Quebec, &c. ..... Free
" " " New York 2c
" United States 2c

Circulars, Prices-Current, Hand Bills, Books. Pamphlets, in the Dominion, to P. E. I., Nfld., and U. S ..... per oz 1c
Circulars to Great Britain ..... " 7c
Periodicals, as above ..... per 4 oz 1c
Parcel Post ..... per 8 oz 12½c

New Stamps are issued of ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 12½c, and 15c. The old issue of Canadian stamps will be accepted for a reasonable time after 1st of April.

New Advertisements.

SPEED LODGE, No. 180.

THE next regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the NEW MASONIC HALL, in Mr. Hogg's new block, over the Bank of Commerce,

ON TUESDAY EV'NG, APRIL 14th,

At half-past seven o'clock, at which a full and punctual attendance is requested.

JOHN CRIDIFORD, Secretary.

Guelph, April 11, 1868. d td.

Insolvent Act of 1864.

THE Creditors of the undersigned are notified to meet at the Law Office of Messieurs PALMER AND LILLIE, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, Instant, at Twelve o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an Assignee under the above Act.

GEORGE WILKINSON,
By Palmer and Lillie,
His Attorneys ad litem.

Guelph, April 11, 1868. do 2w

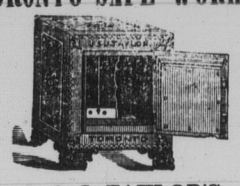
BRICK FOR SALE.

220,000 MORRISTON WHITE BRICK, for sale at the Morriston Brick Yard. Apply to

JAMES MORISON.

Morriston, April 8. 3td 1tw

TORONTO SAFE WORKS.



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PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES,

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Fire & Burglar Proof Combined

The only real security against

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READER, if you want a reliable safe, purchase none but

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Remember the best is the cheapest. We also manufacture every description of Fire and Burglar Proof Securities, such as Vault Doors, Locks, &c., &c.

☞ Please send for a Price List.

J. & J. TAYLOR,
Manufacturers, 198 & 200 Palace-St., Toronto.

Toronto, April 11, 1868. daw tf

SELECT

Boarding & Day School

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH purposes (D.V) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 20th April.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw3

House Servant Wanted.

APPLY to MRS. SHARPE, Waterloo Road.

April 7th, 1868. (d tf)

House and Lot for Sale

AT A BARGAIN.

FOR sale, that large and commodious Frame Dwelling House situate in East Market Square, in the Town of Guelph, immediately adjoining O'Neil's Hotel. Lot about 36 feet front, and extending through to Macdonnell-st. For particulars apply to D. GUTHRIE, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, or to Messrs. BURTON & BRUCE, Barristers, Hamilton.

Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dwtf

FOR SALE.

SODA ASH—"Gamble's."
CAUSTIC SODA—'Gamble's,' 'Widnes', 'Alkali Comp'y,' 'Garrett's.'
SAL. SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.
PALM OIL.

W. T. BENSON,
37 St Peter Street, Montreal.

Montreal, 1st April, 1868 dw-6m

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, as general merchants, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 23rd day of March, 1868. All debts owing to the said Partnership are to be paid to Alex. McIntyre, at Clifford; and all claims against the said Partnership are to be presented to George McDonald, of Clifford; by whom the same will be settled.

Witness: GEORGE McDONALD,
D. McEACHREN. ALEX. MACINTYRE.

Clifford, April 8. d 6 w4

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE undersigned will receive tenders until the 15th inst., for moving a Frame Dwelling House 30 x 30 feet, distance 3½ chains, on good, level ground. The building can be seen by applying to the undersigned, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN TYSON, Butcher,
Market Stall No. 2, Guelph.

April 7, 1868. d td

Two Farms & Tavern Stand to Rent.

FIRST.—The easterly half of lot No. 6, 1st concession, Eramosa, 100 acres, 80 cleared and under cultivation; with two dwelling houses, good new frame bank barn, stone root house, water, &c., on the premises.

SECOND.—Lot No. 3, on 1st concession, Division B, Township of Guelph, on the Waterloo Road, three and a half miles from Guelph, on which there is a good tavern stand. There are 44 acres in a good state of cultivation, with barn, stable, outhouses, water, &c., on the premises.

☞ For particulars apply to Mr. Jas. Keough, Waterloo Road, or to

MESSRS. McCURRY & MITCHELL,
Guelph, April 8th. dd w1t Solicitors, &c.

Fashionable Entertainment!

RETURN OF THE

Townsend Family!

For THREE NIGHTS ONLY

Enthusiastic Reception and Crowded Houses Everywhere. Entirely New Pieces, New Scenery and New Dresses.

JOHN TOWNSEND

in his great character of

CORWIN THE DEMON ADVOCATE.

Miss Florence Townsend

in her celebrated character of

THE ORPHAN OF GENEVA.

Supported by the Entire Company.

Monday Ev'g, April 13, 1868

WILL be presented the Popular and Highly interesting Melo-Drama, in 3 Acts entitled

The Orphan of Geneva.

Corwin by ..... John Townsend.
Count de Morville ..... Harry Townsend.
Fontaine ..... B. L. Townsend
Therse ..... Miss Florence Townsend.
Countess ..... Miss Constance Townsend.

Supported by the whole Company.

To conclude with the Laughable Farce of

THE FAST YOUNG LADY AND HER STUPID LOVERS.

Hector Timid ..... Mr Harry Townsend
Mr Wiseman ..... Mr. A. J. Reil
The Fast Young Lady ... Miss Florence Townsend

Supported by the Company.

Doors open 7:15. Commence at 8. Carriages at 11. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 50c.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. d7,9,11

TO BE HAD ONLY AT

The Apothecaries' Hall.

NEURALGIA

POWDERS.

The New, Extraordinary, and Tonic Remedy for

Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Sciatica and Lumbago.

Also, for Face-ache, Tooth-ache, Earache, Coughs all affections from Cold.

The Powders are entirely Tonic in their action, giving strength and tone to the system, and increasing the appetite.

They are tasteless and may be taken by anybody with perfect safety.

A. B. PETRIE,
Chemist, Sole Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, April 8. daw tf

MONTREAL

Boot and Shoe Store

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

STILL THEY COME!

50 Cases Just Opened

OF THE BEST AND MOST

FASHIONABLE BOOTS & SHOES

The Dominion can Produce. TERMS, CASH.

N. B.—Country Merchants are invited to call and examine our Stock.

JOHN McNEIL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 8th April, 1868. dw

R. J. JEANNERET.

From England,

(Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph 1863,)

WORKING WATCHMAKER

AND JEWELER,

DAY'S BLOCK,

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

FOR sale cheap, best quality of English and other Fine Gold Wedding Rings, also, a fine assortment of Ladies' English Dress Rings.

Guelph, 8th April, 1868. dw

R. GALBRAITH

TAILOR,

ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,

In rear of the English Church,

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanneret, Watchmaker, where

Parties Furnishing their Own Goods

Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.

Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Despatch.

Guelph, April 8, 1868. dtf w1m

New Spring Goods

A. O. BUCHAM begs to inform the public that he is now opening

AN EXTENSIVE STOCK

Of NEW SPRING GOODS, bought under the most advantageous circumstances, and will be

READY FOR INSPECTION

Early in the beginning of the week.

Guelph, April 11, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM.

1868. **SPRING** 1868.

Important and Startling Announcement.

FIRST ARRIVAL OF SPRING GOODS

AT THE

BRADFORD HOUSE

THE Subscriber has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his **SPRING STOCK,** which for extent, cheapness and quality is not surpassed in the Dominion, and

This Week will shew the following Attractive Lines

POPLINS—In all the New Colours, from $6 per dress.
PLAIN AND FANCY SILKS in every shade.
PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS—New Styles.
CASHMERES—In beautiful colours and patterns.

HOSIERY—White and Coloured in large variety.
GLOVES—A beautiful assortment, including Jolvin's Black and Col'd Kid.
" Alexandre's do do

And the Largest Assortment of Small Wares in Ontario.

UNRIVALLED BARGAINS!

MR. JEFFREY being very early in the Market this Spring, and having bought heavily in STAPLES previous to the great advance, I will sell all

Cotton Goods at December Prices

BEING FULLY TEN PER CENT. CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN GUELPH, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR PRETENTIONS MAY BE.

THE MILLINERY AND MANTLE SHOW ROOMS WILL BE OPENED IN A FEW DAYS.

As this Department has always been acknowledged to have no rival in the West, extra attention has been given this season to place it still further ahead of any attempt at competition. Due notice will be given of the OPENING DAY.

The Trimming Department, as usual, is Large and Attractive.

Inspection invited. Will be glad to show the **Stock** and give **List of Prices.**

PHILIP BISH.

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 8, 1868. daw tf

GREAT ATTRACTION.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON IS THE DISPLAY OF

NEW HATS & CAPS

AT

THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, 4th April, 1868. d awy

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their

Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

32 Yonge-st., Toronto.

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

Try those Splendid New Figs

AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX.

Oranges and Lemons!

Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.

Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw H. BERRY'S.

OPENING OF

THE SPRING TRADE

STEWART

SPRING DRESSES, NEWEST STYLES.

SPRING DRESSES, BEST MATERIALS.

SPRING DRESSES, MOST MODERATE PRICES.

STEWART

HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least **One-third Lower.**

STEWART

HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body the stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART'S

CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

STEWART'S

STOCK OF **TAPESTRY** is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 75 cents.

STEWART'S

NEW SILKS. BLACK AND COLORED.

DRESS GOODS. CHENES, CAMLETS, REPS. POPLINS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

MANTLES. SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

JACKETS, SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

LACES. COLLARETS, TIES, FALLS, MUSLIN AND LINEN SETS.

PARASOLS. RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c.

HOSIERY, SILK, SPUN AND COTTON.

GLOVES, KIDS, SILK AND LISLE.

SMALL WARES, BELTS, BUGLE TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS IN VARIETY.

PRINTS. BRILLIANTES, PIQUES, SHIRTINGS AND SKIRTINGS.

STEWART

Is now showing for the Spring Trade

NEW DAMASKS,
NEW REPS,
NEW CHINTZES,
NEW LENO CURTAINS,
NEW MUSLIN CURTAINS,
NEW LACE CURTAINS.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, April 1st, 1868. dw