

THE NEW INSOLVENT ACT.

The following are some of the provisions of the new Insolvent Act:—The 98th section sets forth that a deed of composition and discharge executed by the majority in number of those creditors of an insolvent who are respectively creditors for sums of one hundred dollars and upwards, and who represent at least three-fourths in value of liabilities of the insolvent shall be binding on the remaining creditors. The 104th defines several forms of indebtedness to which the Act does not apply, and from which the debtor cannot be discharged, such as violating trusts, action for damages, &c. The 107th section permits the Court or Judge to suspend the discharge of bankrupts for four years if proved guilty of misconduct and extravagance in his expenses, recklessly endorsing, continuing trade when insolvent, incurring debts without reasonable prospect of paying them, or negligent book-keeping. The 135th section bars discharge granted bankrupts in foreign lands from applying to debts contracts in the Dominion. The 139th section is a curious but no doubt salutary provision. It enables assignees to claim from the Post Office under Judge's order, letters addressed to Bankrupt and open them. The 143rd section enjoins traders, in and out of Quebec, to register marriage contracts with their wives, within three months from execution thereof, otherwise they become void. The 149th section recapitulates the acts or things done by a bankrupt, classed as misdemeanors, and 150th imposes a penalty on creditors taking consideration for granting a discharge. It levies a tax of one per cent. on bankrupt's immovable property sold by assignee for use of jury fund. We cannot see any reason why the unfortunate creditors, who generally suffer enough should be victimized to provide jury or building funds. The 155th section repeals the Insolvent Act of 1864, except with regard to proceedings commenced under it—and section 156, which is the last, declares that this Act shall come into force on the 1st of September and be known as the "Insolvent Act of 1869." We have thus given a brief summary of the main provisions of the Act, which extends to 43 pages, and ought to be in the possession of every merchant, in order that he may constantly refer to it.

MR. MOTLEY'S MISSION.—The Tribune special says:—It is understood that the instructions to Minister Motley are about completed. Senator Sumner had a long interview with Secretary Fish on Saturday, when the questions of these instructions were talked over pretty freely. It has been given out in certain quarters that these instructions would be based on Senator Sumner's speech. It is said that Secretary Fish is opposed to taking emphatic ground on the Alabama question, but is disposed to leave much to the discretion of Minister Motley, who will be controlled in some degree by events as they transpire. It is ascertained from reliable sources that no one in the executive or diplomatic circles apprehends any serious difficulty with England.

WHOLESALE CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE ESTABLISHMENT.—The new store of Messrs. Rae & Co., Alma Block, is now finished, and the immense stock of crockery, glassware and cutlery, which has lately arrived, is being got as rapidly as possible into place. The store is a model, and it is believed by many who have travelled, not to have its equal in the Province, or scarcely in Montreal. The accommodations are complete, and a crate or a hoghead weighing a ton can be raised to the top story with the greatest facility by one man. The store is four floors, and there are goods enough on hand to fill them all, over three hundred packages having been laid down. The ground floor is occupied by china, all the finer kinds of ware, and samples of everything in the store. The other goods are disposed according to their different classes in the other stories. It is needless to say that in such an establishment there are all kinds of ware, from the very cheap to that of the most beautiful finish and consequent high price. The junior partner has but lately returned from Britain where the greater portion of the purchases was made. They have crockery from Staffordshire and Glasgow, cutlery from Sheffield and glassware from the United States. Rae & Co., are in a position to supply all orders from the trade at Montreal prices, and such being the case it would certainly be to the advantage of retail dealers in the west to purchase from them and thus save freight.

COUNTERFEIT ON THE ROYAL CANADIAN BANK.—We were shown this morning a most skilfully executed counterfeit \$10 on the Royal Canadian Bank. It was well calculated to deceive any person except one possessing the knowledge of a banker. It consisted in the clever alteration of a \$1, by the substitution of the word "ten" for "one" on the upper corners of the bill, and the pressure has been performed so that no trace of foul play remains. The spurious may be known from the genuine by a careful examination of the \$1 bill. The plate from which it is printed is quite different from that used for the genuine ten dollar bill. On the former there is a figure of a sailor at the right hand lower corner, and a vignette of a man on the left, both of which, of course, appear on the counterfeit \$10. On the genuine ten the Goddess of Justice appears on the right hand lower corner and a vignette of Her Majesty, the Queen, on the left. These distinctions are quite easily observed, and we have pointed them out that people may be on their guard.

SALE OF AN INSOLVENT'S STOCK BY TENDER.—The Toronto Telegraph says: Pursuant to an advertisement, six tenders were received on Monday last, by Mr. John Kerr, special assignee, at so much in the dollar as the cost price of the stock in the shop furniture, belonging to the insolvent John Henderson, of Elora, an assignee. These tenders were opened by the assignee, and their contents perused, when that of Messrs. Macklin & Co., of Guelph, offering sixty cents in the dollar, was, on consideration accepted. The stock is valued at \$6,400.

ALLAN'S BRIDGE.—This bridge is now passable for teams. Mr. Barclay and men were engaged at it yesterday, and it may now be considered quite safe.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—We have received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, of New York, the Westminster Review for the quarter ending April. Its contents are: South Africa, the Gladstone Government, Liberty and Light, Domestic Fireplaces, Alfred de Musset, Mr. Mill's Speech on Capital Punishment, the Philanthropy of the Age in relation to Social Evils, Primary Education, National Duty, Contemporary Literature. For sale at the Bookstores in Town.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received ex steamships Prussian and North American, and ex ship Lake Superior, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

THE LONDON "ADVERTISER."—Mr. Gillian, agent for the London, Ont., Daily and Weekly Advertiser, is in town endeavoring to promote the interests of that paper.

Mrs. Eleanor Kirk remarked, at the Woman's Rights Convention in New York the other day, that "this was the first time she had ever felt proud of being a woman." At that moment the whole congregated mass of females around her were stamping, shouting, hissing, coughing, and crowding down a person who differed in some opinion from a previous speaker. It was this extraordinary display of rampant rowdiness by her sex, that Mrs. Kirk felt proud of.

A veteran beggar is reported to be passing through the country soliciting alms of women whose men folk are not at home, at the point of a large and ugly-looking knife, with uniform success.

New Advertisements.

SERVANT WANTED.
A servant wanted. Apply at this office. Guelph, 20th May. dtf

ATTENTION!
GUELPH ARTILLERY.
A FULL attendance at Drill on FRIDAY NIGHT, to make arrangements for the Queen's Birthday. WILLIAM DAY, Captain. Guelph, 20th May, 1869. dt

PARCEL LOST.
Lost between Wald's Hotel and the Market Clerk's Office, on Thursday, a small parcel containing a piece of Broad Cloth. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the Mercury office. Guelph, 20th May. dt

TEMPERANCE SOCIAL.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS
Intend holding their Quarterly Social ON FRIDAY EVENING, 21st MAY, in the basement of the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Tea to be served at 7 o'clock. Price of admission 12 cents. Guelph, 20th May. dt

TOWN OF GUELPH.

COURT OF REVISION
The adjourned Final Meeting of the Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will be held in the Town Hall, precisely at seven o'clock, on Tuesday Evening, 25th of May. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk. Guelph, 20th May, 1869. dt

GLASGOW HAM CURE.
The subscriber wishes to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that he has on hand

A large stock of Beef, Pork, Roiled Spiced Hams.
All of which will be sold at 12 cents per lb. The best Bacon from 10c. to 12c. Smoked shoulders same as the Bacon.

A Splendid Lot of Smoked Hams Lard, &c.
A large lot DRIED BEEF and MUTTON will be sold at from 4c to 5 cents per lb. D. NAISMITH, Upper Wyndham Street. Guelph, May 20th, 1869. dtm

GARDEN TOOLS.

LADIES' GARDEN TOOLS, BOYS' GARDEN TOOLS, CHILDREN'S GARDEN TOOLS,

J. HORSMAN'S
Guelph, 20th May dt

HARD TIMES vs. SOFT ONES.

OWING TO THE HARD TIMES A Softening of Prices has taken place
It would be folly to say that we do not WANT MONEY, as "Money makes the Mare to go."
The way to make TIMES SOFT and MONEY EASY is to buy your Boots & Shoes at

JOHN MCNEIL'S
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st. I beg to inform the public that I have been appointed Agent for

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES,
Celebrated for their durability, cheapness and fine finish. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Machines sent to any part of the country carefully packed. Prices same as at the Factory. JOHN MCNEIL, Montreal Boot and Shoe Manufacturer. Guelph, May 19, dtw

HOUSE WANTED.
Wanted to rent, a House containing Five Rooms One apartment, more or less, not objected to. Apply at the Mercury Office. May 19. dt

STRAYED COW.—Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, Erasmus Road, Guelph, on the 8th inst., a cow, three years old, giving milk. She is of a roan color, with white face, and had a rope round her horns. Any person giving information of her whereabouts to the subscriber will be properly rewarded. May 19. dtw HENRY LEADER.

WHITENASHING.
Whitewashing and Coloring of all kinds done by Lewis and George Buckingham, Nottingham-st. two doors below Mr. Edward Carroll's. Wood left at Hanbly's tavern will be promptly attended to. Guelph, 17th May. dt

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,
Opposite the Market House.

CHEAP FARES
To Travellers Going South South or West in the United States.

The undersigned is authorized to sell TICKETS to any point South or West by the popular and safe line

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.
FARES CHEAP, and Tickets good for any reasonable time. JOHN JACKSON, Guelph, 14th April. dtw

FIRE WORKS.
FIRE WORKS AT THE Dominion Store.
Just received a large assortment of Sky Rockets, Bengal Lights, Triangles, Roman Candles, &c. These are not to be sold at 20 per cent below Toronto and Hamilton prices. Mrs. Robinson, Guelph, May 19. dtw Upper Wyndham-st.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.
Fire Works
AT THORNTONS.

IMPERIAL
Fire Insurance Company
OF LONDON.
(Established 1803.)

HEAD OFFICES.—1 Old Broad Street, Pall Mall, London.
GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA 24 St. S. crumet Street Montreal

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve Fund \$1,965,000 SPENDING Funds invested in Canada—\$180,000

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid with out reference to the Board in London. No charge made for policies or endorsements. RISTOUR, Bro's, General Agents, 24 St. Sacrament Street. JOHN DODSWORTH, Inspector. JOHN H. BOND, Agent, Guelph, Guelph, 14th Nov. dtw

MAGAZINES

FOR

MAY

AT

CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 14th May. dt

FUNERALS
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WILLIAM BROWNLOW
UNDERTAKER,
SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Houses in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground. The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS
An usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. WM. BROWNLOW, Guelph, May 12. dtw

ORDERS
PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO,
AND SENT TO ANY PART OF THE TOWN.
J. & D. MARTIN,
WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.
Guelph, 20th May. dt

SPRING IMPORTATIONS.

ROBERT RAE & CO.
Are now receiving part of their SPRING IMPORTATIONS, And will be prepared to Show on

TUESDAY NEXT, 25th MAY,

THE CONTENTS OF

302 PACKAGES of CROCKERY

CHINA, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

LIBERAL TERMS AND SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CASH PURCHASERS.
Alma Block, Guelph, 20th May. dt



VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

TO HER TRUSTY BAILIFFS, RICHARD CONGOU, THOMAS PEKOE, JOHN HYSON, and HER WELL BELOVED STEWARDS of HER HOUSEHOLD, HERNY SOUCHONG and CHARLES GUNPOWDER.

GREETING:—

WE command you, and every one of you, to summons every MAN-AND-WOMAN in your TOWN, TOWNSHIP and COUNTY, to attend a Court to be holden from day to day for the special interests of all Her Majesty's subjects until further notice, at the stores of Her faithful subject, JOHN A. WOOD, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph, County of Wellington, to examine, decide and give judgment according to your several opinions, of the superior QUALITY and CHEAPNESS of the said JOHN A. WOOD'S TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES, which he challenges all competition to excel.

Witness our hands this 12th day of May, 1869.

ISAAC ECONOMY, JAMES JUSTWEIGHT, PETER GENUINE.

For Ten Days!

AN IMMENSE REDUCTION

IN THE PRICE OF

CROCKERY

AND GLASSWARE.

The Whole to be Rushed Off

At Tremendous Low Prices!

Splendid Stoneware Tea Sets, \$2.50
Handsome Stoneware Toilet Sets, \$1.50

Everything in the line equally cheap.

HUGH WALKER,
Guelph, May 12 dtw Opposite the English Church

MAGAZINES FOR MAY

RECEIVED
At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market.

Bow Bells
People's Magazine
Englishwoman's Magazine
The Sunday School Teacher
English Mechanic
Argosy
The World of Fashion
Leisure Hour
Cornhill
Temple Bar
Good Words
The Quiver

Young Englishwoman
Sunday Magazine
Young Englishwoman's Journal
All the Year Round
Sunday at Home
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Cassell's Magazine
London Society
Popular Educator.

Guelph, 13th May. dtw

New Crop Teas!



1000 Half Chests
NEW CROP TEAS

The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising

Young Hysons and Hysons
Hyson Twankays
Twankays
Imperials
Gunpowders

Souchongs
Congous
Colored Japans
Natural Leaf Japans
Oolongs

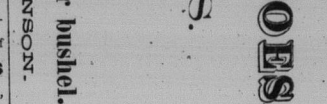
REFORD & DILLON.
Toronto, 31st March. dtw

GOODRICH POTATOES
AT WILKINSON'S.

Early Goodrich Seedlings, at \$1.50 per bushel.

SECURED, A SMALL QUANTITY OF
GEO. WILKINSON.

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH;
1869.



TRIX. TRIX. TRIX.

AN ELEGANT PREPARATION FOR SWEETENING AND RELIEFING THE BREATH. &c. &c. &c.

PERFUMERY

And TOILET ARTICLES in endless variety.

E. HARVEY & CO.
Guelph, 3rd May. dtw

WHITENASHING AND WALL COLOURING

Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, rear of Messrs. Robbins and Tolton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station. Guelph, March 31. dtw

WAGGON FOR SALE.
For sale, a Single Spring Waggon. Apply at the Express Office. Guelph, 27th April. dtw