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Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVEG. OCTOBER 31.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

'No, no, no,' screamed Henderwick; 'you shall not rob me. I will not be robbed; my gold is my own, and I will not part with it. I will not write the cheque, and you can't compel me. No, no, you can't.'

'You refuse to ransom yourself, then?' remarked the Captain.

'Yes, I refuse; I refuse,' cried the old man with wild emphasis.

'Very well; but listen to the consequences. The laws of our association are as unchangeable as those of the Medes and Persians. Now, when a prisoner is not ransomed by his friends at the end of a month, he is put to death. When he refuses to ransom himself, he is killed immediately. The latter will be your doom if you refuse to write out the cheque. Come.'

One of the attendants pushed forward a finely-chased inkstand, with a silver-mounted pen and tinted paper, and the captain pointed to them with a gesture of intimation that the old man should write.

'Never,' cried the latter vehemently. 'My money is my own, and I'll not part with it.'

'Lower the noose,' said the captain, calmly, and the next moment the old man felt a cord fixed round his neck.

'Oh, mercy! mercy!' he shrieked. 'You would not take the life of an old man.'

'Write, then,' said the captain, with stern firmness.

Between the love of gold and the love of life, the old man hesitated in miserable perplexity, but an admonitory tug of the rope settled the question. On the one side was life with less gold, on the other was neither gold nor life. So he decided for the former, and uttering a groan of agony, he wrote out the cheque on his banker at Ballybrogan.

'You'll not cheat me,' he said, looking at the noose which still dangled over his head. 'You'll not take the money and murder me after all?'

'No,' replied the captain; 'you have bought your life, and it is yours so far as we are concerned. This signature,' he added, as he examined the cheque, 'is not just in your usual hand-writing, but the unusual circumstance in which it was written may account for that, and I dare say your banker will know it and cash it.'

He touched a gong at his side, and the noise resounded through the cavern, with a din which made the old man start and look round in apprehension. From the gloom at the side of the cavern came the lady prisoner, his wife, in charge of two of the robbers. She was very pale, but calm, and an expression of deep melancholy rested on her beautiful face.

She was brought forward, and placed in a seat in front of the Captain, who sat for some moments in silence, with his face shaded from the light. He seemed to be looking intently at her, and when at last he spoke, it was with a hoarse and strangely-altered voice.

'Your companion,' he said, still addressing the old man, 'we have not yet treated for her. I fix her ransom at five hundred pounds.'

'What!' shrieked the miser frantically. 'More robbery—more extortion. Not a farthing. I will die first!'

'You are not compelled to ransom your wife,' returned the Captain.

'Am I not?' cried the old man. 'Then I won't do it; my own ransom has ruined me.'

'No,' repeated Captain Jack, and his voice was singularly deep and hollow. 'But learn the consequences of your refusal. You will be allowed to depart the moment your ransom arrives, but your wife must remain; and if at the end of two weeks her ransom is not paid—she shall be sacrificed. That is our law, and neither earth nor hell can alter it. Now, do you still refuse?'

'Of course I do,' answered the old man with eager haste, his sordid love of gold far outweighing his love for the fair young creature who stood to him in the sacred relation of wife.

'Perhaps you wish some time to deliberate,' added the Captain, who could not believe that he was hardened enough to sacrifice her to his darling lust.

'Not an hour—not a moment,' cried the old man.

'And you will leave your wife in our hands to be dealt with according to our law?'

'Yes—yes—if you won't allow her to accompany me, she must remain, for I will not be robbed of another farthing.'

'Be it so,' said the captain in a stony voice. 'Lady, you have heard the fate to which your husband consigns you. He, and he alone, can save you from it. Remove them.'

They were led away, and conveyed through a door in an aperture at the side of the cavern. The captain sat gazing at them till they had disappeared, then he started up and prepared to leave his elevated platform, when his eye fell on Terry and Andrew, who were being brought forward in charge of the leader of the band who had captured them.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE HOG CROP.—The circular of Henry Milward & Co. of Chicago has the following: The general belief seems to be that the crop of hogs will be larger than last year's, but there seems to be some apprehension that the corn crop may not be sufficient to properly fatten the stock. The high prices which have been current for corn will, doubtless, prevent farmers from feeding it so lavishly as in former years; but as the crop has all been secured in most admirable condition, it is most probable that they will find it to their interest to keep up their growing stock, and that we shall, therefore, have a liberal supply of hogs, not only during the next packing season, but also through the next spring and summer. The provision year, now about to close, has been, in most respects, unparalleled by any of its predecessors in point of general contentment.

THOUGHTS IN THE CABINET.—'Remains of disagreement in the Cabinet have been here for the past few days. It is even stated that Mr. Jno. A. Macdonald threatened to resign, unless his colleagues agreed to a course of action which he

Business Education!

THE importance of a thorough Business Education is pressing itself upon the attention of commercial circles more and more every day, and its advantages are perhaps more emphatically shown by nothing more than by the vantage ground on which it places the fully trained clerk above the imperfectly trained one, when looking for a situation.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE has in full operation such a course of instruction as to give it practical fitness to do the work proposed. An important characteristic of this Institution is its maturely organized actual business system, whereby the College is made a type or model not only of an extensive business house, but even of a large trading community. Another distinctive feature of this College is that it attempts no extraneous teaching. Its work is one, and to the accomplishment of that work every effort is directed. Just as the University and Grammar Schools must be separate institutions, so the Commercial College and the Elementary School must be distinct. Common sense and experience alike show that such a combination is not compatible with efficiency.

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably, according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men however are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be enabled by the saving of money in the item of board, infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to incur the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks board in order to make himself completely master of the course; and thus, by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The crudeness that such haste entails is highly detrimental, not only to the student himself, but also to the College where he is a graduate; and, besides, it brings opprobrium on Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deceptive and highly reprehensible.

We were again awarded the **First Prize** at the late Provincial Exhibition, Kingston, for the best specimen of Business Penmanship, and an Extra Prize for our system of Writing.

For Penmanship, Circulars, &c., address—

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,

October 12, 1867. daw-1f TORONTO.

MORTGAGE

SALE OF A FARM

UNDER and by Virtue of the Powers and authority contained in a certain Mortgage, bearing date the Twelfth day of May, 1865, duly registered and made by one Samuel Platt (his wife joining therein to bar her dower), there will be offered for sale at the

MARKET HOUSE, GUELPH,
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON,

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, Fair Day

The West-half of Lot No. 18, in the 11th Concession, Gore District, 100 acres.

This property is in an excellent section of the County—not far from the

VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS.

Of the 100 acres, about 35 are cleared and there is a dwelling house, with barn and other buildings on the lot.

Title indisputable, and immediate possession given. **Terms—Cash.**

For further particulars apply, if by letter post-paid to

EDWARD R. MARTIN,

Solicitor for Mortgage.

W. S. G. KNOWLES,

Auctioneer.

Guelph, Oct. 16, 1867. 475 w730-td

Dominion Grocery, Fruit and

FANCY STORE,

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

HAS just received a very large and varied stock of Fancy Goods, comprising Wools of all kinds, Braids, Crochet Cottons, Machine Spools, Common Spools, Hair Pins, Pins, Hair Lacers, Satchels, Portmonies, Necklaces, Belt Buckles, Eardrops, Scarf Pins, Rings, &c.

Don't forget the stand, next door to the Wellington Hotel, Upper Wyndham Street.

Wanted to purchase for cash **300 lbs. BEES-WAX**, early next month, for a firm in Montreal.

MRS. ROBINSON.

Guelph, Sept. 25th, 1867. daw

OYSTERS!

THOSE CELEBRATED

XXX BALTIMORE OYSTERS!

Large size and full cans,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

GEORGE WILKINSON,

Next door to the Telegraph and Express Office

Guelph, Oct. 25, 1867. daw-1f

Fresh Groceries.

TEAS of superior quality.

FRESH COFFEES.

REFINED, Muscovado, Ground

ROBSTER, Sardines and Mar-

malade.

FIRST-CLASS CHEESE—new and

Extra OLD RYE and Family Whis-

key.

Prices of the above Goods are as low as the

LOWEST.

GEORGE WILKINSON.

Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.

Guelph, 25th October, 1867. daw-1f

New Crop Teas

At E. CARROLL & Co's

Guelph, Oct. 7, 1867. No. 2, Dav's Block.

THE OLD

SAUSAGE SHOP,

Upper Wyndham Street.

ALWAYS ON HAND,

BEEF AND PORK HAMS

Smoked Ham and Shoulders,

Pork, Fresh Sausages, Lard,

Pickled Pork, Beef, Tongue.

The above are first-rate quality. I purchase

no meat from any Packing House,

but buy the best carcasses in the Market.

Remember the Glasgow Ham Curer, at the

old stand, opposite Hamilton's.

Guelph Oct. 26, 1867. d-1m

Farm for Sale or Rent.

FOR sale or to rent that farm, being Lot No. 14, in the 8th Concession, Township of Puslinch, consisting of 100 acres, 80 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation. There are on the premises a good Stone House, Frame Barn, with stabling under, a good bearing Orchard, excellent Spring Well, and plenty of water for cattle. For particulars apply on the premises, or if by letter (post-paid) to

THOMAS BAILEY.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Gore Bank,

Ontario Bank, and

Montreal Bank Bills

TAKEN AT A PREMIUM

AT CUTHBERT'S

Book, Jewellery and Fancy Store.

Guelph, 29th October.

The EXHIBITION

Prize

SHIRTS

and

DRAWERS

For Sale

At the Guelph

Cloth Hall.

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, October 5, 1867. dw1f

CO'MMERCIAL BANK.

ROBERT RUTHERFORD

Will take Commercial Bank Bills AT PAR for the

SALES OF DRY GOODS,

For ONE WEEK from this Date. Being anxious to clear out the Stock Bargains will be given.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, Oct. 25, 1867.

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R. B. MORISON & CO.

HAVE received Large Additions to their FALL PURCHASES and have reduced all their old Stock from 25 to 50 per cent., as also their

Recent Purchases to Meet the present Decline in the Markets.

THE SHOW ROOMS.

They would invite attention to their Show Rooms, the greater portion of goods in the same having been imported direct from the British Markets. Their stock of **CLOTHES** is not to be surpassed in any retail store in the County, and prices as low if not lower than any other.

A Great Variety of Ready-Made Clothing.

Clothes made to order in the best of Style and on short notice. **Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Glassware, Paints and Oils, Furniture, Stoves, Boots and Shoes**—a full supply.

R. B. M. is still AGENT FOR THE SALE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

R. B. MORISON & CO.

Mo. iston, Oct. 24, 1867.

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also fine Straw for beds.

TERMS, CASH.

Guelph, July 22.

JOHN WEST.

CAUTION.

HEREBY give notice that a promissory note, dated 7th October, 1867, for \$30, payable to Daniel Hefferman or bearer, made by me, has been obtained from me without value, and that I will not pay the same.

JAMES SIMPSON.

THE RED MILL.

GRISTING & CHOPPING

THE Subscriber begs to inform the farmers and the public that his Mill on the Waterloo Road is now in running order, and that he is prepared to do **Gristing and Chopping** on short notice.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GEORGE BAILEY.

NEW GOODS



DIRECT from ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Just Received, a few Cases of New MANTLE CLOTHS!

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 & CHANCE.

Guelph, 13th September, 1867.

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HAVE YOU SEEN BARNUM?

YES!

Well, the next biggest thing is the **BOOT and SHOE** Establishment of

PREST & HEPBURN

COME AND SEE IT.

THERE IS NOW ON EXHIBITION the Largest, Best, Cheapest, Neatest and most Durable assortment of

BOOTS AND SHOES

ever offered to the trade in the county of Wellington. In fact, it is the stock of Ontario. This is the only house that manufactures their own Boots and Shoes.

SUPPORT HOME MANUFACTURE!

and keep your money in the county. We do not believe in puffing, but simply ask the public to come and see our Boots and Shoes, and we are confident the verdict will be in our favor. We will guarantee all our goods. Remember the Stand—

The Old Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store!

And the oldest Shoe Store in Guelph. **REPAIRING DONE AS USUAL.**

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph, 16th October, 1867.

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DIRECT IMPORTATIONS

OF STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured.

REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS,

MANTLE CLOTHS,

Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph, September 21, 1867.

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To Engineers and Mechanics.

The Engineers' and Mechanics' Pocket Book,

CONTAINING Weights and Measures; Weight of Materials; Rules of Arithmetic; Latitude and Longitude; Cable and Anchor; Specific Gravities; Squares, Cubes and Roots, etc.; Mensuration of Surfaces and Solids; Trigonometry; Mechanics; Friction; Aerostatics; Hydraulics and Hydrostatics; Dynamics; Gravitation; Animal Strength; Wind-mills; Strength of Materials; Limes, Mortars, Cements, &c.; Wheels, Hoist, Water, Grunnery, Sewers, Combustion, Steam and the Steam-Engine; Construction of Vessels; Miscellaneous Illustrations; Dimensions of Steamers, Mills, etc.; Orthography of Technical Terms and Words, etc. The Volume embraces 660 pages, magnificently bound.

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