

**Position.**  
 The House having gone into Committee on the resolutions respecting the salaries of the heads of Departments, &c., Mr. Holton again called attention to the unnecessary large number of Ministers. A very characteristic, and withal very forcible speech, was made on this subject by Mr. Rymal, who occasionally favors the House with some very practical remarks. He said he had taken some trouble to make a few calculations, which although not dealing with figures, he would quote. We were now a first-class power (laughter), and he would compare our administrative expenses with those of other first-class nations. Great Britain, with thirty millions of population, 658 members of Parliament, and with three hundred and sixty millions of revenue had fifteen heads of departments; or in the proportion of one to two million of people, to every 23 millions of revenue. This basis, if adopted here, would give us two heads for our population; or giving into account the comparative extent of business and the amount of money handled, only one. (Laughter) The United States had 30 millions of population, 240 members of the popular branch, and seven heads of departments; or in the proportion of one to every 4 millions of people, every 33 representatives, and every 70 millions of revenue. In France, a country with which we had some affinity, numbering among our population a considerable proportion of her gay, gallant and refined people (laughter) represented in the Cabinet by our Minister of war (laughter), there was a population of 35 millions with a *Corps Legislatif* of 283 members, and a revenue of 35 millions of dollars. For all these there were 11 heads of departments or one to every 34 million people, to every 26 legislators, to every 34 millions of revenue. The same basis would give Canada one head as regards population, but as regards revenue, one of their heads was worth two of ours. (Great laughter.) Each of their heads represented as large a revenue as it took our fifteen to manage together. How did it happen that the Minister for war was only one-fifth the capacity of his countrymen at home, and was his degeneracy to be traced to the accident of his having been born in Canada? Our 13 heads represented each but 300,000 people, and but 13 members of Parliament. Indeed he was well aware that some of the 13 could not command the adhesion of nearly so large a number. (Cheers and laughter.) He could point to three or four whose influence was less extensive. He would prefer to see the salaries of the 13 divided among 7, a number which would be quite sufficient, and each of whom might be more adequately paid; and he could not understand why the Minister for Finance could not manage his revenue single-handed. It was as easy to say millions as thousands, and he had only to reckon up the figures. (Laughter.) It must be remembered that the other governments, with which he had made comparison, had duties to discharge from which ours was free; diplomatic relation to sustain, which we had not yet made our way to. He was, therefore, compelled to one of two conclusions; either that we had a greater number of ministers than was necessary, or that they were men of very inferior calibre, and judging from their performances, he inclined to the latter opinion. (Much laughter.) They could not have the hardihood to assert that their affairs were in a creditable state when they were compelled to propose so many new measures to set them right—to rescue them from their position of topsy-turvy, all heads and points. In closing these few financial statements (laughter), he would repeat his statement that heads of department should be well paid, should receive \$5,000 if they deserved it, or even \$10,000 on the same condition; but he still maintained that their number was a mischievous absurdity, and a direct contradiction to the impression sought to be established previous to Confederation that the removal of the Crown Lands would greatly lessen the work of the General Government. The impression had succeeded in laying hold of his unsophisticated mind but he had since lived to see the hope he had so fondly cherished dispelled. (Laughter.) He went on to refer to the multiplicity of governing bodies in Ontario, and asked what would be the fate of any private individual living so far above his means as were forced to exceed to ours. They knew, and the people knew, that the way taxation was being piled on by the Dominion Government was a caution to weak minds. Loud and continued laughter.

Of course the Government carried their resolutions, but the facts which Mr. Rymal had called are nevertheless too hard to admit of refutation.

**SHEEP SHEARS.**  
 A large variety of SHEEP SHEARS, various qualities, and approved patterns, now selling at

JOHN HORSMAN'S.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**Guelph Markets.**

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH. }  
 May 2, 1868.

Flour, 100 lbs	3 87 1/2	4 00
Fall Wheat, 1 bush	1 75	1 75
Spring Wheat 1 bush	1 48	1 53
Oats 1 bush	0 55	0 58
Peas do	0 80	0 85
Barley do	1 15	1 20
Hay 1 ton	10 00	13 00
Straw	4 00	5 00
Shingles, 1/2 square	1 00	1 50
Wood, 1 cord	3 00	3 50
Wool	0 22	0 24
Eggs, 1/2 dozen	0 10	0 10
Butter, 1/2 lb	0 13	0 14
Cheese, each	0 25	0 30
Turkeys each	0 50	0 60
Chickens, 1/2 pair	0 20	0 25
Ducks, do	0 20	0 25
Potatoes	0 75	0 90
Apples, 1/2 barrel	2 00	2 00
Lamb, 1/2 lb	0 06	0 07
Beef	7 00	8 00
Sheep, 1/2 lb	0 50	0 15
Pork, 100 lbs	5 00	5 50
Sheep Pelts, each	0 50	0 75
Hideskins	0 40	0 45
Hides	6 00	6 00

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**  
 Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'

MONTREAL, May 26, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 35 to \$7 45; Superfine No. 1, \$6 90 to \$7 00; Welland Canal, \$7 00. Bag flour, \$4 40 to \$5 20. Oats 40c to 47c. Barley \$1 30 to \$1 15. Butter—dairy 15c to 20c; store packed 15c to 20c. Ashes—Pot 25 35 to \$5 45; pearls \$4 75 to \$5 40.

Flour market dull and slightly lower. Wheat nominal. Ashes dull.

HAMILTON, May 2, 1868.

Fall wheat, \$1 56 to \$1 65; spring do—\$1 55 to \$1 62 per bushel. Barley—\$1 35 to \$1 40. Oats 40c to 60c. Peas—60c to 62c. Pork—\$6 00 to \$6 50.

TORONTO, May 25, 1868.

Receipts, 130 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 10. Fall wheat—\$1 50. Spring wheat—\$1 60. Barley—\$1 30 to \$1 40. Oats—40c to 45c.

**BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT**  
**DRESS SHIRTS,**  
**TIES, COLLARS,**  
**CUFFS and BRACES**

**AT**  
**THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL**  
**A. THOMSON & CO.**  
 Guelph, 9th May 1868

**THE FIRST GRAND PRIZE,**  
**THE HIGHEST AWARD,**  
**The Imperial Cross of the Legion of Honor**  
**AND TWO GRAND GOLD MEDALS.**  
 First Premiums awarded to the Wood's Patent New Jointed-bar Mower and

**SELF-RAKE REAPER**  
**AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION, 1867.**  
 These Machines are manufactured at the

**Newcastle Agricultural and Machine Works**  
**THRESHING MACHINES of the best description, and Agricultural Implements furnished to order.**  
 For full particulars, Prices, &c., send for Catalogue.

**H. A. MASSEY.**  
**C. & A. SHARPE, Agents at Guelph.**  
 Guelph, 8th May, 1868.

**For Cricket Bats!**  
**BALLS, &c.,**  
**Cuthbert's**  
**IS THE PLACE.**

**FOR CROQUET SETS!**  
 Go to **R. CUTIBERT'S.**  
 Guelph, 15th May, 1868.

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

**JAMES CORMACK,**  
 Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

**A. R. McMASTER & BRO.,**  
 IMPORTERS OF  
**BRITISH AND FOREIGN**  
**DRY GOODS,**  
 AND  
**Manufacturers & Dealers in Canada Fabrics**  
 32 Yonge Street,  
**TORONTO.**  
 102 Cross-St., Albert Square, **MANCHESTER.**  
 Alexandra Building, James-St, **LIVERPOOL.**  
 Toronto, May 5, 1868.

**BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO**  
 IMPORTERS OF  
**BRITISH AND FOREIGN**  
**DRY GOODS,**  
 MANUFACTURERS OF  
**Canadian TWEEDS, Flannels, Blankets,**  
**DUNDAS COTTON MILLS.**  
 Toronto, 25th March, 1868.

**CASTLE GARDEN SALOON**  
**GUELPH, ONT.**  
 THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

**THE BAR**  
 will be supplied with the best  
**Wines, Liquors & Cigars**  
 And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

**LUNCHEON!**  
 Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

**OYSTERS AND GAME,**  
 Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

**JOHN MILLER,**  
 Proprietor.  
 Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittby.  
**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**  
 Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868.

**CHEAP**  
**Photographs**  
**W. BURGESS**  
 BEGS to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that having received a large lot of **FRAMES** suitable for

**Christmas Presents,**  
 he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly

**REDUCED PRICES.**  
 Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call on once.

**PICTURES**  
 of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art.

Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store.  
**W. BURGESS.**  
 Guelph 18th December, 1867.

**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, for

**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.

**NEW**  
**Oyster Rooms**  
**VALENTINE WALD**  
 BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET. The very best of Oysters, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.

The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.  
**TOWN and JERSEY,** and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.  
 Guelph, 27th December, 1867.

**REMOVAL.**  
**STEPHEN BOULT,**  
 Architect and Builder,  
 Has Removed his Workshop and Planing Factory to QUEBEC STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church, a short distance east of Wyndham Street.)

**Plans, Specifications & Estimates,**  
 Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.

**STEPHEN BOULT** having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCrue, Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber on hand. Prompt attention given to all orders.

**Planing Done to Order,**  
 AND ALL KINDS OF  
**Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds and Machine Joiners' Work,**  
 Executed with despatch and kept always on hand. Cash paid for all kinds of Lumber at the yard.  
 Guelph, March 10th, 1868.

**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 Cardigan 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 SHOEING.**—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoeing. 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. Waggon 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.  
 Guelph, 24th April, 1868.

**CLEAR OUT DAUBERS.**  
**SHOW ME THE JOB.**  
**DOUGLAS GOUCK,**  
 House, Sign and Decorative Painter,  
 And Paper Hanger,  
 At the Old Established Stand,  
**No. 1, Douglas-St.,**  
 Sign of the man on the Roof.  
 Guelph, 12th May.

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

**BEDDING PLANTS!**  
**C. & A. SHARPE**  
 HAVE for sale a large number of the following assortment of  
**BEDDING PLANTS!**  
**VERBENAS, PETUNIAS, GERANIUMS,**  
**LANTANAS, HELIOTROPES, Etc., Etc.**  
**VEGETABLE PLANTS.**  
**CABBAGE PLANTS, in best Varieties,**  
**CAULIFLOWER, in best Varieties,**  
**KEYES' TOMATO, 30 days earlier than any other Variety extant,**  
**CUCUMBER and MELON.**

Also, a choice assortment of **FLOWER SEEDS** of last year's growth, selected by ourselves from the most reliable Seed-growing Establishments in Europe.

For further particulars apply at the Store, Market Square, for Catalogues.  
 Guelph, April 28, 1868.

**ALE AND CIDER!**  
**JUST RECEIVED**  
**AT H. WALKER'S,**  
 100 Doz. Magnificent Sparkling  
**CANADIAN ALE**  
 In Prime Order, at \$1.50 per dozen. Also,  
**Penner's Champagne Cider,**  
 in Pints and Quarts at \$2.00 and \$3.00 per dozen.

**HUGH WALKER,**  
 Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph.  
 Guelph, April 28, 1868.

**Commercial Union Assurance Company,**  
 CHIEF OFFICES—19 AND 20, CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.  
**CAPITAL \$2,500,000.**  
**Fire Department.**  
 THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and invested Funds.

**PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.**—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

**Life Department.**  
 Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks.

Eighty per cent of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders.

Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.

By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.

MORLAND, WATSON & Co., General Agents for Canada.  
 Office—385 and 387 St. Paul St., Montreal.  
 FREDERICK COLE, Secretary, Inspector of Agencies—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P.L.S., Upper Canada.  
 Guelph April 1st 1868

**Where do you get your Watches,**  
**CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?**

**AT SAVAGE'S.**  
 Guelph, February 6, 1868.

**THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.**  
**FIRST IMPORTATIONS**  
**OF**  
**NEW SPRING GOODS!**  
 WILL BE OPENED  
**ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.**  
 The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.

**W. MACKLIN & CO.**  
 Guelph April 7, 1868.

**BRITANNIA HOUSE**  
**WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.**

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