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Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'G. APRIL 4, 1868.

EARTH AND HEAVEN.

BY A POOR COUNTRY WOMAN.
Oh, what blissful consolation
To the humble Christian given!
What though long we have our stations,
Soon we'll meet as one in Heaven.
Then love's links, so rudely broken,
Will again united be;
Hearts from hearts by death now taken,
There will join in harmony.
When the evening shadows gather
Round the heavy loads of time,
Then we'll bask in bliss forever,
In that holy, heavenly clime.
When the Lord Himself descending
From those pearly gates above,
Gathering all His chosen to Him,
In one massive chain of love:
Then our days will be unnumbered,
When we join that ransomed band;
And love's links no more be sundered,
In that glorious spirit land.

A TALE OF WOE.

"What makes your cheek so pale, young man?
What dims your sunken eye?
What means that heaving of your breast—
That frequent deep drawn sigh?
The young man sadly shook his head,
And heaved a heavy sigh;
But, save those tokens of his grief,
He made no reply.
"Perhaps some maid has trifled with
Thy too-confiding heart,
And let thee feel the bitterness
Of slighted love's keen smart?"
"Al! no," he said, in accents low,
"Far worse than that, old brick,
"I've smoked a 'ortul' cigar, and oh!
It's made me 'ortul' sick."

The Maiden's Choice
Or, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters.

"Then Charlie must be deceiving Sir Gilbert on this point?" remarked Mr. Gordon.
"I have no doubt of it. He wishes Sir Gilbert to believe his power to be greater than it is."
"Oh, Walter, write to Brankwood at once and tell Sir Gilbert this," cried Mr. Gordon.
He looked silently at her for a moment, then relapsed into meditation. At the end of several moments he again spoke.
"The possession of this packet is of the utmost importance to Sir Gilbert," he observed; "it is of the very greatest consequence."
"Without this youth, who is discovered to be his son, cannot obtain his rights. There seems no reason to doubt that he is his lawful son and rightful heir, but without the proofs contained in the packet he must, in the event of Sir Gilbert's death, lose his inheritance."
"How Sir Gilbert's warm, generous heart must be torn with anxiety at the thought of this," remarked Marion. "I have noticed the youth called Richard Wayland in church, and thought him a fine manly fellow."
"I would not know him if I saw him," observed Walter, "but Brankwood and Birkenleuch seem to have been the scenes of a thrilling romance of late. The character of Charlie Allan is not improving."
"Alas! no," sighed Mr. Gordon. "The wicked man who prospers in his way and obtains success in sin will be by such prosperity and success hardened in his iniquity, and will grow from bad to worse. If he should ever be sought reform it will be by adversity and suffering. Fill overtaken by these there is no hope of his character being changed."
Silence again fell upon the group, and Walter once more fell into deep meditation. His cogitations were seemingly of a grave and anxious character, for his abstracted countenance was shadowed by the pale cast of thought, and he was evidently revolving some weighty project in his mind. Occasionally he cast a dubious look towards Marion, and at these times his lips parted, as if he were about to speak, but his purpose seemed to falter, and a shade of deeper anxiety gathered on his brow.
Mr. Gordon watched him keenly all the time, but he did not break the silence; only by the expression on his serene face it might be seen that he divined the nature of Walter's thoughts, and was waiting to see how these would terminate.
Walter, chancing to cast his eye towards him, caught his meaning look, and his glance became questioning, which, when Mr. Gordon saw, he smiled approvingly. This smile at once gave Walter strength and decision.
Marion was too much engaged with the prattle of her boy to notice these things. She was therefore startled and alarmed beyond measure when Walter suddenly broke the silence by declaring that he had resolved to go to Scotland.
"To Scotland!" she exclaimed in amazement.
"Yes, dear, to Birkenleuch first, and if I succeed in my mission, then to Brankwood."
"And, oh! Walter, if you should be discovered—if you are taken!"
"I must do my best to guard against that," he returned. "I shall disguise myself as well as possible, and hope no such evil will happen."
"But what is to be gained by this terrible risk?" asked the anxious wife, who was now pale and tearful.
"I hope to be able to secure this important paper for Sir Gilbert," he answered. "In all probability I shall be able to gain access to the house by the ravine and the well, and I will make my visit at an hour when the inmates are asleep, so that the risk to be run is not so very great."
"Father, you do not approve of this?" cried Marion, with an earnest appealing look to Mr. Gordon, who had as yet said nothing.
"Well, my child, I certainly would not have suggested it. But since Walter for himself considered it a duty, I dare not dissuade him. Remember the obligations under which he lies to the Baronet."
"I owe my life to him," exclaimed Walter warmly, "and I am bound to risk it in his service. Reflect on this darling, and you will consent to it."
It was not without a struggle that Marion could think of allowing Walter to go on this distant and dangerous enterprise. Love and fear strove in her heart against a sense of gratitude and duty, but in time she came to acknowledge that the immense debt they owed the Baronet demanded this service from Walter; and, with many tears, she acquiesced in his resolution to go to Scotland. Matters having reached this point it was wisely considered that the enterprise should not be delayed, for this was but to protract anxiety, and reduce the chance of success. After a few days' preparation, therefore, Walter bade a tender adieu to Mr. Gordon, Marion, and his boy, and departed. We need not dwell on the painful scene of separation, nor describe how Marion clung to him and wept on his bosom. She had a heavy foreboding of danger and perils awaiting him, but, with a gentle and soothing smile, he folded her and his boy in a last embrace, and bade them farewell. Mr. Gordon gave him his fervent blessing at parting, and solemnly and confidently commended him to the keeping of the All-loving One.
It needs not that we recount his voyage and his journey. Suffice it to say that in safety he landed at Leith. In the disguise he adopted, he passed unrecognized through Edinburgh and into the west country, and after dark, on a boisterous and gusty evening in the end of February, he approached the vicinity of Greystone and Birkenleuch.
TO BE CONTINUED.

WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SELEBOT Boarding & Day School
MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH proposes (D.V.) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 29th April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw3

ALBION HOTEL!
St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.
L. W. DECKER.
Montreal, 30th March, 1868. a

JOSEPH HOBSON,
Civil Engineer, Provincial Land Surveyor and Architect,
HAS OPENED AN OFFICE IN GUELPH, at Messrs. Davidson & Chadwick's, Town Hall Buildings.
Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. w

FOR SALE.
SODA ASH—"Gambles." "Alkali Comp'y." "Garrett's."
CAUSTIC SODA—"Gambles." "Alkali Comp'y." "Garrett's."
SAL. SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.
PALM OIL.
W. T. BENSON,
37 St. Peter Street, Montreal.
Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-67a

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. dwly.

Important to the Ladies.
BONNETS & HATS
CLEANED, &c.
Mrs. PRINGLE
HAS much pleasure in announcing to the Ladies of Guelph and vicinity that on and after **MONDAY the 6th of APRIL** she will assume her old business in all its branches, and will be glad to see her old patrons, and all those requiring her services.
Residence—Next door to W. Brownlow, Undertaker, Douglas-st.
Guelph, 30th March, 1868. MRS. PRINGLE dw1

T. BREADON,
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. d3m-w1m

BOOT AND SHOE STORE
SPRING ARRIVALS.

Straw Bonnet Business.

F. A. HARRISON
RETURNS her grateful thanks to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity for the liberal patronage she has received since resuming business. Having on hand plain and fancy Straw, she is prepared to make Bonnets and Hats to order. Latest styles just received.
Residence—Rose Cottage, Market Street, west of Dr. Howitt's.
37 Apprentices wanted.
MISS HARRISON.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

WALL PAPER!
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FOR Extra BARGAINS
In WALL PAPER try
SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE!
Next door to H. Walker's Grocery.
Guelph, 27th March, 1868 dw

NEW GOODS.
1868. 1868
Mrs HUNTER
HAS pleasure in calling the attention of the ladies of Guelph and vicinity to her extensive and well selected stock of
BERLIN AND FANCY WOOLS
Slippers and Slipper Patterns,
Crochet, Knitting and Mending Cottons,
Corsets, Braids, Frillings, Edgings,
Sewing, Purse, and Embroidering Silk,
Flows, Flosses, Belt and Bonnet Ribbons,
Dress Buttons, Toilet Sets, and
GENERAL FANCY GOODS
Juvenile Clothing, Infants' Robes, &c.

STRAW MILLINERY!
Bonnets and Hats cleaned, dyed and re-made in the newest styles. Hair Hats and Bonnets renewed.
STAMPING from the newest designs.
Remember the Stand—Wyndham Street, next door to Harvey's Drug Store, and opposite the English Church.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868 dw tf

JOHN MACDONALD & CO
TORONTO,
Have now a very
Large and Complete Stock!
To which, throughout the Season,
ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WEEKLY
JOHN MACDONALD & CO.
Nos. 21 and 23, Wellington Street, and Nos. 28 and 30, Front Street, TORONTO.
No. 108 King Street, Manchester, England.
Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw1m

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NEW GOODS!
FASHIONABLE,
SERVICEABLE,
DURABLE,
COMFORTABLE.
A BEAUTIFUL American Prunella Walking BALMORAL, very stylish. Call at once and see them. Lacrosses for sale.—
TEXAS CASH.
JOHN McNEIL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dw

FOR SALE.

200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb.
500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches
200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade.
50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly.
100 bushels Dried Apples.
French Plums and Prunes.
Anchovy Paste.
Bloater Paste.
Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup.
AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, March 24th 1868 dw

POTATOES!
Potatoes of all Kinds
Wholesale and Retail,
AT WEBSTER'S
Grain and Flour Store,
West Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, March 20, 1868. do tf

DOMINION HOTEL
GEORGE BLACK
BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST.
A few doors above Highbottom's Drug Store and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharp's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customer's order to secure their comfort and convenience.
Guelph, March 6, 1868. daw 3m

Boarding and Day School
for Young Ladies.
CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH
MISS W. GHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.
Guelph, 26th December 1867. w1

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland.
ISAAC BUCHANAN,
ANDREW BISHOP,
PETER T. BUCHANAN.
Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868.

1868. **SPRING IMPORTATIONS.** 1868.

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their
SPRING IMPORTATIONS
—OF—
BRITISH AND FOREIGN
DRY GOODS,
And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.
BUCHANAN & COMPANY.
Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw

1868. The First Importations this Season. 1868

JUST RECEIVED.

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Choice Messina Oranges and Lemons, Cocoa Nuts, Dried Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Imperial Prunes, etc.
Wholesale at City Prices
HUGH WALKER,
Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer, Wyndham-St., Guelph.
Guelph, March 31 1868. daw y

ESTABLISHED 1849.
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GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,
Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen,
Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of
Staple & Fancy Dry Goods
In the Dominion. A large assortment of
Home and Foreign Woollens!
AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.
They are constantly receiving **Leading Styles** from the various places of production.—
Terms Liberal.
17 Lybster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING.
Toronto 26th March, 1868. dw-1m.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.
Are now opening out their
Spring Importations!
And will be glad to see their customers and friends at
32 Yonge-st., Toronto.
Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

JUST OPENING
AT THE
BRITANNIA HOUSE
A Splendid Assortment of
SPRING FURNISHINGS
2 & 3 PLY CARPETS,
Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.
Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Guelph, 25th March, 1868.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864
By Order of E. Newton, Esq.,
OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.
W. S. G. KNOWLES will offer for sale by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
At the residence of MARTIN RYAN, near Allan's Mills, in the Town of Guelph,
On Tuesday, 7th of April
Commencing at the hour of 1 o'clock, the whole of his valuable
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An Excellent Piano Forte!
Clock, Kitchen Utensils, &c. Also, a very fine WARE, in foal, Buggy, Cutter, Harness, Buffalo Robe, &c.
TERMS - - - CASH.
Guelph, April 2nd, 1868. dw

R. J. JEANNERET.
From England,
(Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph 1863.)
WORKING WATCHMAKER
AND JEWELER,
DAYS' BLOCK,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
FOR sale cheap, SETH THOMAS' CLOCKS, by the best maker in America. Also, Patent Swiss Tinned SPECTACLES.
Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

THE CANADIAN SAVINGS BANK.
BANK OF COMMERCE
OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.
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.
The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors.
Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.
For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.
R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw3
Herald copy four weeks.

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has
THIS DAY REMOVED
To a much larger and much more commodious store,
One Door West of the Old Stand,
And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he will be enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage to them and to himself.
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HORSE BILLS
1868.
PROPRIETORS and Travellers of Stallions will please note the fact that
THE MERCURY OFFICE
Macdonnell Street, opposite the Great Western Hotel Stables, second door east of the Golden Lion, Guelph,
They can get better, cheaper and handsomer Horse Bills than at any other office in the County, and printed while they wait.
Orders by post will be promptly attended to, and forwarded by the earliest conveyance.— Give us a call.
McLACAN & INNES.
EVENING MERCURY Buildings, Macdonnell-st. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

GUELPH, ELMIRA & PEEL GRAVEL ROAD
SEALED TENDERS
FOR the construction of the Guelph, Elmira and Peel Gravel Road through the Townships of Woolwich and Pilkington will be received till
FRIDAY the 17th of APRIL
by the undersigned, who will be at Elmira on FRIDAY the 10th inst, and at his office in Guelph on Monday and Tuesday, 13th and 14th instants, for the purpose of giving any information that may be required by parties desirous of tendering. The work will be divided into six sections, and offers will be received for either the whole or any single division.
The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, if not satisfactory.
JOSEPH HOBSON,
Engineer, G. E. and P. Gravel Road.
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