

FOR THIRTY DAYS ONLY.

GREAT CLEARING SALE OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY AND MANTLES!

GEORGE JEFFREY

Will commence his Great Annual Clearing Sale on Saturday next, the 28th day of December.

DURING THE THIRTY DAYS SOME OF THE GREATEST BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN EVER HEARD OF IN GUELPH.

Over 2,000 yards of Dress Goods worth 25 cents reduced to 12½ cents; over 3,000 yards of Dress Goods worth 50 cents reduced to 25 cents; over 1,500 yards of Dress Goods worth 75 cents reduced to 37½ cents.

An immense stock of Fine Dress Goods to be sold at half-price during the sale

60 dozen Clouds in White, Scarlet, Grey, Fancy and Black, remarkably low.

MILLINERY TO BE CLEARED OUT REGARDLESS OF COST.

Beautiful Trimmed Bonnets for \$2; nice Trimmed Hats for \$1. SHAWLS and MANTLES to be sold very low—elegant Striped Shawls from \$3. Black and Colored SILKS in great variety. Our Black Corded Silk at \$1 is the best in Canada. Our Black Grosgrain Silks at \$1 is something extraordinary.

As the whole Stock must be sold off by the 1st of March, everything will be reduced to cost and under to effect a speedy clearance. Unprecedented Bargains may be expected during the great sale.

Guelph, 26th December, 1872.

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GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 20, 1873

ANNABEL:

OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER I.

AN ADVENTURE IN WOOLMAN'S LANE.

The evening had closed in, and the myriad lamps of the large town of Liverpool caused a ruddy light to shine through the thick air which hung over it, heavy with rain—clouds which the rising wind could not drive down the river, but which lowered and descended till the drops began to fall, and all the signs of a wet, plashing, disagreeable night manifested themselves. The hour was not late enough for the traffic to have wholly deserted the thoroughfares, but in Manchester Road there was no noise and no noise, except when a carriage came rattling along, bringing from business the master of one of the large and handsome mansions which, fronted by their neat flower-plots and iron railings, lined both sides of the broad suburban street.

In front of one of these princely residences of the rich merchants of this great commercial English town a young man walked slowly to and fro, heaving, seemingly, of the rain which was now falling with persistence, though he had no umbrella to defend him from it. As he passed under the lamps, and as they show in his face and figure in a dim way, it can be seen that he is a youth of some twenty-five years, straight and sturdy in build, and his face and movements expressive of a similar sturdiness of character. There was a brave, free, resolute look upon his face, tinged, however, at the moment, with a faint aspect of disappointment—not deep, for his was not a countenance which could express great despondency, the soul and spirit of which was the index being evidently one that scorned to succumb easily to evil fortune or to entertain the thought that he was to be beaten in the battle of life. This prominent characteristic was even to be observed in the manner in which he struck the pavement with the end of his thick stick as he sauntered along and met with erect brow the beating of the wind and rain. His whole gait and manner indicated a calm, resolute defiance and endurance, based on the confidence imparted by conscious power, by faith in his own resources, and the inherent possession of a capacity to succeed, however circumstances might be at present against him.

The house before which he kept perambulating was not lighted in the lower rooms, but illumination came from one of the upper windows, whose blind was drawn, but against which a shadow was occasionally cast. From this room also there came the sound of music from a piano, the variations in the performance showing that different hands were touching the keys of the instrument. Sometimes the execution was rich and finished, showing that the touch was that of an accomplished player. Anon this would give place to the same tune attempted by a learner, imperfect and faulty, but not without promise. When the instrument was being operated by the skilled hand, the youth would stand still and listen intently, while his face beamed with undisguised pleasure; then, when the strains gave place to the faltering and faulty touch of the learner, he moved away and continued his perambulations.

At length the music ceased altogether, and in less than five minutes the front door was opened, and for an instant a female form was seen by the light of the hall lamp as she came forth. Next moment the door was re-closed, and a light footstep came tripping along the path which bordered the flower-plot.

The youth hastened forward, and was in time to open the gate for a young plainly-dressed and sweet-faced girl, who passed out with a bound and was by his side.

"Oh, Philip," she said, "how sorry I am to think you have been waiting in the rain. You have no umbrella either, and, dear me, I declare you are quite wet."

"Nonsense, darling," he answered, "it is nothing. I never felt the rain. I was so delighted with your music. Your pupil is improving, Annabel."

"A little, I daresay, but not quickly. Her ear is not good enough for rapid progress. But tell me, Philip, what for tune you have had to-day? Good, I hope?"

"No, love I am still unsuccessful."

"Oh, dear me, how sorry I am. This fruitless wandering every day will soon dishearten you."

"It is not encouraging, I admit," returned Philip; "I could more than once have got an inferior clerkship, but I am loath to take a situation so much below what I have so long held. Were I to do so it might be years ere I recovered my former position, whereas, by a little more patience, I may succeed in getting a position of trust such as I have hitherto

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The Guelph Cloth Hall

Is the Oldest Establishment in Town for

READY-MADE CLOTHING

EVERY ARTICLE OF WHICH IS MANUFACTURED ON THE PREMISES.

Cloths and Woollen Goods of all Kinds.

ARMSTRONG, McCRAE & CO'S FIRST PRIZE UNDERCLOTHING.

HATS AND CAPS

And a general assortment of Goods for Men's Wear.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 6, 1872

CASH!

The Cheapest Spot in the Dominion for

DRY GOODS

AND

READY-MADE CLOTHING

No Damaged Goods;

No Moth Eaten Old Rubbish;

NOTHING BUT

GOOD NEW SEASONABLE GOODS

Which will be sold for less money than the old trash that is generally offered as Great Bargains.

Just received, another Lot of these Splendid Winceys and Scarlet Flannels.

Blankets for Half Price, Clothing for Half Price,

Tweeds reduced. Everything Cheap, very cheap, at

The New Store "Cash."

All who want to make the most of their money should call to the New Store, and give it a trial.

Upper Wyndham Street.

W. H. G. KNOWLES, Agent.

Guelph, Jan 15, 1873.

MITCHELL & TOVELL

GUELPH



(Cut of our new Hearse.)

Undertakers and Furniture Dealers.

Furniture of every description kept on hand, and at reasonable rates.

COFFINS: Metallic, Black Walnut and Cloth covered Coffins, Shrouds, &c. kept on hand.

HEARSE TO HIRE.

NEXT DOOR TO THE POSTOFFICE, SIGN OF THE HEARSE.

J. MITCHELL, (June 10, 1872.) N. TOVELL

New Dry Goods!

WM. STEWART

Has much pleasure in stating to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods under current prices, and they will be offered.

At Decided Bargains!

- Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c
- Piles of Grey Flannel at 35c
- Piles of Wincey from 10c
- Piles of Clouds in white, grey, and colors, from 50c

BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

Dress Goods.

The Cheapest and Newest Prices to suit everyone.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872 dw

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA

50,000 White Oak Ties!

The Directors solicit Tenders for 50,000 White Oak Ties, not less than 8 feet long, 9 inches surface (ten per cent. to be 12 inch face for joints), and six inches thick.

Offers to state place of delivery alongside of track on Main Line and Branches, and the number per month during the year 1873.

Payment (less 10 per cent. until completion of contracts) will be made for each month's deliveries on the 20th of the following month.

Offers sealed and marked "Tenders for Ties," will be received by the undersigned up to the 1st day of February, 1873.

JOSEPH PRICE,

Treasurer.

General Office, Hamilton, Jan. 13th, 1873. dw

DOMINION SALOON.

FRESH OYSTERS

IN EVERY STYLE

to be had at this saloon. The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.

DENIS BUNYAN,

Guelph, Sept. 20, 1872

GEORGE S. POWELL

Best to announce that he has purchased the

Bankrupt Stock of BOOTS and SHOES

Of John McNeil's Estate, and will continue the

Boot and Shoe Business in all its Branches

IN THE SAME PREMISES.

Having been with Mr. McNeil for a number of years, and having an experience of over years at the business, he feels confident of giving the public entire satisfaction.

A NEW STOCK

Will be produced in a few days, and in the meantime the goods now on hand will be sold at remarkably low prices.

REPAIRING DONE AS FORMERLY

And satisfaction guaranteed. A trial solicited.

Guelph, May 17, 1872

GEO. S. POWELL.

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS

JAMES MASSIE,

Manufacturer of

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,

Alma Block, Guelph.

Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer, in

- OZENGES, all flavors;
- DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;
- GUM and LICORICE DROPS,
- CONVERSATION LOZENGES,
- MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
- SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,
- FRUIT BISCUITS,
- GINGER NUITS,
- CHEWING GUM,
- ROCK CANDY,
- LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.

His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Fair this year the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

Fresh Finnan Haddies

Just to Hand;

Choice XXX Oysters,

Received To-Day.

J. E. McELDERRY

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McCullough & Moore's COUGH MIXTURE,

The only reliable Cough Mixture in use for Coughs, Colds, Influenza, Bronchitis, &c. &c. Thousands have tried it, and never found it to fail. Try it once, and you will use no other.

McCullough & Moore's CHILBLAIN OINTMENT,

A safe, speedy, and effectual cure for Chilblains, Frost Bites, and all Tenderness of the Feet.

McCullough & Moore's CONDITION POWDERS,

For HORSES and CATTLE, best in use. One pound package for 30 cents. Double the size of any other powder. Farmers try them, and you will use no other.

McCullough & Moore, Chemists and Druggists,

GUELPH and ROCKWOOD.

We have also just received direct from Europe, a magnificent assortment of Hair Brushes, Ladies English Hair CHEST PROTECTORS, which are the best in the world. The Hair Brushes are beautifully stereotyped and engraved with principal places on the Continent, and are of the most elegant and useful design. Ladies please drop in and see them.

Guelph, Nov. 6th