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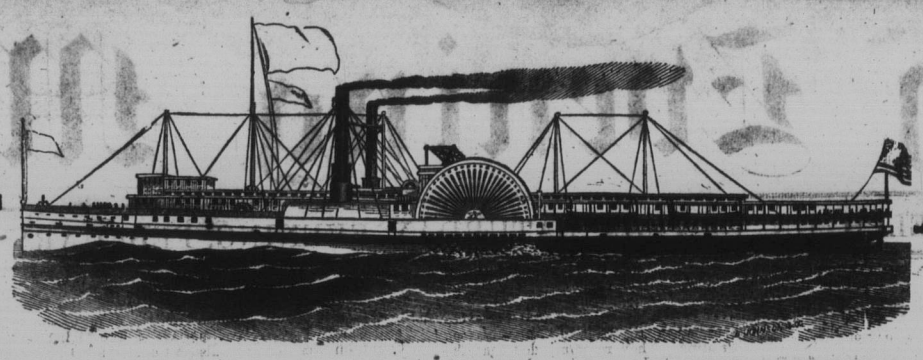
At COST  At COST

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An Immense Stock of Hardware, Oils, Paints, &c.

J. HORSMAN has ordered from the European Markets an Immense Stock of Hardware, Paints, Oils, &c., which for extent, variety and cheapness, will not be equalled in Canada. J. HORSMAN is determined to maintain the high reputation he has gained for keeping the **Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of Hardware in the Province.** ☞ Remember the balance of my present Stock of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Oils, Paints, Window Glass, Cordage, &c., must be cleared off at once at Cost Prices, to make room for heavy importations to arrive shortly. ☞ Do not neglect this grand opportunity of laying in Cheap Bargains of Hardware.

Guelph, 1st February, 1868. **JOHN HORSMAN.**

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

SATURDAY EV'NG, FEB. 1, 1868.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

There is so much braggadocio written by editors and newspaper correspondents in the States, that it is as difficult to separate the truth from the commingled mass of veracity and falsehood as it is to sift the pure gold from extraneous matter in auriferous sands. We know not then what estimate to place upon an item of intelligence which appears in the American news to-day as a "special" to the New York *World*. If the despatch was not manufactured in the office of that journal, we presume it was sent from Washington. According to it the powers that be have resolved to tolerate Seward's tergiversation no longer. A higher authority has determined upon the course to be pursued, and the legitimate demands of the United States which have been too meekly urged by the Secretary are now to be forced at whatever hazard. Where the astute correspondent or any one else can have discovered the slightest "tergiversation" in Mr. Seward's actions on the Alabama claims we are at a loss to discover. Has not his correspondence been a prolix series of insolent demands, which the good breeding of any one but an American frantically eager to make political capital, would have prevented him from ever penning? Can it be said that he ever turned his back on his first intention of procuring ample indemnity from Britain for all the mischief perpetrated by the Alabama, and other vessels of her kind, or that he has ever moved a step towards niceting conciliation? How the settlement—the terms of which, will, of course, be of Yankee dictation—shall be effected we are not informed, nor do we know who is the hero that has risen from his obscurity to essay such a stupendous enterprise. We shall wait with calm serenity until we see.

A Fenian correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says, that, while it is right and proper to hate and detest John Bull, the Americans ought to give him credit for his pluck. Referring to the imprisonment of certain American Fenians arrested in Ireland this Fenian says: "He won't release your citizens. He won't pay your Alabama claims."

THE NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—This Legislature was opened on Wednesday by Lieutenant Governor Doyle. The speech is mainly taken up with local matters. Reference is made to the distress existing among the fishermen in a way to give the lie direct to the *Chronicle*, although it is the organ of the party in power, whose mouthpiece the Lieutenant Governor necessarily is on this occasion. The people of the Province are praised for their loyalty, and the hope is expressed that whatever changes may be desired in the constitution will be sought in a loyal and proper manner.

Hamilton has already collected over $1,000 for the Nova Scotians, and the county council has voted $400 to the same object.

The Banffshire *Journal* says that Her Majesty will probably pay a visit next summer to the celebrated cattle-breeding farm of Tillyfour, in Aberdeenshire, for the purpose of seeing some of the more remarkable of Mr. McCombie's large and valuable herd of polled cattle.

A few days ago Horace Greeley, John Russel Young and other members of the *Tribune* staff, dined pleasantly and privately with Charles Dickens.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, Friday 31st.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

A number of petitions were presented, some of them against the Licensed Victuallers, others for the establishment of an Opthalmic Hospital in Ontario, besides many of a miscellaneous character.

Mr. Rykert presented the first report of the committeee on Municipal and Assessment laws.

"Your committee being fully aware of the impossibility of amending the Assessment and Municipal Act in every respect, so as to give general satisfaction, during the present session, decided upon recommending the amendment of only such clauses as seemed absolutely necessary, believing that it would be better to receive such suggestions as might be offered by the several municipalities, and present them to the country in some tangible shape after the close of Parliament, in order that members might be prepared at the next session of Parliament to carefully revise and consolidate the Acts.

"They would recommend that a Bill be passed immediately, embodying the amendments approved of by your committee, which said amendments they beg leave to report by bill."

Hon. Mr. Richards moved the second reading of his bill respecting free grants to settlers. The Bill will be considered in Committee of the Whole on Monday.

Mr. Cumberland moved the second reading of the Bill (No. 56) respecting Traction Engines. He said, as some inquiries had been made as to the purpose of this Bill, he begged to offer a word or two of explanation. The name even "traction engines," seemed unfamiliar to some hon. members, and some were rather alarmed about it. A "traction" engine was simply a locomotive engine, to run upon highways instead of railways. He believed a good summer road, though not macadamized, might be available; but, as a general rule, a macadamized road would be necessary. The gradients ordinarily found on common macadamized roads would not interfere with the action of these engines. A six horse-power engine, weighing six tons, and costing $1,200, would draw a load of 18 tons on an ordinary level road, and a load of 10 tons up a gradient of one in twelve. An eight horse power, weighing 9 tons, would haul 25 tons on a level, and 15 tons up a gradient of 1 in 12. A ten horse power, weighing twelve tons, would haul 30 tons on a level, and 20 tons up 1 in 12. The gradients on the ordinary macadamized roads of the country would scarcely exceed 1 in 12.

Hon. J. S. McDonald doubted whether the country was prepared for such a measure. He would like to see the operation of one of these engines upon a road, before he consented to it.

The motion was allowed to stand over till Monday.

Mr. Matchett moved the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts as to the authority of certain Commissioners to take affidavits and bail. The Bill was then read at length, and it was moved that it be read a third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at half-past four.

The Mercantile Agency's Legal Guide

This is the title of a new work published by J. W. Rooklidge, and compiled by Messrs. C. V. Price, L.L.B., Kingston, J. Popham, Montreal, and Palmer & McLeod, Charlottetown. The object of the work is to furnish satisfactory answers to legal questions which arise in the every day business of the merchant and manufacturer, which are scarcely of sufficient importance to justify the consultation of a lawyer. The volume gives the fullest information in detail on the vital points of commercial law, and the known ability of the compilers will be a sufficient guarantee of its reliability. Technicalities are carefully avoided so as to bring it easily within the comprehension of those to whom it is designed to be of service. The work contains articles on traders, partners, common carriers, principal and agent, corporations, joint stock companies, shipping, bills of exchange, promissory notes, property of married women patents, trade mark,s &c. The volume has been submitted to the inspection of an astute legal gentleman in this Town, and has received his approval. The agent is at present canvassing here, and will call upon all to whom the work is likely to be useful.

The Narrow Gauge Line.

The Galt *Reporter* thus speaks of the effect the construction of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway would have on the trade of Guelph:—

The success of the Narrow Gauge Railway advocated by Toronto, would do far more to injure Guelph then the mere extension of the Galt and Guelph Road. Should a Railway be constructed from Toronto through the country to the north of Guelph, it would effectually cut off the traffic that now seeks an outlet at that town, and remove from them one of the principal causes of their prosperity. It would reduce their business at one stroke fully fifty per cent., and leave them nothing but the mere local business of a circumscribed district. And although they have been a long time in finding out in which direction their true interests lay, we congratulate them that they are at length wide awake, and that they will now aid to the utmost of their ability a project they have hitherto most bitterly opposed.

While alluding to this matter, it may be worth while adverting to the result that would inevitably follow the building of the Narrow Gauge Humbugs proposed by the people of Toronto. Should they or any one of them be built,—which will undoubtedly be the case unless the most spirited efforts are made on behalf of the legitimate rout from Guelph—it will place the people of the northern counties completely at the mercy of the people of Toronto: Every pound of freight that would seek an outlet by that road would have to be transhipped at Toronto before it could proceed another inch towards the sea board. Every bushel of wheat or any other grain would have to be docked to the seller the cost of this transhipment. The road itself would in every respect be inferior to broad-gauge lines, and utterly unable, at certain seasons of the year, to carry off the freight that would offer. And it would be found by the people interested, should they allow themselves to be cajoled into supporting the schemes of the Toronto men, that they had only assisted in building up Toronto at their own expense, and that the narrow-gauge Railway was to them a nuisance that could only be removed at an expense nearly equal to the original cost of the road.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

SATURDAY, Feb. 1—*Mary Ogilby*, who has for some time past been conducting herself with discretion, and keeping away from the Police Court like a heroine got drunk yesterday, and grew rather riotous in her cups. Constable Hodgins came across her, and with some difficulty got her to prison. She was fined $5 and costs or 21 days, and at once requested to be taken to gaol.

Janet Leith, for vagrancy, was sent up 20 days, because she had not $3 and costs.

FIRE IN HAMILTON.—A stone building on King street, occupied by Mr. J. Huggard, as a fruit and game store on the first floor, and a billiard saloon in the second story was found to be on fire on Friday morning, and though the walls remain the contents were almost entirely consumed. The total loss by the burning of the stock, billiard tables, &c., and damage to the building is estimated at $5000, covered by insurance.

GOLDWIN SMITH.—The N. Y. *Tribune* publishes a letter from this distinguished writer, who states that he intends next summer to take up his abode in the States with a view of writing a history of America.

BIRTHS.

HILLIARD—At Glenallan, on the 18th ult., the wife of Mr. Thomas Hilliard, Editor of the *Maple Leaf*, of a son.

GREEN—In Hespeler, on the 8th ult., the wife of Mr. William Green, of a daughter.

WALLACE—In Egremont, on the 20th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. H. Wallace, of a son.

SHAW—On the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. William Shaw, of the Township of Arthur, of a daughter.

MORRISON—On the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. William Morrison, of the Township of Arthur, of a daughter.

LESLIE—On the 26th ult., the wife of Mr. Peter Leslie, of the Township of Egremont, of a daughter.

NAISMITH—In Mount Forest, on the 26th ult., the wife of John Naismith, Esq., of a son.

DIED.

BECK—At Salem on Sunday the 26th ult., Sarah Ann, daughter of Mr. Thos. Beck, aged 23 years.

New Advertisements.

NURSE WANTED.

WANTED, a nurse. Apply to MRS. BROUGH, Bank of Montreal.

Guelph, 1st Feb, 1868. 1d

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TWO bed-rooms and a sitting room, with board, in a private family.

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Guelph, 31st January, 1868. d

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HOMŒOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Accoucher. Graduate of New York Homœopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street.

Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dwtf

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

BY two men willing to act in any capacity as labourers or general servants. Character excellent. Apply at this office, or to N. Higinbotham, Druggist.

Guelph, Jan. 24th, 1868.

BOARDERS.

TWO or three gentlemen can be accommodated with good rooms in a first-class private house. A gentleman and his lady not objected to. For information apply at the Post Office, or at this office.

Guelph, 25th January, 1868. d

NOTICE.

PERSONS having claims against the estate of the late Hon. A. J. Fergusson Blair will please send particulars of them to D. Guthrie, Esq, Barrister, Guelph, for adjustment.

G. D, FERGUSON, Executor

Guelph 28th January, 1868. dw2

NOTICE.

All Accounts and Notes due to

HOGG & CHANCE

remaining unpaid on the 5th February ensuing will, without any distinction of person, be handed in to Mr. Baker for immediate collection.

HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, 28th January, 1868. dw2

LOST.

LEFT by mistake yesterday, the 28th, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in a sleigh, painted blue, at Ellis' American Hotel, and either taken away in said Sleigh, or abstracted therefrom, a Lady's green Morocco Satchel, containing purse in which were five two dollar bills on the Commercial Bank three or four dollars in silver, a card case with cards, and one or two other articles. Its restoration, with contents, will be suitably rewarded, by leaving at Ellis' American Hotel, Guelph, or with the owner,

RICHARD SINCLAIR BRODIE.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. daw tf

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FOR THE CURE OF

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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 Diuretic 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

New Advertisements.

LAST SALE

AT

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☞ TO-NIGHT. ☜

Guelph, 1st Febuary, 1868. daw-tf

NEARLY GONE.

The CLOUDS which we received a few days since are nearly gone. The demand has been immense, thanks to a discerning public.

Grey and White COTTONS.

Just opened, a superior lot of Grey and White Cottons, in the various widths and qualities, at the lowest figures. On hand, 36 inch Dundas Cottons.

Guelph, Jan. 31, 1868. d **A. O. BUCHAM.**

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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National Series of Reading Books,

Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario,

NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES:

FIRST BOOK, with 31 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—five cents.

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☞ Storekeepers supplied at the lowest Toronto wholesale price for cash only.

T. J. DAY,

Opposite the Market, Guelph

Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw

THE KINGSMILL SURVEY

THE COURT OF CHANCERY having granted leave to sell the balance of this property by

PRIVATE SALE

The undersigned are prepared to treat with parties desirous of purchasing on favourable terms as to payment, &c. The property now offered for sale comprises

75 Building Lots

Ranging from one-fifth to one-fourth of an acre each, in the Kingsmill Survey, and 11½ acres in one block, beautifully situated on the Paisley Hill.

PALMER & LILLIE,

Vendor's Solicitors.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. dc wl

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MARKET SQUARE,

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

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Best Wines, Liquors and 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.

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Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

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Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.

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Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do tf

NOTICE.

MR. CHAS. GRUNDY who has been my Book-keeper for several years in Guelph, is authorized to collect all debts due to me, and to grant receipts in my name for all payments that may be paid to him on my account. Also, to adjust and pay any accounts due by me,

OFFICE: In the store of Messrs. John M. Bond & Co., Corner of Wyndham and Cork-Sts.

HENRY MULHOLLAND.

Guelph, 22nd January, 1868.