

FOR THIRTY DAYS ONLY.

GREAT CLEARING SALE OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY AND MANTLES!

GEORGE JEFFREY

Will commence his Great Annual Clearing Sale on Saturday next, the 28th day of December.

DURING THE THIRTY DAYS SOME OF THE GREATEST BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN EVER HEARD OF IN GUELPH.

Over 2,000 yards of Dress Goods worth 25 cents reduced to 12½ cents; over 3,000 yards of Dress Goods worth 50 cents reduced to 25 cents; over 1,500 yards of Dress Goods worth 75 cents reduced to 37½ cents.

An immense stock of Fine Dress Goods to be sold at half-price during the sale

60 dozen Clouds in White, Scarlet, Grey, Fancy and Black, remarkably low.

MILLINERY TO BE CLEARED OUT REGARDLESS OF COST.

Beautiful Trimmed Bonnets for \$2; nice Trimmed Hats for \$1. SHAWLS and MANTLES to be sold very low—elegant Striped Shawls from \$3. Black and Colored SILKS in great variety. Our Black Corded Silk at \$1 is the best in Canada. Our Black Grosgrain Silks at \$1 is something extraordinary.

As the whole Stock must be sold off by the 1st of March, everything will be reduced to cost and under to effect a speedy clearance. Unprecedented Bargains may be expected during the great sale.

Guelph, 26th December, 1872.

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GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 23, 1873

ANNABEL;
—OR—
THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER I.

AN ADVENTURE IN WOOLMAN'S LANE.
The night was still dark, wet, and windy, and the thinly placed lamps in Woolman's Lane flickered fitfully as the gusts took them, sending broad deep shadows on the dingy brick walls which hemmed in the narrow way, and for some moments at a time plunging the neighborhood in darkness, then when it seemed as if they had quite extinguished, flaring up again and showing the lower portions of the heavy buildings, with their rows of stanchions or half boarded windows, the wet pavement, with the rain-drops plashing upon it in the pools which stood in the roadway, and the gloomy gateways or black arched entrances which led into the basement storerooms of the towering piles.

Woolman's Lane was a narrow, crooked path, leading from the docks, between rows of large warehouses, to whose separate entrances it gave access with waggons, and ultimately to a wider street, which in its turn communicated with the thoroughfares of the town. By day the lane was a very stirring place, for these warehouses were constantly going into and out of empty, and clerks and porters were ever seen passing to and fro, like bees buzzing round the mouths of their hives. At night, however, it presented a very different aspect. Then it was utterly quiet, and almost wholly deserted, except for a chance passenger who might traverse it for a near way between the docks and the thoroughfares beyond. The gateways were closed, the waggons were gone, the clerks and porters were away home, and the place was left to comparative silence and solitude.

This was its character on the night in question, and the usual quietness and dreariness of the lane were increased by the inclemency of the weather. The passengers, always few, were fewer than usual, and for a quarter of an hour at a time no sound of human footstep was heard there, but the plashing rain fell unheeded on the miry ground, and the lights flickered in the wind, which seemed to chase the shadows as they came and went.

Presently, from the end of the lane nearest the thoroughfares, a dark form came slowly and stealthily round one of the crooked corners situated near the middle of the lane—that is, about half-way between the docks and the wider streets allied to it. It was the form of a man, well built and in rough great coat, woollen comforter, and fur cap, which came in two flaps down upon his ears. He was rather under the middle height, seemed powerfully made, had a short neck, which looked all the shorter by reason of the woollen folds which surrounded it, and a round bullet head, to which the cap closely fitted, and his face as revealed in the fitful light had a brutal bull-dog expression.

Altogether this man had an appearance the opposite of attractive, and his motions did not tend to remove the disagreeable expression, for the manner in which he stood still, and thrust his bullet head round the corner, to gaze as far along the lane as its crooked character would permit, was suggestive of a sinister object. Evidently enough he was there for no honest, straightforward purpose, else why did he move cautiously, so that his footstep could not be heard? and why did he make sure that no one was at hand ere he turned the corner? and why, when he was satisfied on this point, did he gaze first behind and then before, and bend his head to listen so intently? Why also did he keep on the darkest side of the lane, and at length cross with noiseless tread to a dark roadway and take up a position there in its gloomiest recess? These movements, with the stealth which characterized them, betokened anything but frank and open intentions, though they were quite in keeping with the man's external aspect such as we have described it.

Some little time after he had ensconced himself under the shadow of the arch—where he remained quite still—there came a footstep along the lane, and immediately the round head, with a dark fur cap which enveloped it, was cautiously protruded, and a pair of ferret-looking eyes gleamed forth from under black, shaggy eyebrows. It was an artisan returning home from his work at the docks, and no sooner did the watcher discern this than the head was withdrawn, and remained motionless in his place of ambush. He had not come forth in quest of that kind of game, so the man went past close to where he stood, and entirely unconscious of the human beast of prey which he was in such close proximity.

SELLING OFF.—John McLeod, Rockwood, is selling off his winter stock at half-price. See advertisement.

The Guelph Cloth Hall

Is the Oldest Establishment in Town for

READY-MADE CLOTHING

EVERY ARTICLE OF WHICH IS
MANUFACTURED ON THE PREMISES.

Cloths and Woollen Goods of all Kinds.

ARMSTRONG, McCRAE & CO'S FIRST PRIZE UNDERCLOTHING.

HATS AND CAPS

And a general assortment of Goods for Men's Wear.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 6, 1872

CASH!

DRY GOODS

READY-MADE CLOTHING

No Damaged Goods;
No Moth Eaten Old Rubbish;
NOTHING BUT
GOOD NEW SEASONABLE GOODS

Which will be sold for less money than the old trash that is generally offered as Great Bargains.

Just received, another Lot of those Splendid Winceys and Scarlet Flannels.

Blankets for Half Price,
Clothing for Half Price,

Tweeds reduced. Everything Cheap, very cheap, at

The New Store "Cash."

All who want to make the most of their money should call to the New Store, and give it a trial.

Upper Wyndham Street.

W. H. G. KNOWLES, Agent.
Guelph, Jan 15, 1872.

MITCHELL & TOVELL
GUELPH



(Cut of our new Hearse.)

Undertakers and Furniture Dealers.

Furniture of every description kept on hand, and at reasonable rates.

COFFINS: Metallic, Black Walnut and Cloth covered Coffins. Shrouds, &c. &c. kept on hand.

HEARSE TO HIRE.

NEXT DOOR TO THE POST OFFICE. SIGN OF THE HEARSE.

J. MITCHELL, (June 20, 1872.) N. TOVELL

New Dry Goods! Bankrupt Stock of BOOTS and SHOES

GEORGE S. POWELL

Desires to announce that he has purchased the

Of John McNeil's Estate, and will continue the
Boot and Shoe Business in all its Branches

IN THE SAME PREMISES.

Having been with Mr. McNeil for a number of years, and having an experience of over years at the business, he feels confident of giving the public entire satisfaction.

A NEW STOCK

Will be produced, in a few days, and in the meantime the goods now on hand will be sold at remarkably low prices.

REPAIRING DONE AS FORMERLY
And satisfaction guaranteed. A trial solicited.

Guelph, May 17, 1872. GEO. S. POWELL.

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS

JAMES MASSIE,

Manufacturer of

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,

Alma Block, Guelph,

Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer, in

- OZENGES, all flavors;
- DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;
- GUM and LICORICE DROPS,
- CONVERSATION LOZENGES,
- MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
- SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,
- FRUIT BISCUITS,
- GINGER NUTS,
- CHEWING GUM,
- ROCK CANDY,
- LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.

His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Fair this year the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

Fresh Finnan Haddies

Just to Hand;

Choice XXX Oysters,

Received To-Day.

J. E. McELDERRY

No. 2, Day's Block.

MEDICAL DISPENSARY.

McCullough & Moore's COUGH MIXTURE,

The only reliable Cough Mixture in use for Coughs, Colds, Influenza, Bronchitis, &c. &c. Thousands have tried it, and never found it to fail. Try it once, and you will use no other.

McCullough & Moore's CHILBLAIN OINTMENT,

A safe, speedy, and effectual cure for Chilblains, Frost Bites, and all Tenderness of the Feet.

McCullough & Moore's CONDITION POWDERS,

For HORSES and CATTLE, best in use. One pound package for 50 cents. Double the size of any other powder. Farmers try them, and you will use no other.

McCullough & Moore, Chemists and Druggists,
GUELPH and ROCKWOOD.

We have also just received direct from Europe, a magnificent assortment of Hair Brushes, Ladies English Hare CHEST PROTECTORS, which are the best in the market.

The Hair Brushes are beautifully stereotyped on the best of the principal places on the Continent, and are of the most elegant and useful design. Ladies please drop in and see them.

Guelph, Nov 6th 1872.

WM. STEWART

Has much pleasure in stating to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods under current prices, and they will be offered

At Decided Bargains!

- Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c
- Piles of Grey Flannel at 35c
- Piles of Wincey from 10c
- Piles of Clouds in white, grey, and colors, from 50c

BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

Dress Goods.

The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

50,000 White Oak Ties!

The Directors solicit Tenders for 50,000 White Oak Ties, not less than 8 feet long, 9 inches surface (ten per cent. to be 12 inch face for joints), and six inches thick.

Offers to state place of delivery alongside of track on Main Line and Branches, and the number per month during the year 1873.

Payment (less 10 per cent. until completion of contract) will be made for each month's deliveries on the 30th of the following month.

Offers sealed and marked "Tenders for Ties," will be received by the undersigned up to the 1st day of February, 1873.

JOSEPH PRICE,

Treasurer.

General Office, Hamilton,
Jan. 15th, 1873.

DOMINION SALOON.

FRESH OYSTERS

IN EVERY STYLE

to be had at this saloon. The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.

DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Sept. 20, 1872