

CHEAP SUGARS

John A. Wood's,
Alma Block & Lower Wyndham
streets, Guelph.

12 lbs. good sugar	for \$1.00
11 " bright "	1.00
10 " brightest crystallized	1.00
8 " broken loaf "	1.00
8 " ground "	1.00
20 " new raisins "	1.00
20 " good currants "	1.00
20 " good rice "	1.00
8 bars of good washing soap	1.00

No one sells better goods,
and no one sells them
cheaper than

John A. Wood.

Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 8, 1878

The Coming Thirteenth.

We are glad to notice further confirmation of the statement made yesterday to the effect that it was Lord Dufferin's intention to be at the capital when Parliament meets. It would have been exceedingly undesirable for His Excellency to be absent at such a grave crisis in our national affairs; and his presence may be taken as an indication of the possibility, if not probability, of an active session of Parliament. Indeed, in the present temper of the country, we cannot believe that this could be prevented, even by the most skillful Ministerial engineering. The petitions so contemptuously pool-pooched by the Tory press are now showing their influence, and there is every reason to hope that that influence will have its full result in defeating the attempts of the Ministry to gag the witnesses and stifle the enquiry. In spite of the fervent protests of the Ministerial press that Parliament should not be allowed to transact any business, there seems no doubt that Government will provide against emergency by having a full muster of their supporters when the House opens. They prepared for such a contingency by the Act they passed last session, raising the amount paid to members and providing that if the Houses adjourned for more than thirty days members should be entitled to indemnity for another session, in the same way as if a prorogation had taken place.

Most of the petitions that were being circulated in this neighborhood have been sent in to Ottawa. Any that have not yet been sent should be despatched not later than to-morrow.

Political Gossip.

Sir John's return to the capital is announced for early next week, when all members of the Cabinet will be called to take what steps they can to avert the impending troubles.

Mr. Shultz of Manitoba is in Ottawa.

It is said that there will be no prorogation on the 13th after all, as to meet contingencies Government has called all its friends to be in readiness.

Mr. Geo W. McMullen is in Toronto.

The friends of the *Mail* newspaper do not venture to state that it will come off triumphant in the libel suit, knowing as they do that some of the expressions used were in the heat of the Parliamentary discussions, and before the second batch of disclosures were published.

There is considerable caucusing in North York just now.

It is currently reported that after the prorogation of Parliament, Angus Morrison is to be appointed collector of Customs at Toronto. It is also understood that three other constituencies will be rendered vacant at the same time as that of Niagara, one of which will occur from a similar, though less important appointment given to Tom Ferguson.

The Onondaga Thieves.

We condense the following from the *Brantford Expositor*:—For fully thirty years, with hardly a noticeable interruption, this gang has been at work. Few, if any, of the original members are yet alive, but they have been succeeded by those born at the business. The gang now consists of 18 or 20 members in the vicinity of Onondaga village, with some adherents about Cainsville, but the headquarters of the lot are at the former place. From there they make frequent excursions in every direction, and they have at various times broken into stores and dwelling, being proficient both at the more common kinds of burglary, and at highway robbery and larceny. Their present programme consists mainly in stealing cattle from the Indians on the reservation, which are butchered, and the next day offered for sale in Brantford or Hamilton. To such an extent has this been done recently that the prices of meat in both these markets have fallen below the usual rates on account of the abundant supplies from this source. Many arrests have been made in times past, and the miscarriage of justice toward these offenders has become proverbial. As a general thing they elude to be tried before the Judge under the Act which permits the speedy trial of offenders. In this way they escape confronting a jury of farmers. The organization of the gang is such that they have no trouble in manufacturing evidence and furnishing funds for the best counsel and all the other advantages which money can procure for a criminal. This evidence of actual—but sometimes secret—accomplices has been effectual in acquitting the thieves so often, that the honest inhabitants of Onondaga have almost despaired of justice through the ordinary channels. If the County is to regain its prosperity, a determined and united effort must be made to at once and forever break up the Onondaga gang. The thieves are known, the place of their meetings is known, their time of meeting is generally announced, their operations have been watched, and the interests of all law-abiding citizens demand that the whole gang shall be bagged en masse and convicted together. It is next to useless to catch a single member now and then, while the rest are left at large to plan and plot and work for his restoration to liberty.

Breaking Dishes.—We are glad to learn that the Emperor of China has issued a decree declaring that if the chief officer of his household handles dishes so carelessly as to break them, he shall be killed. We say we are glad of this, because we hope to have the same regulation put into effect in this country. If it is, about two thousand hired girls will be executed every week, and we may reasonably hope that the destruction of crockery will be checked. We have stopped it temporarily in our house by having a tea-set made of wrought iron and painted white. When a new hired girl comes she drops the coffee pot upon the floor. Finding with amazement that it does not break, she thumps it with a flat iron and drops bricks on it, and goes out and borrows a sledge-hammer and whacks it; and then, perceiving that it is as good as ever, she sits down in front of the coffee pot and bursts into tears. Then she gives warning, loads up with sugar and beef and butter for her sick aunt, embzzles three or four hemstitched handkerchiefs and any old pillow cases that are lying around, and starts for the nearest intelligence office. We wouldn't take a million dollars for that tea set.—*Max Adeler.*

Dog Bites.—Persons who may have the misfortune to be bitten by dogs should bear in mind that their own nerves have more to do with the result than the condition of the dog. Fear of hydrophobia will very often produce symptoms of madness, producing brain fever and death, while a properly controlled nervous system will frequently counteract, by the aid of medical treatment, the due effects of hydrophobic poison. Mrs. Cornelius Dwyer, a young woman, was bitten by a neighbor's dog. Although the wound was not a dangerous one, after three months of continued fear, she was taken with an extraordinary fever, from the effects of which she died. Dr. Walker, who attended her, says that there was no real hydrophobia about the case, but that Mrs. Dwyer's imagination, dwelling on the thoughts of her misfortune, threw her into a morbid state of nervousness, which resulted in fever and death.

The great fire at Hunter's Point, on Tuesday is a good illustration of the recklessness with which men conduct themselves amidst dangers familiar to them. A man lounging on a barge loaded with coal oil, lighted his pipe; and the flame of the match set fire to the gases generated by the cargo. The unfortunate smoker lost his life; and from his barge the flames spread to the nearest oil works (the Standard Oil Works) which were consumed, and, before the fiery tide could be strayed, over \$200,000 worth of property had been destroyed. It is amazing that these vast magazines of explosive material should be more securely guarded by extinguishing apparatus than this fire proves them to be. But it is still more surprising that men can be educated into a carelessness like that which kindled the Long Island City fire on Tuesday, and cost the barge-man his life.—*Tribune.*

Two valuable silver medals have been offered by His Excellency the Governor-General, to be competed for at the annual matches of the Provincial Rifle Association.

MEAFORD has got a bank agency established there, and is jubilant over the fact.

The bombardment of Valentia has been suspended, a flag of truce having been received from the insurgents requesting a parley, which is now going on.

The Cortes by a vote of 184 yeas to one nay have passed a Bill granting constitutional guarantees to Porto Rico. A deputy from that Colony in the course of debate declared that the island would always remain faithful to Spain.

The *Imparcial* says that Espartero is extremely popular in the Cortes.

BIRTHS.

MACRIE—At Guelph, on the 31st July, the wife of the Rev. Mr. Mackie, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

CAMERON—ATKINSON—At Harrison on the 29th ult., by the Rev. George McLennan, William Cameron, of Epsom, to Miss Agnes Atkinson, of Chford.

FARMS FOR SALE.

600 acres, prime land, in Luther, all timber.
100 acres N 1/2 13, 4th con. Arthur, 80 cleared.
100 acres N 1/2 13, 11th con. Arthur, 60 cleared.
200 acres, Lot 11, 1st con. Arthur, 20 cleared.
185 acres, Lot 3, 12th con. Arthur, 100 cleared.
The above are all choice lots, and will be sold cheap. On lot 3, 12th con. there is a new bank barn, a large log barn, good frame dwelling, milk house with a stream of excellent water constantly flowing through the building.

115 acres, part Lots 13 and 14, 9th and 10th con. Nichol, 80 acres cleared, balance well timbered, watered by the River Speed. The buildings are good and extensive, land superior and in good order. There is a mill site, with seven feet fall.

141 acres, Lot 20, 1st con. Eramosa, upon which there is over 100 acres of valuable timber, will be sold at a great bargain for quick payments.

Several houses and cottages in the Town of Guelph and neighborhood, some of which are paying from 12 to 15 per cent. as rentals on the selling price.

A number of Park Lots from 1 to 10 acres each, near the Town of Guelph; land new and first class.

A large number of town lots in Guelph for sale cheap, and on easy terms.

Also, other property of various descriptions. Parties wishing to purchase will do well to call on the undersigned. No charge made for information.

The subscriber has a large amount of funds to invest on farm security at 8 per cent. Charges moderate.

HENRY HATCH,
Guelph, Aug. 5, 1878.

MARE STRAYED

Strayed from Guelph, on Tuesday, a bay mare with white spots on her side, slightly knee-sprung, about thirteen years old, in recent poor condition. Any person returning her, or giving information where she may be found, to Mr. Erskine, Red Mill, Guelph, will be suitably rewarded.
Guelph, July 30, 1878.

THE MEDICAL HALL

Just Received, a fresh supply of
NEW
TRANSPARENT
COSMETIQUE
For fixing the Hair and Moustache without greasing. Also the

NEW
Anti-Phalæna Sachet,

An everlasting Perfume for the Wardrobe, Cabinet, etc., and a sure preventative against the Moth and other Insects.

E. HARVEY & Co.
Chemists and Druggists.

Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.
Guelph, June 24, 1878. dw

GUELPH PHARMACY.

The Old Store formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened.

Herod & Co., Proprietors

No expense has been spared in the fitting up so as to make it as a Retail Drug Establishment second to none in the Dominion.

Great care and attention has been paid to the purchasing of the stock, having only one aim in view: that every article selected should be pure and unadulterated, quality being esteemed of the first importance.

The stock of Hair Brushes, Toilet Articles and Perfumery, has been imported direct from England and France.

Dyes and Dye Stuffs warranted, and guaranteed to be of the first quality.

None but the most reliable and leading Patent Medicines in stock, obtained direct from the Proprietors and Manufacturers.

A specialty in Cod Liver Oil, direct from Newfoundland. None kept in stock except No. 1, and of the finest quality.

A full assortment of Trusses, Shoulder Braces, Supporters, etc., etc., at the lowest rates.

Physicians and parties requiring prescriptions may depend on their being accurately and neatly compounded, and prepared from nothing but pure drugs and chemicals.

REMEMBER—The OLD STORE formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened by
HEROD & Co.

Guelph, May 16, 1878. dw

GUELPH M.P.C. Cigar Factory.

REMOVAL.
The subscriber begs to inform his customers and the public that he has removed his Cigar Factory from the old stand to the large premises in Day's Old Block.

Gordon-st., across the G.T.R. Track.

Having enlarged his Factory, and employing a large number of hands, he is now able to supply all demands for the well-known popular M.P.C. Cigars.

All country orders will be filled at Messrs. Massey, Paterson & Co's Wholesale store, the same as from the Factory.
Guelph, July 9, 1878. MYERS. dw

Gray Ploughs,

From Scotland, manufactured by Gray & Uddington, near Glasgow;
THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTOR

Steel board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast Board Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50 to \$30.
A good assortment of Stoves and Tinware for sale cheap.
W. HEATHER,
Corner Woolwich-st. and Eramosa Road, Guelph, 2nd April, 1878. dw

New Advertisements.
JUST TO HAND,
A large lot of "Gem" self-sealing
Preserve Jars,
QUARTS and HALF-GALLONS.
J. E. McELDERRY
2 DAY'S BLOCK.
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

CHEAP LOT OF GOODS
OPENING TO DAY
AT THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!
Horrock's 36in white Cottons at 12c per yard.
Lyster Mills Cottons, extra quality, to be sold at 10 and 12c per yard.
25 pieces White Book Muslins at 12c, 15c, 20c, and 25c., all fine Muslins.
6 pieces black Lustres, new makes, to be sold at 25c and 30c—remarkably cheap.
50 pieces new dark Prints, choice patterns.
5 pieces plain black Prints.
20 pieces Mourning Prints, best goods.
Our stock is fully assorted in every Department.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.
Guelph, July 21, 1878. dwy

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
The Rush Still Continues!
AT JOHN A. McMILLAN'S
FOR BOOTS AND SHOES
Of all Descriptions.
As we are determined to clear out the balance during the next two months, we will sell at
25 per cent. less than cost.
We have an immense stock of Ladies', Misses', and Children's Prunella Work hand.
Country Dealers treated very liberally. Shoe Findings of all kinds in stock.
Guelph, June 11, 1878. **WM. McLaren, Assignee.** dw

Great Clearance Sale
AT
THE CASH STORE
UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.
FOR ONE MONTH ONLY!
To commence on Saturday, the 12th of July.
All the Stock will be offered at and under Cost
prices to make room for
FALL AND WINTER STOCK

MR. CLAYTON
Having left for the Old Country, and having had great experience in the British Markets, having been brought up amongst their Manufacturers, and also having any amount of Cash at his command, he will be able to lay goods down in Guelph cheaper than has ever been done before.
Customers will do well to give an early call to secure some of the great Bargains to be obtained at the
CASH STORE.
RICH^d. CLAYTON,
Upper Wyndham Street.

JAMES HAZELTON'S
CABINET & CHAIR ESTABLISHMENT

Warehouses 210 feet long. The largest, cheapest, and best stock of superfine and common Furniture, Mattresses, Grasses, etc., now on hand ever before held by any one person in British North America. Furniture, Mattresses, etc., made to order. A large quantity of seasoned Lumber wanted.
James Hazelton.
Guelph, Aug. 12th 1878. dw

CROQUET.
THE CHEAPEST
CROQUET SETTS
IN CANADA.
Croquet at \$2.50 and \$3.25;
Sold all over Canada at \$3.50 and \$4.75.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL AT
ANDERSON'S
Cheap Bookstore,
Wyndham-st., Guelph.

NEW
Spring & Summer Goods
W. D. HEPBURN & CO.,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,
Are daily receiving large additions to their immense Stock of
BOOTS AND SHOES
Which for Quality, Style and Variety is not surpassed in the Dominion.
All their Staple Goods being manufactured on the premises, they can with confidence be recommended to the public as being far superior to the common class of Ready-made work.
All kinds of Ladies', Misses', gents' and boys' boots made to order in the most fashionable styles by superior workmen. Dealers in all kinds of Shoe and Leather Findings, which he guarantees.
REPAIRING DONE AS USUAL.
TERMS—CASH.
Store and Factory—East Side Wyndham-st.
Guelph, May 20, 1878. **W. D. HEPBURN & CO.** dw

REMEMBER
Day's Cheap Sale
WALL PAPER
Ends July 31st.
Day is now selling
The best 25c Satin Paper at 18c. a roll.
Choice Satin Paper at 14c. a roll.
20c. Paper at 10c. a roll.
10c. Paper at 6c. a roll.

A very large New Stock
to select from
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
FRESH STOCK OF
WATCHES,
CLOCKS,
AND
JEWELLERY.

R. CRAWFORD,
Has just returned from New York with a large and well selected stock of American Watches, &c. which he guarantees.
Will defy competition as regards lowness in price and quality.
Examine the goods before purchasing elsewhere.
Jobbing done as usual.
Store next the Post Office.
Guelph, June 24th, 1878. **R. CRAWFORD.** dw

August Magazines,
AT PASHLEY'S.
Cheap Books,
AT PASHLEY'S.
" Stationery,
AT PASHLEY'S.
" Wall Paper,
AT PASHLEY'S.
" Window Shades,
AT PASHLEY'S.
" Music,
AT PASHLEY'S.
" Pictures,
A fresh supply at

PASHLEY'S
BOOKSTORE,
Day's Block, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.
Guelph, Feb 1, 1878. dw