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 **IRON \$2.25 PER ONE HUNDRED LBS.**
Sleigh Shoe Steel Four Cents per lb.

Spring Steel, 4 cents per lb., AXLES 1 inch \$2.25, 1 1/4 inch \$2.25, 1 1/2 inch \$2.50. AXLES, half patent, 1 inch \$2.50, 1 1/4 inch \$2.50, 1 1/2 inch \$2.75. Springs 10 cents per lb. Borax 17 cents, Shot 8 cents per lb., Cow Chains 20 cents each. Horse Rasps 14 in 37 1/2c; Bellows, 30 in., \$12.75, 34 in. \$13.60, 36 in. \$14.45, 38 in. \$18.70; Cast Steel 16c; Mould Board Steel 5 cts; Coil Chain 5-16 6c per lb.; 7-16 5 1/2c. per lb., 7-16 5c per lb. Skein Boxes \$5 per set, 4 inch.

Coal Oil only Eleven cts. per Gallon

BY THE BARREL.

And all other Goods equally low, including Lamps, Glasses, Wicks, &c.

AND A LARGE LOT OF Cross-cut and Drag Saws.

Guelph, 8th February, 1868. **JOHN HORSMAN.**

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET
FRIDAY EV'NG, FEB. 21, 1868.

HOW DOES HORACE KNOW?
In a recent article in the N. Y. Tribune anent the dissatisfaction that exists in Nova Scotia with regard to the Union, the writer after expressing the hope that the efforts for repeal may be successful indulges in vaticination after the following manner:

"As far as we are at present informed, annexation to the United States does not enter into the desires of any large part of the people of Nova Scotia; but the day will come when the people, not only of this Province, but of the whole Dominion, will find it to their interest to ask to become a part of this country."

We have all heard of Mr. Greeley as a profound philosopher, and he now calls upon us to recognize him in a new character, that of astrologer, or augur, or whatever other title we may choose to confer upon one who reveals to us our destinies as a country. He has looked with prophetic eye into futurity, and he beholds in anticipation, beholds not as a vision but as a reality, the day when British shall be merged into Republican America, and when the Arctic Ocean shall define the northern boundary of the United States while the southern extension will perhaps include Patagonia. The time when the prediction is to have its fulfillment we are not informed. It may be when we have passed from scenes of political turmoil, and when a new generation has arisen who, we have no doubt, will, like their fathers, prove themselves equal to all emergencies. But should the day arrive while we yet live and take a part in the concerns of the world, which we are assured will see us an integral part of the great Republic we might reasonably enquire what advantages we would gain, or what woes we would leave behind. On that day when we "will find it to our interest to ask to become a part of the United States" we shall have renounced our adhesion to Royalty, given our tacit condemnation to a limited monarchy, and demonstrated our preference for a government misnamed a republic. We say misnamed, for there is not, cannot be such a thing as a republic, while nature furnishes her sons with different intellectual powers. There are men whose talents and energies will enable them to rise and rule, and others of smaller minds must follow them. Gibbon remarks that of all forms of government a limited monarchy affords the fairest scope for ridicule, since grey-bearded statesmen and philosophers often do homage to an infant king. But even if such action be folly we do not know that much harm has ever come of it, and a limited monarchy is certainly better than a despotism, a form of government to which republicanism is closely allied, especially in this respect, that under the former he is the object of a tyrant's hate, under the latter of popular dislike who raises his head above the level of the common herd. In all events we are pretty well satisfied with a limited monarchy now, and the probability is that Canadians shall see the day that they will want a King rather than a President. We do not believe that there will be any necessity for either for a long

time to come, but should a necessity arise we are pretty sure the former will have the preference.

No man can scorn another for seeing his country in the most pleasing light, or decking her out in garbs of the richest colors, and yet he may indulge a smile when he meets with a patriot whose imagination runs riot with his reason occasionally and for a moment, or on some particular subject converts him into a ridiculous visionary. The Bluesones may think it would be to their benefit to be annexed to the States, but they form only a small proportion of the population of the Dominion, and do not speak the general opinion, nor an opinion that is likely to prevail. The people of Canada have nothing in common with Americans but language. The elements of their nature are as discordant as if they belonged to distinct races of the human species, and there is no attractive power to draw them into closer communion. We are comparatively tame, practical and contemplative, the Americans are wild, theoretical and impulsive. We have debts enough of our own without giving assistance to pay those we never contracted; and most important of all, we have such a veneration for precedents that we could never endure to have holes picked in the constitution as Congress has been doing at Washington. Ah, Horace, you may know several things, but you don't fully understand what is comprehended in the term, "true Canadian."

TARDY HONORS.—On Thursday, Jan. 30th, Professor Wheatstone was knighted at the Privy Council at Osborne. The conferment of this long-delayed distinction has led to much comment by the press. If a man do good service to a political party for a few years, he is elevated to the peerage, but if he do immense service to mankind for the present and for all time to come by inventions and discoveries and toils protracted through a long and illustrious life, he is simply knighted. Such is the language of the critics, and there is much truth in it. Mr. Wheatstone was appointed Professor of Experimental Philosophy at King's College, London, in 1834. He was associate of the Ordinance Select Committee from 1855 to 1859. He has received the degree of D.C.L. and L.L.D. from Oxford and Cambridge, and is corresponding or honorary member of all the principal scientific academies in Europe. He is also a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and has received two gold medals granted by Her Majesty and awarded by the Royal Society for attainments in physical science. He invented the concertina, the stereoscope and solar clock. He was the originator of the submarine telegraph and his researches in electricity conducted mainly to the introduction and development of the electric telegraph in its present practical form as employed in most civilized countries.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.—The Quebec Chronicle says: While a young girl of fourteen years of age was gathering chips in Mr. Vallin's wood-yard, St. Roch's, on Saturday afternoon, she thoughtlessly darted forward to pick up a block of wood from under the descending axe of one of the laborers. While in the act of grasping the piece of wood, she received the full blow of the axe on her shoulder, being literally cut in two. She was immediately carried to her home and medical assistance procured, but although every means was resorted to toward alleviating her sufferings, the case was pronounced hopeless. The poor little sufferer was still alive at a late hour on Saturday. No blame whatever can be attached to the axeman, who is apparently beside himself with grief at the unhappy accident.

New Advertisements.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

WATER TANKS!
TENDERS will be received until the evening of **TUESDAY, 3rd day of MARCH,** for the construction and completion of **Four or more Water Tanks,** in accordance with specifications which may be seen at this office. By order. **JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk.** Guelph, 19th February, 1868. dw

TO CONTRACTORS!
THE subscribers find it necessary to extend the time for receiving tenders for their **NEW STORES** to **Saturday, 22nd inst., at noon.** Separate tenders will be received for all the Iron Work. **JAS. MASSIE & CO.** Guelph, 19th Feb, 1868. dw

CASH. CASH. CASH!
Our reasons for adhering to the Cash System are:

- 1st—Systematic Credit has nothing to do with Goods purchased for our own Consumption.
- 2nd—The Cash System gives the rich no advantage over the poor.
- 3rd—It is wrong to charge profits to those who pay to balance the loss of those who don't pay.
- 4th—A large proportion cannot or will not pay when they agree to; feel no rose when asked to pay, cross to the other side of the street when they see their creditors coming, lose self-respect, feel and are demoralized.
- 5th—It is worth fifteen per cent. to collect small bills.
- 6th—It is wrong to indulge customers in lush—miserable economy.
- 7th—I won't do any such thing. If you want to see the largest, best and cheapest stock of Boots and Shoes West of Montreal, call at the **Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph.** **JOHN McNEIL.** Guelph, 18th Feb, 1868. dw

TENDERS WANTED
TENDERS WANTED for the mason, carpenter and iron work of

Warehouses to be Erected in Guelph.
Plans and Specifications to be seen at the offices of **JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph,** and **JAMES SMITH, Esq., Architect, King Street, Toronto.** Tenders to be sent in to the former by the 20th inst. Guelph, Feb. 15. dw

Not Run Away Yet!
THE subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the Public, that though several noted characters have lately been constrained to leave Guelph for the sake of their health, he is still hale and hearty, and hangs out his shingle at the **Fold spot.**

CORK STREET, OPPOSITE DEADY'S HOTEL,
Where he is prepared as formerly to make up CLOTHING of every description at short notice and in a superior style.

To Farmers!
Having had 30 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up **Home-made CLOTH!** And trim it CHEAPER than can be done at any other Establishment in Town.

All Work carefully finished, and at Moderate Rates.
WM. MITCHELL, wem-dw
Guelph, Feb. 21, 1868.

GEORGE PALMER
BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
(From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.)
Toronto, 13th September, 1866.

Messrs MCGROVE & WRIGHT,
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.
DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial pursuits obtained by the young men educated in your College.
We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he never had any previous experience, has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient Book-keeper.
We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, we gave a decided preference to one of your graduates. In short, we have no hesitation in saying, that as far as our experience goes, your course of training is eminently adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man.
Yours truly,
LYMAN & MACNAB.
(From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.)
Toronto, May 27, 1867.

Messrs MCGROVE & WRIGHT,
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.
DEAR SIR,—We can unhesitatingly recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers. The young man in our employ bears testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different houses pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated, and the practical tuition as to render the knowledge applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.
Your efforts are worthy of every appreciation in founding a sound Commercial Emporium of the intelligent youth of Canada, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part and not the incapacity of the tutor. We shall ever give and advise preference to your pupils for an office, and feel glad to thus attest our experience of the same.
We remain, Gentlemen, yours, &c.,
MORRISON, TAYLOR & CO.,
Wholesale Provision Dealers.
For Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c., address
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Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. (dw) Toronto.

FRENCH'S
Condition POWDER,
—AND—
HEAVE REMEDY.
FOR THE CURE OF
HEAVES
Thick and Broken Wind,
Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,
And all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.
It is the best medicine known for removing all impurities of the Blood and producing a sleek and Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in Cleansing the Skin. As a Diarrhetic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made. Prepared by
A. B. PETRIE
Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, 29th Jan. 1868. wd

MR. JAS. CORMACK
Wyndham Street, next door to Harvey's Drug Store, and opposite the English Church.
Guelph, Feb. 16, 1868. dtf

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CONFECTIONER, and
BISCUIT Manufacturer.
Wholesale and Retail!
Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.
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CHAS. FIRESTONE
Quebec-st., near Howard and Jones.
I am prepared to execute orders for all kinds of Upholstering in a neat and expeditious manner.
Chairs, &c., re-stuffed, Church Seats re-trimmed, Picture Hangings, &c., on short notice, and at moderate rates.
Remember the place—Quebec-st., Guelph, Guelph, 15th Feb, 1868. Im

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50 cases Martell's Old Brandy,
50 " Hennessy's do
50 " Otard Dupuy Brandy
50 " Ginger Wine.
Barrels of Malt, Old Rye and Common Whiskey.
200 bushels of Dried Apples.
100 doz new green corn Brooms.
Porto Rico Molasses, Standard, Golden and Amber Syrups.
Coarse and Fine Liverpool Salt.
Oatmeal and Buckwheat Flour.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, Feb. 11th, 1868 dw

REMOVAL.

Mrs HUNTER
HAS REMOVED

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(Late Post Office Store.)
JUST RECEIVED a large assortment of Embroidery for Ladies Underclothing. Also, for Braiding on all sorts of Dress Goods.

Some of the Finest Patterns ever seen. Call and see them, they are for sale singly. Stamping done to order on the shortest notice. Also on hand an assortment of

New Oranges and Lemons.
For sale GATES & CO'S, VICTORIA SEWING Machines. Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel. **MRS. ROBINSON,** Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 1st Feb. 19th, 1868. dtw

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CHEAP AT

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Pickwick Papers,
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Great Expectations,

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Each complete in one Volume.—Price 25 cents each, by mail, post-paid for 30 cents.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Guelph, 6th February, 1868. Opposite the Market dw

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffey's Livery.

Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

Everybody in want of a good Trunk, Valise, or Travelling Bag, can be supplied at the new shop, two doors from the Post Office.

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells
A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c. on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church. We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of common Blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr. Hoover's Livery Office. We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Saddlery line, a few doors South of the Registry Office.

Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual.
In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep present staff and superior workmen.

SMITH & METCALF,
occupiers of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block.
Guelph, 30th December 1867. dtw

Store to Let.
TO LET, a store on the Market Square. Apply adjoining the Alma Block. **SMITH & BOTSFOED,** Guelph, Feb. 13, 1868. dw