

THE FREE GRANTS.

Whatever benefits are derivable from the Free Grant law, passed some time ago, are to be no longer withheld from those who desire to avail themselves of them. The Commissioner, Mr S. Richards, has published an announcement that the lands in certain townships in the district of Muskoka, and upon Parry Sound, are now open for location. The places where the free grant system is first to go into operation are said to contain considerable good land and to be easy of access by way of Collingwood and Parry Sound, or by way of Barrie and Lakes Simcoe and Muskoka. There is a Crown Lands Agent at Parry Sound, and another at Bracebridge, on the Muskoka River, to whom applications are to be made.

Lists have been issued showing the lots open for location in each of the townships within the free grant district. It will be remembered by most of our readers from a synopsis of the Act which we gave at the time it was passed, that 100 acres is the largest grant that is made to any single individual, but he is accorded the privilege of buying another 100 acres at the rate of 50 cents per acre, his purchase being subject to the same conditions and reservations as his grant, except that the building of a house and actual residence are not imperative. Many of the lots now offered are broken, and some of them do not contain more than thirty or forty acres.

The conditions on which the lands are offered to actual settlers scarcely require repetition. Every person—male or female—who undertakes to perform the duties imposed by the Act is entitled to a free grant of 100 acres. He or she must be eighteen years of age. This modification was made while the bill was passing, some of the last stages, for the first draft of it put the age down at twenty-one. They are obliged to make affidavit that the requisite number of years has passed over them, that they have no other free grant of land, that they believe that for which they now make application is fit for settlement and cultivation, and not chiefly valuable for mines, minerals or pine timber, that they desire the location for actual settlement, and not for the use or benefit directly or indirectly of any other person, nor for the purpose of obtaining the pine trees, or of obtaining gold, silver, copper, lead, iron or other minerals, or quarry of stone, marble or gypsum. Having sworn to all that the locatee must perform settlement duties for five years. He must reside upon the place for that time, clear and put under cultivation two acres every year, and fifteen acres during the five years. During that time he must build a house 20 by 16 feet. The locatee is allowed a month to get on his lot after it is located, and may be absent six months in any year without forfeiting his residence. If he fails in his performance of the settlement duties, all claim to the lot ceases. The pine trees and all the mines and minerals upon the lots are reserved to the Government, except that the locatee may cut such trees as may be required for fencing, building, and fuel, and may also cut and sell all pine trees that require to be removed in the process of clearing—though in the latter case the trees shall be subject to the timber dues payable by lumbermen. After the patent issues all the trees become the property of the patentee.

On the death of the locatee his right and interest shall be vested in his widow if he leave one during her widowhood, though she may elect to have her dower in the land instead. Neither the locatee nor any one claiming under a locatee, can alienate the land or any interest in it, except by will until the patent is issued. After the issue of the patent, no alienation or mortgage shall be valid for twenty years or within the life-time of the locatee, unless by deed, and unless she be one of the granters and execute the deed in the manner required when married women convey their real estate. No land located under the Free Grant law, is to be liable to debt during twenty years after the date of the location, except the debt is secured by a valid mortgage, but this exemption is not to interfere with the collection of taxes.

The foregoing is a summary of the Free Grant law, and although it may have given unbounded satisfaction to the framers of it, its effect upon the country, which expected something much more generous, was very different. But it is useless talking about "mistaken or narrow-minded policy" at present. A great deal has been said and written on it with, we think, but little effect. The Province has received all from the munificence of the Commissioner of which it is likely to be the recipient for some time, and emigrants will pass us by in 1868 much the same as they did in 1867.

HERO WORSHIP.—A story comes from Paisley about honours that have lately been done to the memory of Tannahill, the author of "Jessie" or "Dumblane." A short time ago a monument was placed over his grave, and a glass bottle deposited in the foundation contains the following, amongst other articles: "A small leather bag containing fifteen teeth of the poet, which had been abstracted from the remains, a few years after the interment, on the occasion of the contiguous ground being opened for the burial of a relative."

to be conducted in private has been agreed to in committee of the whole of the English House of Commons. We may thus consider that it has passed the stage most dangerous to all bills, and there is but a remote probability that it will be defeated on the third reading, or in the House of Lords.—Henceforth, when criminals are to be executed, no opportunity will be afforded a certain class of the British community to win or lose money. They will have to be content with such opportunities of betting as are afforded by horse-racing and dog fighting, with perhaps an occasional encounter in the prize ring. There will be no paying of exorbitant prices for liberty to sit in a window opposite the gallows, no securing of favorable positions on the street the night previous, and worst of all the culprit may "die game," or "show the white feather," and no one but a few officials be any the wiser, or one farthing richer or poorer on account of the plenitude or deficiency of his courage. Perhaps it is as well that executions should not be public. There is a good deal of language used, and conduct exhibited on such occasions that are disgraceful to humanity when standing face to face with death in its most appalling form. Mr Chas Gilpin's amendment for the abolition of capital punishment was opposed by Mr Gregory and Mr Mill. The latter contended that the punishment of death should remain as the penalty for the commission of the highest crime known to the law, and the majority of right thinking men will believe that his position is correct.

A CENTENARIAN.—Mr Jas. Dickson, of Granton, is perhaps the oldest man in this section of the country. He is now in his 102d year, and is as active as a young man. He chops his own firewood, does his own gardening, and is altogether, to use his own expression, as "lively as a cricket." Mr Dickson is an old veteran, having fought under Nelson. He was engaged at Trafalgar. Very few men now living can recount personal reminiscences of a century ago; Mr Dickson who has lived two years over a century, is good for many years to come, and delights to recall the glories of bygone days. *St. Mary's Argus.*

DIED.
CLARKE.—At Guelph, on the 22nd inst., Maria Wright, wife of John H. Clarke, aged 41 years.

(Funeral service to take place at the Wesleyan Church, at 2 o'clock, on Saturday, 25th. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.)

New Advertisements.

Notice to Builders.
ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered.
WILLIAM CHIPCHASE.
Guelph, April 24, 1868. dw tm

COLT STRAYED.
STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, Lot 11, 4th Con., P. Kington, on Monday the 20th inst., a bay mare colt, with a white star on her face, neck 17 in size, three years old this spring. Any person giving such information to Joseph Bauer, proprietor Union Hotel, Guelph, as will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.
MICHAEL LAUBER.
Pilkington, April 24, 1868. daw lw

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
ENGLISH APRIL
MAGAZINES.

Bow Bells, Belgravia, Englishwoman, Family Herald, St. Pauls, Cassel's Magazine, People's Argosy, Temple Bar, Cornhill, SCOTTISH JOURNAL.
At Day's Bookstore,
opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, April 24, 1868. daw tf

FURNISHED COTTAGE TO LET
TWO RENT, a furnished cottage, in a pleasant and central part of the town, for six or twelve months, as may be agreed upon. For particulars apply at this office, or to D. Macfarlane, Esq., Guelph.
Guelph, 23rd April, 1868. d

WANTED.
WANTED a first class Machine Operator at the Bradford House. Apply at once.
P. BISH.
Guelph, 23rd April, 1868. d

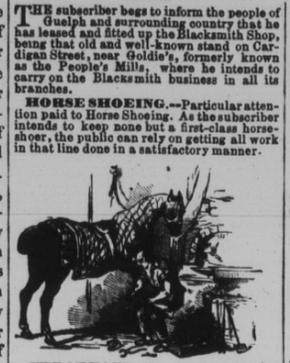
AGENTS WANTED!
FIVE good men wanted in every Township, to sell on salary, CLARK'S PATENT BASH LOCKS and CAN OPENERS. Address, enclosing \$1 for samples and terms, if Agents cannot sell, return samples and get your money back.
A. KENNEDY & CO., Box 960, Chicago, Ill
Guelph, 9th April, 1868. dhw

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. daw ty

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER,
Paper Hanger,
Glazier, &c.
Shop on QUEBEC STREET, near Mr. Howard's Stove and Tin Depot.
All orders from the Town and Country will receive prompt attention.
Guelph, April 23, 1868. daw m

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP
THE subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has leased and fitted up the Blacksmith Shop, being that old and well-known stand on Canadian Street, near Goldie's, formerly known as the People's Mills, where he intends to carry on the Blacksmith business in all its branches.
HORSE SHOING.—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoing. As the subscriber intends to keep none but a first-class horse-shoer, the public can rely on getting all work in that line done in a satisfactory manner.



IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—The subscriber begs to intimate to farmers that he is now manufacturing, and has for sale first-class Steel Mould Board Ploughs, (Gray's pattern.) Ploughs of other patterns made to order. Wagons and all kinds of Farm Implements made to order and repaired on the most reasonable terms.
WOOD WORK.—A first-class wood worker kept in connection with the shop. The subscriber having had long experience in the above business, hopes by strict attention to the wants of his customers to merit a share of public patronage.
Don't forget the Stand, near Goldie's Mills.
CALEB CHASE, dlm-dm
Guelph, 24th April, 1868.

Apothecaries' Hall!

Sewing Machine Oil.
JUST received, a supply of very fine Oil, made to suit.

Sewing Machines
Superior to all other Oils.
Will wear longer, and does not clog up the finest parts of the machine.

A. B. PETRIE,
Chemist, Market Square.
Guelph, April 23. daw tf

Insolvent Act of 1864 AND AMENDMENTS.
In the Matter of GEORGE ROYCE, of Dacota, in the County of Halton, AN INSOLVENT.
WILL be sold by Public Auction, in the Market Square, Guelph,
ON SATURDAY, 2nd MAY, 1868,
By W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer, one span of Horses, without any reserve.
CHARLES SHARPE, Official Assignee.
Guelph, April 23, 1868. do td

Insolvent Act of 1864 FOR SALE
BY ASSIGNEE,
THE Stock-in-trade of ROBERT BATHURST, of Guelph, Ont., at so much on the Dollar, of the Inventories, Goods and Inventory to be seen on the premises.
Tenders will be seen by D. GUTHRIE, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Guelph, or by the Assignee.

Up to Saturday, 2nd May, and may be made either EN BLOC or separately for
DRY GOODS or GROCERIES.
Terms cash, or approved credit.
PHILIP S. ROSS, Assignee of Estate of R. Rutherford.
Montreal, 20th April, 1868. dw3

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, LAND, LOAN, INSURANCE, And General Agents.
Office—Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

AGENTS FOR THE Royal Insurance Gomp'y
AGENTS FOR THE Standard Life Assurance Coy'
Trust and Loan Company.
AGENTS FOR THE Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society.
A large amount of private funds to lend upon real and personal security. Rates moderate
Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. w

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!
GRAND OPENING OF SHOW ROOM
AT THE
BRADFORD HOUSE
PHILIP BISH,
WILL SHOW ON
FRIDAY, the 14th of APRIL, 1868,
Some of the Greatest Novelties in
MANTLES & MILLINERY
Ever exhibited in Guelph, which for extent and quality is not 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 tf

LOOKING UP!
WITHIN the last few days trade has been looking up considerably, and

A. O. BUCHAM
Is satisfied that his Spring Stock is such as will meet in every respect the wants of the community.

ATTRACTIVE DEPARTMENTS.
Dress Goods, Straw Goods and Millinery, Jackets and Jacket Materials, Buttons and Trimmings in all the Newest and Leading Styles.
Ladies are invited to call and inspect our Stock.
Guelph, April 21, 1868.

A. O. BUCHAM.

BRITANNIA HOUSE
Clothing Ware-rooms.
We have now on hand the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted

Stock of Ready-made Clothing!
IN GUELPH.
CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER
We keep a First-class CUTTER, and guarantee a perfect FIT.
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Guelph, 16th April, 1868. dw

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
JAMES CORMACK,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

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

CLOTH SAND 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.
Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

JAMES CORMACK,
Wyndham-st., Guelph

STANDARD Life Assurance Company
(Established 1825.)
Accumulated Fund £3,700,005 1s. 4d. 5/16
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
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 those desirous of insuring will be given at the office of
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Town Hall Buildings,
Guelph, 18th April, 1868. dw

FARM LOTS
FOR SALE CHEAP, in a good settlement, with every convenience. Apply to
C. J. BLOMFIELD, Sec.,
Canadian Land and Emigration Company,
Toronto Bank Buildings, Toronto.
April 17, 1868. daw lm

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-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.

STEWART'S
DRESS GOODS.
CHENES, CAMLETS, REPS, POPLINS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

STEWART'S
MANTLES.
SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

STEWART'S
JACKETS,
SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

STEWART'S
LACES.
COLLARETS, TIES, FALLS, MUSLIN AND LINEN SETS.

STEWART'S
PARASOLS.
RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c.

STEWART'S
HOSIERY,
SILK, SPUN AND COTTON.

STEWART'S
GLOVES,
KIDS, SILK AND LISLE.

STEWART'S
SMALL WARES,
BELTS, BUGLE TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS IN VARIETY.

STEWART'S
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