

CURIOUS REASON FOR PROMISE CASE IN PROVIDENCE.—The great breach of promise has come into court at Providence, where Mrs. Della M. Albro, a widow of forty, sues Thomas J. Hill, twice widower and sixty years of age, for damages to her re-awakened affections, to the amount of \$100,000. From the statement of the plaintiff, it appears that Mr. Hill entered upon the contract with great re-awakened affections, deliberately choosing her as a wife, upon one of whom he had determined to place his affections, and so far as to have her head examined physiologically to ascertain her disposition before committing himself. She says that before Mr. Hill's attentions became marked, she supposed that she could never regard any man with tenderness, and continued in weeds of mourning, wishing all her affection upon her son. The defendant's income for 1866, however, was \$120,000, and soon her heart began to warm towards him. The engagement was contracted, and, as she expresses it, earth became as new to her; a sounds were made; his sighs were signs of beauty; her future was spanned with the bow of hope. She commenced the preparation of her trousseau, and received the congratulations of her friends when there came an unexpected peal of the door bell, and her betrothed entered with a clouded brow. "Della," said he, "I have come to tell you that I am not going to marry you." "Why," said she, "what misconduct have I been guilty of?" His reply was, "Circumstances prevent me." Although he offered to pay her for her trousseau, she will not be comforted but demands a dowry commensurate with the injury done and the defendant's station.

ARCTIC EXPLORATIONS.—The London *Examiner* observes:—If the Decline and Fall of the British Empire should ever come to be written by some historian of the future, the chapter which treats of the Expeditions to the Arctic regions will not be its least interesting portion. Nothing so well and truly illustrates the best elements of British character. The resolution and perseverance which have borne and maintained the English race over so many portions of the earth have nowhere been more conspicuous than in the search for the North-west Passage. Equal courage and determination may have been displayed on other fields of English energy, but in none have they been accompanied with less of those overbearing qualities which sometimes degrade courage into cruelty, and determination into oppression. A laudable ambition, a love of adventure, and a passion to penetrate the unknown were the motives that actuated the resolute and hardy men who, in succession, faced the unknown rigors of the extreme North.

A Chinese Prince has arrived in Belgium to study the theory and practice of the military profession, and has taken service as a volunteer in the regiment of Carabiniers.

According to the *Out* the sum required to purchase the Irish railway lines—independently of that necessary to put them in thorough working order—is, in round numbers, twenty-one millions sterling.

A large emigration of young men from Quebec to the New England States has commenced.

It is rumored that the Government intend to remove the Reformatory Prison from Penetanguishene.

SOCIAL.—A social gathering of the members and adherents of Knox's Church, will be held in the Town Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock.

DIED.—At Guelph on the 29th instant, John Robert, youngest son of Archibald Crooks, aged 7 months and 7 days.

The funeral will take place from his father's residence, Norfolk-st., to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.
Office over Berry's Confectionery Store,
Wyndham Street Guelph.
Guelph, 4th December 1866

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, May 21, 1868.

Flour, @ 100 lbs	.....	\$ 4 00
Fall Wheat, @ 1 70	.....	1 75
Spring Wheat @ bush	.....	1 40
Oats @ bush	.....	0 55
Peas do	0 80
Barley do	1 15
Hay @ ton	10 00
Straw	1 00
Shingles, @ square	4 00
Wood, @ cord	3 00
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Butter, @ dozen	0 27
Butter, @ lb	0 10
Grease, each	0 25
Turkeys each	0 50
Chickens, @ pair	0 20
Ducks, do	.....	0 25
Potatoes	.....	7 00
Apples, @ barrel	.....	2 00
Lamb, @ lb	.....	0 06
Beef, @ lb	.....	0 09
Pork, @ 100 lbs	.....	5 00
Sheep Felt, each	.....	0 50
Lambkins	.....	0 40
Hides	.....	6 00

MONTREAL MARKETS.
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., report by Special Telegram to Evening Mercury.

MONTREAL, May 21, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 60 to \$7 70; Superfine No. 1, \$7 30 to \$7 45; Welland Canal, \$7 15; Bag Flour, \$5 45 to \$5 25. Oats—4 to 4 25; Barley \$1 10 to \$1 15; Butter—dairy 18c to 22c; (store packed) 18c to 22c. Ashes—Pot \$5 50 to \$5 55. Peas \$5 80 to \$6 20.

Flour small a. a. vials, market more steady, sales of super to considerable extent at \$7. Grain—wheat sales of cars U. C. Spring at \$1 65; Peas lower, sales of cars from store at \$1 per 60 lbs. Pork little doing, rates unchanged. Provisions unchanged, 2 sales neglected.

HAMILTON, May 20, 1868.
Fall wheat, \$1 62 @ \$1 72. Spring do—\$1 55 @ \$1 62 per bushel. Barley—\$1 35 @ \$1 40. Oats—\$3 @ 35c. Peas—35c to 90c. Pork—\$6 00 @ \$6 50.

TORONTO, May 20, 1868.
Flour—Receipts, 200 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 10 @ \$7 15; Fall Wheat—\$1 60. Spring Wheat—\$1 65 @ \$1 64. Oats—28c. Barley—\$1 35 @ \$1 35. Peas—35c to 90c.

OPPOSITION LINE
TO CALIFORNIA
via Panama, carrying United States mails, and also via Nicaragua.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
will dispatch one of their Fast and Elegant Steamships from NEW YORK.

Every Ten Days.

Sales for First, Second and Third Cabin
and Steerage Berths. Tickets, &c. apply
to J. W. MURPHY.

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT
OF
DRESS SHIRTS,
TIES, COLLARS,
CUFFS and BRACES
AT
THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL
A. THOMSON & CO.
Guelph, 9th May 1868

THE FIRST GRAND PRIZE,
THE HIGHEST AWARD,
The Imperial Cross of the Legion of Honor
AND TWO GRAND GOLD MEDALS,
First Premiums awarded to the Wood's Patent
New Jointed-bar Mower and
SELF-RAKE REAPER
AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION, 1867.

These Machines are manufactured at the
Newcastle Agricultural and Machine Works
THRESHING MACHINES of the best description, and Agricultural
Implements furnished to order.
For full particulars, Prices, &c., send for Catalogue.
H. A. MASSEY.
C. & A. SHARPE, Agents at Guelph.
Guelph, 8th May, 1868.

MILLINERY
STRAW GOODS,
JACKETS AND
Parasols
THE MOST
ATTRACTIVE STOCK

In the Trade. Inspection Invited.
Guelph, May 13, 1868.
A. O. BUCHAM.

Commercial Union Assurance Company.
CHIEF OFFICES—19 and 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.
CAPITAL £2,500,000.
Fire Department.
THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and Invested Funds.
PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.
Life Department.
Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks.
Eighty per cent of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders.
Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.
By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.
Office—385 and 387 St. Paul St., Montreal.
FREDERICK COLE, Secretary, | Inspector of Agencies—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P.L.S., Upper-Canada
TROTTER & GRAHAM,
Agents for Guelph.
Guelph April 1st 1868

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
JAMES CORMACK,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of
CLOTHS AND CLOTHING
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,
EVER OFFERED IN GUELPH.
Large Display of Hats & Caps
English, French and American Styles.
And the Newest received Monthly.
JAMES CORMACK,
Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO
IMPORTERS OF
BRITISH AND FOREIGN
DRY GOODS,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Canadian TWEEDS, Flannels, Blankets,
AGENTS FOR
DUNDAS COTTON MILLS.
Guelph, 29th March, 1868.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON
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
will be supplied with the best
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
And the table will all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.
LUNCHEON!
Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.
OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittby.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868.

NEW Oyster Rooms
VALENTINE WALD
DEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.
The very best of Oysters, and choice Cigars will always be kept.
The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.
TOM and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.
Guelph, 27th December, 1867

Medical Dispensary
HARVEY'S
PATENT
BENZOLINE
For instantly removing
Grease, Oil, Wax, Paint, Tar
and other Spots from Silk,
Velvet, Cloth and Kid
Gloves, Carpets,
And all kinds of fabrics, without injuring the most delicate colors. Price 25c per box.
Sole Proprietor,
E. HARVEY,
Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St., Guelph
April 16.

R. GALBRAITH
TAILOR,
ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,
In rear of the English Church,
DEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanneret, Watchmaker, where
Parties Furnishing their Own Goods
Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.
Garments Altered, Repaired
and Cut with Neatness and
Despatch.
Guelph, April 8, 1868.

REMOVAL.
STEPHEN BOULT,
Architect and Builder,
Has Removed his Workshop and Planning Factory to QUEBEC STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church), a short distance east of Wyndham Street.
Plans, Specifications & Estimates,
Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.
STEPHEN BOULT—having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCracken Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber on hand. Prompt attention given to all orders.
Planing Done to Order,
AND ALL KINDS OF
Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds
and Machine Joiners' Work,
Executed with dispatch and kept always on hand Cash paid for all kinds of lumber at the yard.
Guelph, March 10th, 1868.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP
THE subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has leased and fitted up the Blacksmith Shop, being that old and well-known stand on Cardigan Street, near Goldie's, formerly known as the People's Mills, where he intends to carry on the Blacksmith business in all its branches.
HORSE SHOEING.—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoeing. As the subscriber intends to keep none but a first-class horse-shoer, the public can rely on getting all work in that line done in a satisfactory manner.
IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—The subscriber begs to intimate to farmers that he is now manufacturing, and has for sale first-class Steel Mould Board Ploughs, (Gray's pattern) Ploughs of other patterns made to order. Waggon and all kinds of Farm Implements made to order and repaired on the most reasonable terms.
WOOD WORK.—A first-class wood worker kept in connection with the shop.
The subscriber having had long experience in the above business, hopes by strict attention to the wants of his customers to merit a share of public patronage.
Don't forget the Stand, near Goldie's Mills.
CALEB CHASE,
Guelph, 24th April, 1868.

CLEAR OUT DAUBERS.
SHOW ME THE JOB.
DOUGLAS GOUCK,
House, Sign and Decorative Painter,
And Paper Hanger,
At the Old Established Stand,
No. 1, Douglas-St.,
Sign of the man on the Roof.
Guelph, 12th May, 1868.
Notice to Builders.
ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered.
WILLIAM CHIPCHASE,
Guelph, April 24, 1868.

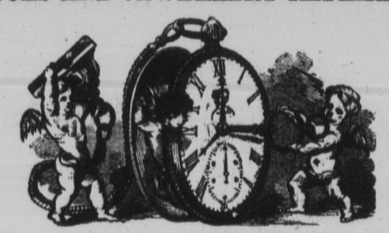
W. MACKLIN & CO.
Guelph, April 7, 1868.
BRITANNIA HOUSE
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
ANOTHER CHEAP LOT
OF GREY AND
WHITE COTTONS!
500 PIECES NEW
Canadian Tweeds, very Cheap
JUST ARRIVED AT
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Guelph, 28th April, 1868.

BEDDING PLANTS!
C. & A. SHARPE
HAVE for sale a large number of the following assortment of
BEDDING PLANTS!
VERBENAS, PETUNIAS, GERANIUMS,
LANTANAS, HELIOTROPES, Etc., Etc.
VEGETABLE PLANTS.
CABBAGE PLANTS, in best Varieties,
CAULIFLOWER, in best Varieties,
KEYES' TOMATO, 30 days earlier than any other Variety extant,
CUCUMBER and MELON.
Also, a choice assortment of **FLOWERSEEDS** of last year's growth, selected by ourselves from the most reliable Seed-growing Establishments in Europe.
For further particulars apply at the Store, Market Square, for Catalogues.
Guelph, April 23, 1868.

TRY THOSE SPLENDID
NEW FIGS
AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX.
Oranges and Lemons?
Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.
Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at
Guelph, 27th March, 1868

H. BERRY'S.
ALE AND CIDER!
JUST RECEIVED
AT H. WALKER'S,
100 Doz. Magnificent Sparkling
CANADIAN ALE
in Prime Order, at \$1.50 per dozen. Also,
Penner's Champagne Cider,
in Pints and Quarts at \$2.00 and \$3.00 per dozen.
HUGH WALKER,
Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph.
Guelph, April 28, 1868.

Where do you get your Watches,
CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?



AT SAVAGE'S.
Guelph, February 6, 1868.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.
FIRST IMPORTATIONS
OF
NEW SPRING GOODS!
WILL BE OPENED
ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.
The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.
W. MACKLIN & CO.
Guelph, April 7, 1868.

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