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Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVEN'G, SEPTEMBER 24.

NORAH CUSHALEEN
 OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

They relapsed into a silence which remained unbroken till they reached the open space in front of the ruin; when Malvra gave a long loud whistle, which was immediately followed by a heavy footstep descending a stone stair within.

The creaked door, now half unbarred, was pulled open, and the form of Jacob O'Brady issued forth. Mary did not recognize him at first, but when he came forward and took the reins which Blantire flung over the horse's head, she saw who it was, and was much surprised to find the factor of Dunstons in that lonely place.

Malvra sprang from the saddle and lifted her carefully down, when O'Brady led the horse within the inclosure, and fastening him there, returned to light the others up to the Chamber in the Tower. For this purpose he procured a torch in the apartment below, and going before, held the light aloft so that its rays fell on the steps behind him, and enabled Malvra to carry his burden without a stumble.

Malvra fully expected to have consumed his villainy, and had provided a priest to perform the rites of marriage. Notwithstanding Mary's indignation, the ceremony was about to be proceeded with, but scarcely had the priest uttered the first sentence when a sad, solemn voice, exclaimed "Forbear," and starting and turning round, they beheld what they considered to be the ghost of Norah Cushaleen.

Pale as death, she stood in the corner of the chamber, her right hand lifted towards heaven, and her large eyes fixed steadfastly on Malvra. O'Brady and the priest were almost terrified at the sight, for they both knew her, and firmly believed that it was her spirit who now stood before them.

"Oh, murder, murder!" gasped the factor, through his chattering teeth, and the priest began diligently to cross himself.

Norah never moved nor lifted her eyes from the countenance of Blantire, who stood for some moments in a spell of terror. Then suddenly he gave a loud cry, and rushed frantically from the chamber.

This increased the fright of O'Brady and Father Daley, who simultaneously sprang towards the open door, where they jostled violently against each other and falling to the floor, rolled one after the other down the dark stair, both roaring lustily as they descended, till at the landing they gathered themselves up in all haste, flew along the passage out into the open air, and ran at a break neck pace down the rocky footpath, which already resounded with the clattering footsteps of Blantire's horse, whose terror-goaded and convulsed-stricken rider was spurring him furiously down the steep.

CHAPTER XVIII—UNEXPECTED DELIVERANCE.

Terry and Andrew were toiling up the ascent which led to the ruin, each bearing a load of provisions, when, in the stillness of the night, they heard the galloping of a horse on the flinty path above them.

They stood still, the heart of each beating with alarm. The thundering footsteps came nearer and nearer, showing that the horse, with its rider, was coming towards them.

"Thunder and turf, what's that?" ejaculated Terry.

"Gud guide us, and preserve us, it's a horse," faltered Andrew. "What's the do'ne?"

"What is a horse doing there, at all, at all? Sure he must have a rider, and who can have been at the castle at this hour?"

"I dinna ken," returned Andrew, "but we'll see the mak up our minds one way or another, for if we stand here we'll be ridden over. There's a muckle temp' o' rock—we had better lie down abaint it."

This suggestion was at once acted on, and, stepping behind a huge fragment of many tons weight, which had fallen from the precipice, they laid down their burdens, and crouched till their heads only appeared above the stone.

A dull, grey light came from the starlit sky, but it could scarcely find its way into that deep mountain pass, where the night shadows lay thick and gloomy. Nevertheless, the two crouched ones peered eagerly from their hiding-place to see, if possible, who was the rider who was rushing down the mountain in such hot haste.

They had scarcely a minute to wait, when the terrible clatter made by the galloping steed sounded just at hand; then, when they expected horse and rider to sweep furiously by, the beast stumbled on the path, and came headlong to the ground, close to the very rock behind which they lay.

An angry growl and a deep curse showed that the rider was either not hurt at all, or very slightly. The horse was, however, apparently unable to rise, and its master, disengaging himself from the saddle, sat down upon the stone.

"Horrible! horrible!" he muttered, in a tone loud enough to be heard. "She haunts the spot from whence she was taken. Her spirit, when it left her murdered body in the sea, doubtless wandered to the ruin where she had been imprisoned. How her look burns in my brain still! If I had not rushed away I would have gone mad. Ha! here comes O'Brady."

"That's the blackguard, Blantire," whispered Terry, excitedly, to his companion.

"I thought as muckle," returned Andrew. "But, for any sake, dinna speak, or he may hear us."

Hasty footsteps were now heard coming from above, and the hard breathing of men who had been running. Suddenly, the new comers pulled up, and spoke together in frightened tones.

"It's me," cried Malvra. "It's no ghost this time. My horse has fallen, and is badly hurt, I fear. But where is Mary? Surely you have brought her

Business Education

A practical business education has now become a necessity to every young man contemplating a business career. Without this education young men are destitute of the first requisites to success.

The business education of the British American Commercial College of Toronto imparts, and it is a source of pride to the proprietors that their graduates are at the present time filling positions of honor and responsibility in some of the highest Mercantile Houses and Banking Institutions of our country. Strongest testimony to the thoroughness of this education could not be given than the following letter from J. G. Worts, Esq., President of the Board of Trade, Toronto, Dec. 10, 1865.

Messrs. Musgrove & Wright.—Dear Sirs:—I cannot express too strongly my appreciation of your efforts to establish a model house of business. I consider that such a system as yours is of the greatest importance both to the employer and the employed, as it saves the former the time and labor of teaching every new hand, and the latter the waste of time involved in a long apprenticeship. Your admirable system of real business is a complete remedy for this defect, and your great success in this department is indubitably manifest by the air of reality that your students display in their model transactions, and by their downcast looks when they fall to meet their engagements. I can testify to the excellence of your system from personal experience, having at the present time in the employ of the firm I belong three young men who were educated at your establishment. Wishing every success in your laudable enterprise,

I remain, dear Sirs, your, &c.,
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MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,
 Toronto, Ontario.
 August 28, 1867.

GROCERIES
CROCKERY, AND HARDWARE.

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 OF PREMISES

A. WARNER,
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BEGS to return thanks to his friends and customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and would beg to inform them that he has greatly enlarged, and thoroughly refitted his store, and being now supplied with a large

Stock of GROCERIES

Consisting of Tea at from 60c. up to \$1, Sugars of various prices and qualities, and numerous other articles.

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BOOTS AND SHOES, and all the essentials of a first-class General Store, with the exception of Dry Goods. He is satisfied that he can compete favourably with any other establishment on this side of Toronto. A call will satisfy the most skeptical.

ANDREW WARNER,
 Rockwood, 22nd Aug., 1867. (dw)

FARM FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale a first-class farm, being Lot No. 8, East half of Con., Township of Erin, containing 100 acres, from 75 to 80 of which are cleared, and, with the exception of about 10 acres, free of stumps. This farm is well fenced, and in a high state of cultivation. There is a never-failing creek and a good well and pump on the premises, also, a novel tank runs across the Concession about ten rods from the corner of the lot. There are two good barns—a log 30x50 and a frame 30x60—and a good log house 20x30 feet, with a back kitchen and a frame stoop, four bed rooms, &c. Also, a good young orchard of choice fruit trees, many of them bearing. This farm is about five miles from Acton Station, and about a mile and a half from the Erin gravel road. The farm will be sold on liberal terms, and a good title given. For further particulars apply personally, or by letter (post-paid) to the subscriber, on the premises.

LOT FOR SALE
IN FLAMBORO'

FOR SALE, the north-west half of Lot No. 11, in the 5th concession on E. E. Concession, lying near the Village of Carlisle. It contains 100 acres, 30 of which are cleared and under cultivation, the remainder is covered with first-class timber and hardwood, about a third part being pine. It lies close to saw mills, and it is in every respect a most eligible and valuable lot. There is a Log House and Log Barn on the lot. It is 1 1/2 miles from Hamilton and about 14 miles from Guelph.

TERMS—Low, and will be made known, as well as all particulars, on applying to the subscriber. (If by mail post-paid.)

NEIL McPHADREN,
 Nassagaweya P.O.
 Nassagaweya, 18th Sept. 726-727
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FLOUR AND FEED STORE
 Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. (dw-1f)

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, in the Township of Culross, County of Bruce, 101 acres of splendid land, about 35 acres cleared, with log house and stables, being lot No. 24, 4th Concession of the Township of Culross, 2 1/2 miles from Teeswater, and near the gravel road. There is a fine spring creek running through the lot, and the timber is unsurpassed. It is in one of the finest wheat growing sections of Canada. The soil is limestone and clay loam. This eligible farm is now offered for the low price of \$1,700, for which a clear debt from the Crown will be given. Address (post-paid).

SAMUEL SOUTLEY,
 Guelph, 29th July, 1867. (4m) Guelph P.O.

NOW ON HAND
E. & S. S. SNIDER'S

FARINA.

Sold in any quantity to suit purchasers.

GEORGE WILKINSON,
 Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.
 Guelph, 19th Sept., 1867. (4)

COW STRAYED.

STRAYED the 7th inst., a three year old Cow, colored and white, with heavy horns standing well up. A reward will be given for her recovery.

ANDREW SIMS,
 Guelph, 19th Sept., 1867.

New Advertisements.

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GUELPH, ONTARIO.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE PURCHASED FROM JOHN WHYTE, ESQ., ASSIGNEE, MONTREAL JOHN DAVIDSON'S STOCK, CONSISTING OF

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES
BOOTS AND SHOES.

The Stock amounts to \$4,670. The price paid was \$2,387.70, being Fifty-one Cents on the Dollar, and the Goods will be sold at the undermentioned figures, being on an average 40 per cent. under wholesale and 108 per cent. below retail prices. For example, Goods which originally cost \$1.00, and which have been retailed for \$1.25, cost the subscribers only 51 cents, and are now offered at 60 cents.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT BANKRUPT STOCKS.

A merchant only a short time in business fails and assigns, and then his Goods are called an old Bankrupt Stock. Does the circumstance of his failure convert new goods into old? May not Bankrupt Stocks be as good and as new as others? Purchasers, however, should be the Judges. Sellers should not give evidence in their own cause.

LIST OF GOODS AND PRICES:

Former Retail Prices.	Wholesale Prices.	Present Prices.	Former Retail Prices.	Wholesale Prices.	Present Prices.	
Wineys, Challies, Checks	\$0 40	\$0 32	Beaver Cloth	\$2 50	\$1 25	
Cobourg Lustrus, Orleans	0 35	0 30	Mixed Carpets	2 25	1 50	
French Merino	0 80	0 50	Coats	0 75	0 37 1/2	
Black and Striped Silks	1 80	1 18	0 70	3 75	3 00	
Bleached Cottons	0 12 1/2	0 10	0 66	2 25	1 80	
Prints	0 15	0 12 1/2	0 08	1 70	1 35	
Cambric Linings	0 10	0 08	0 05	Ladies' Mantles	2 50	2 00
Flannels	0 40	0 32	0 20	Hats	0 42 1/2	0 30
Striped Shirtings	0 20	0 15	0 10	Caps	0 50	0 40
Canadian Tweeds	1 00	0 85	0 60	Ribbons	0 20	0 15
Cashmeres	2 25	1 80	1 10	Hose	0 25	0 20
Black Cloth	3 50	2 80	1 70	Cloth Gloves	0 37 1/2	0 30

Handkerchiefs, Ties, Falls, Collars, Sets, Laces, Trimmings, Belts, Flowers, Braids, Buttons, &c., &c., Equally Low.

The second semi-annual dividend of three per cent. will be paid to customers on presenting their Pass Books, on and after the 1st October.

Fresh Importations Just Arriving.

WILLIAM MACKLIN & CO.
 Guelph, 21st September, 1867.

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Cosen's Pale Sherries,
Cosen's Brown Sherries,
Domecq's Pale and Brown Sherries.

OFFLEY'S OLD PORTS,
GRAHAM'S OLD PORT.

THESE Wines were imported direct, and intended specially for our retail trade, and will be found superior to any others offered here.

VERY CHOICE CLARET,
CLARET, a few cases of very choice.

do 200 cases in nice order, from \$3.50 to \$4

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100 cases Guinness' Porter, Bottled by E. & J. Burke, Dublin.
 100 cases Guinness' Porter, Bottled by Blood, Wolfe & Co., Liverpool.
 One Hundred Barrels BASS' PALE ALE.

FRESH TEAS. FRESH TEAS.

IMPORTING as we do all our Teas direct, and from the great quantity which passes through our hands, ours are pre-eminently the **Best in Flavor and Strength,** and the Cheapest in Ontario.

J. MASSIE & CO.
 Guelph 19th August, 1867.

MOLASSES!
Standard Syrup,
Golden Syrup,
Amber or Honey do.

For sale at Lowest Prices

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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A FRESH SUPPLY of the above expected at

AT SHEWAN'S
BOOKSTORE

IN A FEW DAYS, which will be SOLD CHEAP.

N. B.—The Spies of Day expected at the same time.

Guelph, 10th Sept., 1867.

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R. HOPKINS & CO.,

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The Dominion Bitters

Put up in barrels, half-barrels, logs and bottles N. B.—Purchasers will not confound the "Dominion Bitters" with the "New" or "Old" Dominion Bitters.

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Guelph, July 23, 1867. (dw-1f)

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NEW SHAWLS,
NEW DRESS GOODS,
NEW SKIRTINGS,
NEW WINCEYS,
NEW MANTLE BUTTONS.

ALL ARE OFFERED AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!

Special attention is directed to our new Autumn and Winter CLOAKINGS, &c.

HOGG & CHANGE.
 Guelph, 13th September, 1867.

REMOVAL. REMOVAL.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAS REMOVED HIS

BOOT AND SHOE STORE
TO DAY'S BLOCK!

(Opposite Forsman's Hardware Store.)

Where he will be most happy to see his old customers, and all others who may wish to try his celebrated Boots and Shoes. All orders promptly attended to.

THOMAS BROWN,
 Guelph, 5th September, 1867. (dw)

IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE!

MONTREAL
BOOT AND SHOE STORE

JOHN McNEIL,

Who has been in the employment of Wm. McLaren for years,

WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has purchased the whole stock in trade of **WM. McLAREN,** consisting of **BOOTS AND SHOES,** at

A GREAT
Reduction on Original Cost!

and is determined to give **A BENEFIT** to the old customers of this Institution, and all who may favor him with their patronage. **JOHN McNEIL** is determined to maintain the old tenets won by his predecessor, and also to add many new ones, by keeping only the best of Goods, and always selling at the **LOWEST PRICES.**

During the Next Thirty Days,

he will sell of all **Light Goods** at less than their original Cost. Prices. Low prices must be complied with Ready Money. No man can sell at small profits unless he does a large business, and adhere strictly to the cash principle.

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HOME MANUFACTURED GOODS!

Always on hand. All kinds of Goods made to order. **REPAIRING** done with Neatness and Despatch.

ALL WORK WARRANTED!

Country Merchants are invited to call, examine our Stock, and hear our Prices.

JOHN McNEIL,
 Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ont.
 Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. (dw)

CARD.

HAVING disposed of my **BUSINESS** to **MR. JOHN McNEIL,** who has been employed in my employment, I have much pleasure in recommending him as well qualified to maintain the reputation which I foster myself has been accorded to the **BOOT AND SHOE STORE** since it was opened. The best proof I could have of the **GOOD** and **STURDY** nature of the goods, and the support extended to myself during the long period of my business, has been under my control. **MR. McNEIL** has your notice, and has an extensive connection in this County, which, coupled with his own **INDUSTRY,** and **CONSCIENTIOUS** manner, augurs well for his success in his share of your patronage.

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