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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 1868.

POETRY.

MAY.

Sweet May has searched the winter land,
And found her petals flow'ers again;
She kissed them to unfold their leaves,
She coaxed them with her sun and rain.
And filled the grass with green content,
And made the weeds and clover vain.

Her fairies climb the naked trees,
And set green caps on every bough;
Her primroses peep quite bashfully
From borders of the garden walks;
And in the reddened maple tops
Her black birds gossip, and chirp talk.

She greets the patient evergreens,
She gets a store of ancient gold;
Gives tasselled presents to the breeze,
And teaches rivers songs of old.
Then shakes the trees with March winds,
And laughs to hear the cuckoo scold.

Sometimes to fret the sober sun,
She pulls the clouds across his face;
But finds a snow-drift in the woods,
Grows meek again, and prays his grace;
Waits till the last white wreath is gone,
And drops her robes in the place.

Her crocuses and violets
Give all the world a gay "Good Day!"
Till roses grow tired of green,
And get themselves a purple gear;
And tiny buds that lie asleep
On hill and field her summons hear.

She rocks the saucy meadow-cups;
The sunsets' heat on her cheeks;
She fills the dusk of deepest woods
With vain sweet sunshine and surprise,
And wakes the periwinkles up
To watch her with their wide, blue eyes.

At last she deems her work is done,
And finds a willow rocking chair,
Done spectacles of apple-buds,
Kerchief and cap of almonds rare,
And sits, a very grandmother,
Shutting her sunshine needles, there.

And when she sees the deeper suns
That beckon out the older May,
She sighs to think her time is past,
And weeps because she cannot stay,
And leaves her tears upon the grass
And turns her face, and glides away.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

"Remove him," roared Allan to some of his men who were in the Court.
"Ye'll dae nae sic things," cried Sir Gilbert Barton, rising up in wild excitement.
"Thank God, the rale truth is comin' out, and I demand that the trooper be allowed the speak."

"I make the same demand on behalf of the prisoner," exclaimed the advocate for the defence, rising likewise to his feet. "I call on you, my lord, and on the public prosecutor, to interfere in this matter, in the interests of justice. That man has confessed to the perpetration of the crime with which the prisoner stands charged, and I claim that he be examined without hindrance or prejudice."
"Would you listen to the ravings of a man bereft of his senses?" roared Allan. "Remove him, I say."

"No, I will be heard," cried Sloggan. "I came here to clear Wayland, and confess that I—I alone—am the murderer."
"Captain Allan, be good enough to let the man speak," said the Judge, in an authoritative tone. "It is for the Court to judge whether or not he is mad."

"Don't be afraid," Captain, muttered Sloggan, as he pressed past Charlie into the centre of the Court. "I'll not say a word about you. I'll take the whole deed upon myself."
"Fool—idiot!" responded Charlie, through his clenched teeth. "Had I dreamed of this, I would have had you secured to-day."

Sloggan heeded not the other's fierce mutterings, but staggered forward to the bar, and held by the railing to support himself. He was now close to where Richard sat, and the latter, on gazing earnestly at him, recognised in him the trooper who on the day of his apprehension had fallen from the cliff at the Bass, and whom he had saved from drowning.

"Here is where I should be instead of this youth," said Sloggan, as his large hollow eyes rolled hither and thither. "I deserve to be hanged, but I won't live till the rope is put round my neck. The doctor says I am dying, and I feel I am. When I went for the officers to hunt for Richard Wayland and point him out to them, we traced him to the Bass, and when I saw him on the island I was running to capture, when I fell over the height into the sea. I hit my side upon a rock, and that hurt will bring on my death very soon; but I would have been drowned then if this young man had not, at the risk of his own life, jumped in and saved me. I couldn't stand the thought of that, my lord, knowing it was he who murdered Cringan, and that I was doing what I could to have him hanged for it. My heart failed me when I saw that he had risked his life to save mine. And then when they told me I was dying, it made me worse, and the first bit of relief I got was when I made up my mind to come here and clear him. He is innocent, my lord, as innocent as you are. I hanged Jabez Cringan with my own hand, and robbed him of his gold. I am guilty. Nobody is guilty but me. Let Richard Wayland go, and put me in his place."

Sloggan had uttered the above at one rapid burst, and exhausted with pain and weakness, and nervous with excitement, he fell heavily against the ledge of the bar, and a jet of purple blood spouted from his mouth, to the horror of all the onlookers.

"Wretched man," said the Judge, "you are dying fast. Do you in your final moments swear that what you have said is true?"
"As true as I shall be this night in hell!" was the awful answer. Then he gasped and strove to speak again.

"The gold," he said, "most of it—you will find—hidden—under the roots—of—the great—tree, at—Bir—"
He had no strength to utter more. Another jet of blood came and stained the clothes of those who supported him, his head drooped, his jaw fell, and with a long, long sigh he died.

It needs not that we describe the scene that followed. Amid universal acclamation, Richard was acquitted. The confession of Sloggan was sufficient to clear him of all suspicion, and if any doubt remained as to the truth of Sloggan's story, it was dissipated by the finding of Cringan's gold under the roots of the great tree which stood at the end of the mansion of Birkenleuch.

Every heart was wild with delight—every heart but the heart of Charlie Allan. He returned to Birkenleuch, again mortified and defeated. But what cared Sir Gilbert and Richard and Helen for that. They were safe and happy at last in each other's love and affection.

Richard was at once publicly acknowledged as the son and heir of Sir Gilbert Barton, and on a lovely morning in May he and Helen were made man and wife, and took up their residence at Brankswood, amid the heartfelt rejoicings of all who knew them.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A Minnesota editor says that a man came in his office to advertise for a dog, and that such was the wonderful power of the advertisement, that the dog walked into the office while he was writing out the advertisement.

It is reported that an iron-clad Monitor for the Cretons is to be built in New York immediately. It will cost \$1,500,000.

A FENIAN OF PROMISE.—The Windsor Record tell the following story of an ingrate. "We notice, among the prominent speakers at the late Fenian meeting in Detroit, the name of A. P. Sullivan, who the Republican papers say, is a man of great promise. He seemed exceedingly anxious to push himself forward, in order that he might spout treason against the British government. Who do our readers think this A. P. Sullivan is, that has so much to say against the tyranny of the British government? He is the son of a pensioner in the town of Amherstburg, late a sergeant in one of Her Majesty's regiments of foot, who enjoys a pension of 10½d sterling per day, equal to \$161.45c per year, from this very tyrannical government, and young Sullivan was raised on the beef and bread issued out of the commissariat of the British government, and he would not now be in a position to air his Fenianism had it not been for the generous bounty of that government which is the object of his malignity, who fed and educated him. He has been made a delegate of the Reblion convention of Chicago from Detroit. They are surely hard up for delegates when such scapegraces can secure their suffrage, and he a British subject, not yet twenty-one years of age, born on British soil, in a barrack-room of the British army. In this case we have another illustration of the old adage, that if the person that lives on the bounty of a friend turn to be an enemy of that friend, then his enmity will be increased in the ratio of the kindness bestowed on him."

Jacob's Rheumatic Liquid for Coughs.
Hunt's Hair Gloss an indispensable Toilet article.
Severe sickness is often prevented by timely use of Colby's Pills.

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c.,
Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawlv

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PUBLISH upwards of 500 Music Books, comprising Theoretical and Practical Works in every branch of Musical Science. Among these are Richardson's New Method for the Piano, \$2.75; Modern School for the Organ, by Zundell, \$4; Bassini's Art of Singing (complete) \$4; Abriedge, \$3; Spohr's Violin (complete) \$4; Abriedge, \$2; Berlioz's Flute, \$3; 'The Home Circle Series' of Piano-forte Music, 9 vols., each, plain, \$2.50; Cloth, \$3; Gilt, \$4; Baumbach's Sacred Quartets, Cloth, \$2.75; Boards, \$2.50; The Harp of Judah, and The Jubilate, by L. O. Emerson, each \$1.38; Golden Wreath and Merry Chimes, by Emerson, each \$1.50. Also, all the Standard Operas, Masses, Oratorios and Cantatas, and a complete series of Librettos. Complete Catalogues of Books and Sheet Music will be furnished on application.
Boston, May 7, 1868. dawlv

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 he

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. dtr wlm

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Life Assurance Company
(Established 1825.)

Accumulated Fund £3,700,005 1s. 4d. Stg

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Agents at Guelph.

THE STANDARD strongly advocates the Bill now before the House under which Insurance Companies are required to make certain deposits with the Government. The STANDARD is ready and willing to make any deposit required, thus guaranteeing to the fullest extent the Policy Holders. Every information to these desirous of insuring will be given at the office of DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Town Hall Buildings.
Guelph, 18th April, 1868. dw

TOWN HALL, GUELPH

Positively for Two Nights Only

ENTIRELY NEW TO CANADA

THE GREAT ARTIST.

MR. W. H. WALLACK

WHOSE extraordinary Monologue Entertainment has been favorably enologised by the Press, and visited by the elite of fashionable society, will give

TWO PERFORMANCES
In the above Hall, on

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,
12th and 13th Instant.

For particulars, see bills of the day.

Guelph, 4th May, 1868. dtd

GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD,
Looking Glass and Picture Frame

MANUFACTURER,
79 King-st. West,
TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.
Toronto 1st April 1868. dwlv

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Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WALD

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, MACDONNELL STREET

The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.
The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.
TOM and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.
Guelph 27th April 1868. dwlv

Important Sales

BY AUCTION OF
Brewers' Stock
AND UTENSILS

IN THE
COUNTY of WATERLOO

UNDER SEIZURE FOR THE
Violation of Inland Revenue Laws.

TO BE
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

—ON—
Thursday, 14th of May, 1868,

AND FOLLOWING DAY, IF NECESSARY:

Commencing in the Brewery premises of Joseph Spetz, situated in the Town of Berlin, County of Waterloo, the stock and utensils in said Brewery premises, consisting of large quantity Malt, quantity Barley, Hops, large quantity Beer, Copper Boiler, Fermenting Tuns, Mash Tub, Horse-power, Beer Cooler, large lot empty Kegs, Tubs, Fanning Mill, Platform Scales, Pump, Malt Mill, Steep Tub, and other miscellaneous articles.

Immediately after the sale of the above, there will be sold by auction in the Brewery premises of GEORGE SEIP, in the Town of Berlin, quantity Malt, Hops, large quantity Beer, Beer in Kegs, Hops, lot empty Kegs, Copper Boiler, Beer Cooler, Mash Tub, Fermenting Tun, Mill, Fanning Mill, Scales, Pump and other articles.

Immediately after the sale of the above, there will be sold by auction in the Brewery premises of CHRISTOPHER HEUTHER, situated in the Village of Waterloo, near Berlin, large quantity Beer, large quantity Malt, quantity Barley, Hops, large Copper Boiler, Tin Coppers, Fermenting Tuns, Mash Tub, Beer Boiler, Working Pans, and other articles.

Immediately after the sale of the above, there will be sold by auction, in the Brewery Premises of DAVID KUNTZ, Village of Waterloo, near Berlin, large quantity Beer, quantity of Hops, quantity Malt, lot Barley, Copper Boiler, Copper Worms, Mash Tub, Fermenting Tuns, Beer Cooler, Beer Strainer, Tubs, Tin Beer Coolers, large Copper Boiler, Platform Scales, Mill Curb and gearing, Fanning Mill, empty Kegs and Pans, and other articles.

Also, all the Standard Operas, Masses, Oratorios and Cantatas, and a complete series of Librettos. Complete Catalogues of Books and Sheet Music will be furnished on application.
Boston, May 7, 1868. dawlv

Terms Cash, Bankable funds.

Sale to Commence at the Brewery Premises of Joseph Spetz, Berlin at TEN o'clock in the forenoon.

JAMES COW,
Collector of Inland Revenue,
Division of Guelph.

Guelph, May 2nd, 1868. td

Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Barilets' Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.
RYAN & OLIVER,
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Barilets' Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.
RYAN & OLIVER,
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Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Calipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by
RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Tacks, Pins, Paper, Glue, Piano Stool-screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.
RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

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GLAZING, &c.
THOMAS BREADON
DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH,

Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c.

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he is prepared to execute all manner of work in connection with his business at rates as low as

GOOD WORKMANSHIP
And MATERIAL will allow.

Shop, - - Douglas Street,
Next door north of Wm. Hoover's Livery Stable, and directly opposite Wm. Brownlow's Undertaking Establishment.

When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's.

Guelph 1st April, 1868. THOS. BREADON. dsm-wlm

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FRESH ARRIVALS AT
No. 2,
Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Canned Peaches
Pears
Plums
Cherries
Apples, &c.

BOTTLED JAMS

Strawberry
Gooseberry
Damson
Currants, &c.

A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

E. CARROLL & CO.,
No. 2, Wyndham Street.

New Advertisements.

1868. KINGSTON PENITENTIARY 1868.

BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

NEW GOODS

Suitable for Spring and Summer Wear, among which will be found all the Latest Styles.

INSPECTION INVITED!

THESE GOODS have been selected from the best makers in the Dominion, and can be confidently recommended as equal, if not superior to any in the market, and at

Prices Lower than any House in the Trade.

For cash only. All work warranted.

Guelph, 1st May, 1868. dw

JOHN CRIDIFORD.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

GRAND OPENING OF

SHOW ROOM

AT THE

BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH,

WILL SHOW ON

FRIDAY, the 24th of APRIL, 1868,

Some of the Greatest Novelties in

MANTLES & MILLINERY

Ever exhibited in Guelph, which for extent and quality is no surpassed in the Province.

Ladies should Call at once and Examine the Pattern Bonnets and Mantles.

The above Department is superintended by a first-class artist. Ladies can rely on having every attention by calling at the BRADFORD HOUSE, Guelph.

PHILIP BISH.

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 23, 1868. daw lv

BRITANNIA HOUSE

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

ANOTHER CHEAP LOT

OF GREY AND

WHITE COTTONS!

500 PIECES NEW

Canadian Tweeds, very Cheap

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Guelph, 28th April, 1868

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HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of

CLOTHS AND CLOTHING

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,

EVER OFFERED IN GUELPH.

Large Display of Hats & Caps

English, French and American Styles.

And the Newest received Monthly.

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Guelph, 15th April, 1868. dw Wyndham-st., Guelph

Try those Splendid New Figs

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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

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THE CANADIAN
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The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December.

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For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.
R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw-11

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J. & J. TAYLOR'S

PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES,

Fire & Burglar Proof

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The only real security against

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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.

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Sewing Machine.

PRICE.

No. 1 Machine.....\$25.00
No. 2 Machine, with splendid iron stand, \$35.00

Containing the very Latest Improvements and Inventions. Strong, Durable, Beautiful, Well Made and Highly Efficient.

Makes the Genuine Lock Stitch
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