

The Great Wimbledon Shooting Match.

In speaking of the late annual gathering for prize shooting at Wimbledon, the clever London correspondent of the New York Tribune says: Rifle shooting has now become such a national pastime here, and so much attention is paid to it all over the country, since the institution of volunteer corps, that every year the standard of good shooting grows higher. Men begin now to understand that a rifle is something more than a thing to shoot with, and hence the encouragement to the perfection of the mechanism of the rifle and its component parts, has resulted in the production of many weapons. The best rifle shot of his town or village is now looked upon with as much reverence as the best cricket player formerly was, and we are fast becoming a nation of sharpshooters. Strange that the dictum of Napoleon I., that we were a nation of shop-keepers, should be so strangely paraphrased by the people of Napoleon III. Those French colonels, who by their vainglorious letter to the Emperor, brought about the formation of volunteer corps for the defence of this kingdom little thought what the result of their epistle would be. There are now in England and Scotland 156,000 volunteers, every one of whom is certified by a Government Inspector to be an efficient soldier, and the majority of them well-skilled in the use of the rifle, many probably, never having handled a gun in their lives before they joined the volunteers. They are all armed with the Enfield muzzle-loading rifles which are to be replaced as soon as the Government has converted the old weapons, by Snider-breech loaders, but this will not take place for some time as the army has to be served with the breech-loaders. The difference in accuracy of aim will of course be very great, and those men who make such excellent shooting with the old muzzle-loader will become double refined good shots. The second stage of the Queen's prize has been won this year with 65 marks out of a possible 84; the second stage being 21 shots, seven at each range of 800, 900, and 1000 yards, competed for with the Whitworth (small-bore) rifle. For the first time since the establishment of these annual meetings, the right of the person who headed the scores, at the conclusion of the competition, to take the prize was challenged, and the matter being brought before the Council, was decided against him. He had made 70 marks, the highest score yet made for this prize, but it was proved that in contravention of the rule binding competitors to use the made-up cartridges delivered to them, he had cut the wad from the cartridges and used lubricating wads in their place. Much sympathy has been felt for the disgraced man, as he acted in perfect good faith, using the contraband wads in open sight, without objection being made, until he had completed his firing and topped the score. The declared winner comes from Somersetshire, and it is worthy of remark that out of the nine years that the Queen's prize has been shot for, it has only been carried off by London men three times. No doubt the superior stamina of the countrymen make them formidable antagonists to those men who live in towns.

The Duke of Cambridge presents a prize competition with military breech loading rifles, which has the good effect of bringing forward some inventions which, without this incentive, might never see light. The Henry rifle, has carried off the principal prizes, and it therefore is hailed as the most perfect breech-loader of the day. It combines in an eminent degree the three great attributes of a military breech-loader—absolute safety, rapidity of firing, and accuracy. Any ammunition is allowed in this contest; three minutes are allowed to each competitor at each range of 200 and 500 yards in the first stage. At the 200 yards, 100 points carried off the first prize; at 500 yards 96 points. The winners of prizes in the first stage compete for fifty pounds at the 500 yards range—seven shots, any ammunition, and any position. The Henry rifle was again successful, heading the score with 22 points. One of the most interesting competitions has been that of the Swiss Carton targets. The targets are of the same size and appearance as the others, but are made of canvas, the bullets perforating the target and thus more effectually marking the part hit. In the centre of the bullseye is a movable carton, or circular plate of lead, which, when hit, is removed and registered, prizes being given for the most central shots, as well as for the greatest number of cartons made during the meeting. The entrance fee is sixpence per shot, and the competitors may shoot as many times as they please. For the Enfield rifle the ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards, separate prizes being given at each range. Other prizes were offered for any rifle at 200, 500, 600 and 800 yards. Ordinarily these competitions are very full, but the heat of the weather, and the difficulty of seeing the bullseye in the glare of the sun, has somewhat restricted the number of competitors this year although nearly 3000 shots have been fired at these targets.

New Advertisements.
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WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

GREAT CLEARING SALE
FOR THIRTY DAYS,
Commencing on Wednesday, 5th of August.
THE GOODS WILL POSITIVELY BE SOLD AT AND
BELOW COST
FOR CASH ONLY.

The Stock consists of a very Superior Assortment of Canadian Goods,
Tweeds, Bladecloths, Satinettes, Blankets, Yarns, Underclothing, Millinery, Mantles, Dress Goods, Muslins, Prints, Grey and White Cottons, Ready-made Clothing, &c., &c.

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Wyndham Street, Guelph, 29th July.

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OF THE SEASON.

Peaches, Tomatoes, Pears, Apples,
AT THE FRUIT DEPOT,
Wholesale and Retail Establishment, Wyndham-St., Guelph.
Guelph, 5th August, 1868.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.,
IMPORTERS OF
BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS,
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Manufacturers & Dealers in Canada Fabrics
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Alexandra Building, James-St., **LIVERPOOL.**
Toronto, May 5, 1868.

To R. Cuthbert
Watchmaker, &c.,
Wyndham-St., Guelph.
We are determined to buy our Watches from you, and none but RUSSEL WATCHES will suit us.
THE PUBLIC.

Commercial Union Assurance Company,
CHIEF OFFICES—19 AND 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.
CAPITAL £2,500,000.
Fire Department.

Life Department.
The success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscription of capital and Invested Funds.
PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

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GUELPH, ONTARIO.

H. MARRIOTT
BEGS to inform the citizens of Guelph and the travelling public that he has started a Livery Stable next door to Mr. W. Armstrong's Blacksmith's Shop, Macdonnell Street, where he can supply
Saddle Horses, Horses and Buggies, Commercial Waggon

At the shortest notice. Also, a large
PLEASURE WAGGON!
FOR PIC-NICS.
Guelph, 19th June do6m

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W. BURGESS
BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that having received a large lot of **FRAMES** suitable for

Christmas Presents.
he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish a kind of Photographs at greatly
REDUCED PRICES.
Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once.

PICTURES
of all kinds furnished in the best style of the art.
Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store.
W. BURGESS.
Guelph 15th December, 1867. dw

Medical Dispensary
DYE-STUFFS,
of every description, consisting of

MADDER LOGWOOD, Chip and Extract, INDIGO, FUSTIC, COCHINEAL, &c.
FOR SALE CHEAP.

E. HARVEY
Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St.
Guelph, 10th July. daw tf

CLEAR OUT DAUBERS. SHOW ME THE JOB.
DOUGLAS GOUCK,
House, Sign and Decorative Painter,
And Paper Hanger,
At the Old Established Stand,
No. 1, Douglas-St.,
Guelph, 12th May. wlm dm

GUELPH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
J. MURISON DUNN, B. A., L. L. B.,
HEAD MASTER.
GEORGE H. PORTER, 2nd Master.

THE above Institution will re-open on **MONDAY, 10th August.** There are **TWO DEPARTMENTS—**
CLASSICAL & ENGLISH
Pupils will be specially prepared for the pursuits in life for which they are intended.
Circulars, with full particulars, on application to Head Master.
HENRY W. PETERSON,
Chairman U. B. of G. and C. S. Trustees.
Guelph, 25th July, 1868. dw2

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 wlm

Cunard Ocean Steamers.
LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queens Town or Liverpool.
FARE FROM HAMILTON
First Cabin, - - - 85¢, gold value
Steerage - - - - 25¢, " "
Berths not secured until paid for. For further particulars apply
CHARLES T. JONES & CO.,
Exchange Brokers, Hamilton
Agents for the Erie and New York Railway.
Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value
Hamilton, 1st June, 1868. dw

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SECOND-HAND CLOTHING bought and sold. Clothes made to order for Men and Boys. Farmers' work made up cheap and strong. Clothing Cleaned and Repaired.
MARTIN GILL,
Upper Wyndham Street, nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel.
Guelph, 14th May, 1868. dw-3m

BANKRUPT STOCK.
G. B. FRASER,
BANKRUPT STOCK.
Laid R. & H., beg to inform the public that he has bought a **BANKRUPT STOCK**, value, **Twenty-one Thousand Dollars** at Fifty cents in the Dollar, which he will offer for sale
At equally Low Prices on and after WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst.
This being no Bogus Sale, the public may rely on getting Goods at prices far below their expectations.
Inspection invited so as to satisfy the most incredulous that **SUCH BARGAINS HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED IN GUELPH.**
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TEAS—Hlf Chests Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Twankay and Japan.
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Caddies Orange Pekoe.

COFFEES—Bags Green and Roasted Java, Jamaica, Maracaba, Laguayra and Rio.
SUGARS—Bbls. Crushed A, Dry Crushed, Ground, Yellow Refined No. 2, 2 1/2 and 3.
Hhds and Barrels Demerara and Porto Rico.

TOBACCO—Caddies and Boxes of all the standard brands in 10's, 4's and 8's, with a large assortment of Virginia Twists.
RICE—Bags Arracan and Patna.

FRUIT—Boxes Layer, Bunch and Valencia Raisins. Barrels Choice and New Currants. Bags Filberts, Walnuts, Almonds & Brazils. Boxes and Barrels new French and German Prunes. Cartoons new Choice French Prunes.
SPICES—Cases finest Nutmegs and Cloves. Bags and Bbls Black and White Pepper. Jamaica Ginger, Allspice and Cinnamon.

SYRUPS—Bbls Amber, Golden and Standard.
PICKLES & SAUCES—A full assortment of Cross and Blackwell's, Morton's, Flett's, &c.

We would call particular attention to our Stock of the following, which for Purity and Genuineness cannot be surpassed.
WINES—Graham's, Sandemann's and Offley, Cramp & Co's Old Ports. Domecq's, Femartin's, Gordon's, Cozen's and Miza's Old and Pale Sherries. Claret in Wood and Bottle, from \$3 per case and upwards.

BRANDIES—Hennessey, Martell, Otard's and Jules Robin & Co., in Wood and Bottle.
GIN—De Kuyper and Dunlop, in Hhds, Red and Green Cases.
RUM—Old Jamaica, Demerara and Cuba.

WHISKIES—Old Rye, Malt, Monongahela, Magnolia, Hespeler's Plain and Toddy.
ALE—Bass, Jeffrey's Pale, Molson's in Wood and Bottle, very fine and highly recommended.
PORTER—Guinness' XX and XXX, bottled by Burke, and Blood, Wolfe & Co.

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

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BANKRUPT STOCK.
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Guelph Markets.
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
August 5, 1868.

Flour, @ 100 lbs	3 85	@ 3 75
Fall Wheat, @ bush	1 40	@ 1 45
Spring Wheat @ bush	1 40	@ 1 42
Oats @ bush	0 65	@ 0 70
Peas do	0 65	@ 0 70
Barley do	0 75	@ 0 80
Hay @ ton	7 00	@ 8 00
Straw	4 00	@ 5 00
Shingles, @ square	1 00	@ 1 10
Wood, @ cord	3 00	@ 3 50
Wool	0 20	@ 0 27
Eggs, @ dozen	0 15	@ 0 13
Butter, (store packed) @ lb	0 15	@ 0 16
do (airy packed) @ lb	0 16	@ 0 17
Grease, each	0 25	@ 0 30
Turkeys each	0 50	@ 0 60
Chickens, @ pair	0 20	@ 0 28
Ducks, do	0 20	@ 0 25
Potatoes	1 00	@ 1 10
Apples, @ barrel	2 00	@ 2 00
Lamb, @ lb	0 06	@ 0 07
Beef	0 00	@ 0 09
Beef, @ lb	0 07	@ 0 15
Pork, @ 100 lbs	5 00	@ 5 50
Sheep Pelts each	0 50	@ 0 75
Lambskins	20	@ 0 25
Hides	6 00	@ 6 00

Money Market.
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE.
Guelph, August 5, 1868.
Gold, 147 1/2.
Greenbacks bought at 67 to 68; sold at 67 1/2 to 68 1/2.
Large Silver bought at 4 dis.; sold at 4 dis.
Small silver bought at 12 dis.; sold at 10.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 60c. to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury'.
MONTREAL, August 5, 1868.
Flour—Fancy, \$7 00 to \$7 00; Superior No. 1, \$7 75 to \$8 00; Welland Canal, \$6 70. Bag flour, \$3 40 to \$3 55. Oats 45c to 45c. Barley \$1 05 to \$1 15. Butter—17c to 17c, store packed 15c to 17c. Ashes—Pots \$5 55 to \$5 90, pearls \$5 50 to \$5 50.
TORONTO, August 7, 1868.
Flour—Market is very dull; No. 1, at 67 to 69; No. 2, at 65 to 67; Fall Wheat—\$1 50. Spring Wheat—\$1 50 to \$1 50. Oats—17c to 17c. Barley—20c to 20c. Peas—25c to 25c.