

**The Messiah Craze.**  
GERRARD, O. T., Dec. 20.—A courier coming in from the Cheyenne reservation last night states that the Messiah craze has broken out anew among the Indians there. Left hand chief of the Arapahos and Old Crow and Whirlwinds, chief of the Cheyennes, have gathered about a thousand Indians around them among the interior hills and the rocky days and nights have kept up the dance continually, doubting that they will not stop until the Messiah arrives. Other members of the tribe are daily joining them and trouble is feared.

**Fed Through his Ribs.**  
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Martin Hamberg, a patient at Emergency Hospital was unable to swallow nourishment of any kind. Two or three weeks ago the doctors inserted a rubber tube into his stomach through his ribs, since which time he has taken solid food into his stomach by this route. The stricture in his throat is so far reduced that he can now swallow liquids with considerable comfort. He drinks water and occasionally beer with great apparent relish, and is rapidly gaining flesh and strength. It seems but a short time when the throat will be in its normal condition, and the artificial route to the stomach can be abandoned.

**Poisoned at a Wedding Feast.**  
MARRIOTT, New Zealand, Dec. 20.—At a wedding feast here yesterday a practical joker mixed with the food a poisonous substance which he supposed to be sperm salts, and as a result 30 persons were poisoned, two being already dead, including the bride, and the others are critically ill.

**Hunza Occupied.**  
CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.—Advices from Gilgit state that the advance movement recently inaugurated by the British has been entirely successful, and that the town of Hunza has been occupied by the advance column and the tribesmen have submitted. The British will now be able to complete their work of constructing a road from Gilgit to the Pamirs, which the Hunza and Nagar tribesmen sought to prevent.

**His Prisoner Bolted.**  
ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Mel. McNabb, who was wanted on 18 charges of burglary and theft, was located here today by Detective Douglas, of Montreal, who has been on his trail for four weeks. Douglas thought the lockup insecure and paraded the streets with his prisoner, visiting hotels, etc. McNabb was handcuffed, and bolted by Douglas that he had no revolver. As a result the prisoner bolted up a lane and has not yet been located.

**Mrs. Garrothers' Trial.**  
RAYBROOK, Ont., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Garrothers, who was in jail here awaiting trial on the charge of the murder of her husband, has been removed to Port Arthur jail by Sheriff Carpenter on the order of the Superior Court. Her committal in an effort to secure her release on bail, made a declaration that the jail here was an improper place to confine her. Her trial will take place at Port Arthur. This, the Record says, is a gross injustice to this portion of the district and an outrage to the witnesses who have to be brought from Bay River, besides an expense altogether unwarranted by the circumstances.

**The Siege of Yemen.**  
YEMEN, Dec. 30.—A letter is published here describing the siege of Yemen by the Arabs. The town was under bombardment daily, while a terrible famine prevailed in Yemen. Every person venturing out of the town in an attempt to procure food was driven back naked, with nose and ears out of or otherwise mutilated, the insurgent chief declaring that he would convert the Yemen Jews to Islamism or extirpate them. When the Turks relieved the city a general butchery of prisoners occurred on both sides.

**Reform in India.**  
BOMBAY, Dec. 30.—At today's meeting of the Indian National Congress at Nagpur, a resolution was adopted declaring that it is necessary that a legislature shall be established in India to which the people of India, of their representatives, and the resolution also says that it is imperative that reductions be made in the expenditures of the Government in India.

**A Rightful Wreck.**  
PARIS, Dec. 30.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that a terrible railway accident occurred yesterday, near Rovoos, on the railroad between Mirsk and Smolenek. An express train ran into the rear of a train carrying troops, 20 persons were killed and 100 injured.

**Congress of Chambers of Commerce.**  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Chamber of Commerce has decided to hold a congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the world next June. Invitations have been sent to all the Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain and all the dependencies of Great Britain beyond the seas. The purpose of the congress will be to discuss the relations of England to the rest of the world, the duties of the Chambers of Commerce, the tariff legislation of the United States, the imperial tariff, the decimal system of currency, weights and measures, emigration and immigration, and other subjects of imperial interest. Forty Chambers have accepted at home and in various parts of the world, and many more are expected to do so.

**Granting Municipal Elections will not be held till Feb. 1st, as several appeals have been entered against the new voters' lists.**

**WM. WATSON**  
Would call the attention of his customers and all others that he will sell all his stock of  
**Scotch and Canadian Tweeds at Cost for the Next 30 Days.**  
Also a line of FINE PANTINGS just in, greatly below their value.  
**WM. WATSON,**  
MERCHANT TAILOR,  
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**Silverware.**  
Just arrived a beautiful Stock of SILVERWARE Suitable for Wedding Presents. Also a very large Stock of STIRLING SILVERWARE such as  
Teaspoons, Curry Spoons, Cheese Scoops, Sugar Spoons, Jelly Spoons, Cream Ladles, and all sorts of Novelties just the thing for Wedding Presents at very low prices.

**CLARK, The Jeweller,**  
75 Upper Wyndham Street, or 3 doors north of Post Office, Guelph.

**BOY'S KNICKER PANTS.**  
**THE EMPIRE**  
Has just received a large assortment of Boy's Knicker Pants, all Good Goods and Nice Patterns. The Goods are odd lots and will be sold without the coats.

**DON'T FORGET THAT**  
**THE EMPIRE**  
IS  
**Guelph's Big Clothing House.**  
No Shoddy kept in stock. Our Clothing is equal to the Finest Custom Work.  
**S. A. HEFFERNAN.**  
31 Lower Wyndham Street.

**GREAT CLEARING SALE.**  
Owing to the death of Mr. Smith it will necessitate a change in the business. Before making this change, and to reduce the stock we will commence a  
**GREAT CLEARING SALE**  
Of the Entire Stock for 30 Days.  
Call early and secure some of the Great Bargains.  
All accounts due Ziegler & Smith must be settled before December 1st, 1891.  
**Ziegler & Smith.**

**CHOICE FURS**  
Otter, Seal, Beaver and Persian Lamb Caps, ALSO  
**Collars and Cuffs.**  
**SHAW & GRUNDY,**  
Merchant Tailors.

**THE SPOT**  
FOR  
**CHEAP HARDWARE.**  
**PRINGLE & CLUNIS,**  
Successors to Harvey & Co.  
25 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**RED-FLAG.**  
**Bargains again this Week.**  
1,000 yards Pongee Silks, 25c. per yard, worth 35c.  
1,000 yards Dress Goods, 25c. per yard, worth 35c.  
1,000 yards Scotch Tweeds, 85c. per yard, worth \$1.50.  
1,000 yards Cloakings, 50c. per yard worth \$1.00.  
Men's Underwear Cheap.  
Ladies' Felt Hats, Cheap.

**FURS. FURS. FURS. FURS.**  
VERY CHEAP.  
HOSIERY—Cheapest in the City.  
**RED FLAG BANKRUPT STOCK EMPORIUM.**  
**D. E. MACDONALD.**  
**ALL KINDS OF FURS**  
We are making a rich and elegant display of  
**USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS**  
**In Ladies' and Gentlemen's FURS**  
[The Style and Quality of which cannot be excelled. All goods warranted. Prices reasonable. Only Furriers in the City.] **KELEHER & HENDLEY,** [Model Merchant Tailors.]

**FOR XMAS**  
Best London Layers  
Finest Dessert Layers  
Choice Layer Figs  
New Dates  
Greenish Walnuts  
New Almonds,  
New Figs,  
New Brazils.  
All new and very cheap.  
Goods Promptly Delivered.

**Lillie & Hadden,**  
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SPECIAL XMAS Attractions!  
French Christianized Fruits,  
APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PLUMS, CHERRIES & STRAW-BERRIES.  
Table Fruit,  
FINEST RAISINS, FIGS, GRAPE, FLORIDA ORANGES, DATES AND NUTS.  
Cheese,  
ROQUEFORT, PARSON'S STILTON AND FINE OLD CANADIAN.  
**E. S. KILGOUR.**  
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SIMPSON'S Special Prices for Xmas Trade.  
New Valencia of stalk Raisins, 3 lbs. for 25c  
New Black Basket and London Layer Raisins  
New Orleans Raisins, 2 lbs for 25c  
New Provincial Currants, 3 lbs for 25c  
New Perfecto Yonkers Currants, per lb 10c  
Very Fine Lemon Peel, per lb 15c  
Very Fine Orange Peel, per lb 15c  
Best Fine Sugar, per lb 10c  
3 lbs Sardines for 25c  
Crown Brand Candy, per lb 10c  
Extra Fine Mixed Candy, 3 lbs for 25c  
This is a great Soap for Xmas.  
2 cans best Red Salmon for 25c  
2 cans best Finnan Haddie for 25c  
Good Cooking Raisins, per lb 5c  
Fresh Oysters, Haddies and Ciscos, always on hand. It will pay you to give us your Xmas order. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
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**GOOD CHEER**  
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2,000 lbs. of Candies.  
1,000 lbs. of Nuts.  
200 lbs. of Dessert Raisins.  
2,000 lbs. of Daisies.  
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There are Turkeys, Geese, and other Poultry and Oysters in profusion.  
Choice Groceries of every description.  
No Trouble to sell, the prices do it every time.  
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**New Goods.**  
Finest West Coast Raisins, Extra Table Figs, Extra Selected Raisins, Fine Bullans Raisins, Mince Meat, Seedless Raisins, New Greenish Walnuts, Choice Table Raisins, New Almonds, Gray's (best) Candied Lemon, Orange and Citrus Peel, Jordan Almond (Shelled) Brazil Nuts, Filberts, New Case Turkeys, Preserved Ginger.  
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Melons, Apples, Peaches, Figs and assorted Fruits.  
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Highest quality of Flavorings, Icing Sugar, Clarified Oiler, Pure Cocoa, and Chocolate, Green Candy, Burnt Almonds and Chocolate Drops, Florida Oranges and Lemons.  
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No 21 Wyndham-st

**Missionaries in Danger in China.**  
The Mail says—Rev. Mr. Burns, of Toronto, agent for the Presbyterian Church, has received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Goforth, who is at a mission station in the interior of China. The letter is dated November 4, and it states that the missionaries in Hsin Chen have been subjected to gross indignation by a band of professional beggars, instigated by the people, who demanded money. Mr. McVicar and Mr. McGillivray were badly abused. At the time of writing Rev. Mr. Goforth stated that the rioters had quieted down, and appeals had been made to the British Consul. Enclosed in the letter was a copy of a picture which had been circulated among the people by the rioters. Surrounding the picture was a legend in Chinese characters accusing the missionaries of everything vile. The structure was an immense brick affair, one of the largest in the province, and was used conjointly by the Michigan Central and the C. P. R.

**Freight Shed at St. Thomas Burned.**  
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 30.—Fire started this evening about 6.30 in the large Michigan Central freight depot here. The building was almost completely gutted, and a large amount of freight destroyed or badly damaged. Loss cannot be estimated at present, but will run up into the thousands. The structure was an immense brick affair, one of the largest in the province, and was used conjointly by the Michigan Central and the C. P. R.

**Mr. Duff's Reply to Mr. Mor.**  
To the Editor of the Mercury:  
DEAR SIR,—I see that some gentleman called Forbes Moir attempts to answer some of my letters which appeared in your paper some time ago. But he has not advanced any further than that which has been gone over before with the exception of some misstatements in reference to the actions of the Erin delegates at some of the former conventions. His analogies in comparing my horses Gladstone getting the vote in 1888, and preventing our steamship companies from tendering for the ocean mail service.

**Grand Trunk Railway**  
GOING EAST  
Express..... 5.45 a.m.  
Accommodation..... 6.20 a.m.  
Passenger..... 6.40 a.m.  
Through Express..... 6.40 p.m.  
Mixed..... 8.40 p.m.  
GOING WEST  
Express..... 1.40 a.m.  
Mail..... 2.15 a.m.  
Pacific Express..... 3.00 a.m.  
Accommodation..... 3.35 p.m.  
Mixed..... 4.10 p.m.  
**Great Western Division.**  
GOING SOUTH  
Mixed..... 6.35 a.m.  
Express..... 7.15 a.m.  
Accommodation..... 8.05 p.m.  
Mixed..... 8.40 p.m.  
GOING NORTH  
Mail..... 11.59 a.m.  
Express..... 12.20 p.m.  
Accommodation..... 1.00 p.m.  
Mixed..... 1.40 p.m.

**Canadian Pacific Railway.**  
Leave Guelph, going east 9.45 a.m. and 7 p.m. arriving at Guelph, from east, 9.30 a.m. and 8.40 p.m.  
Going west 8.10 a.m., 3.40 p.m., and 7 p.m. Arriving from west 11.20 a.m. and 8.40 p.m.

**Time of Closing Mails**  
Going North—11.10 a.m.; 6.40 p.m.  
Going South—9.45 a.m.; 2.30 p.m.; 3.45 p.m.  
Going West—9.45 a.m.; 5.00 and 8.00 p.m.  
English Mail, Canadian Line—Closes on Wednesday at 11 a.m.  
English Mail, via New York—Closes on Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m.

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HENNESSY & SASERAC BRANDIES.  
ALSO  
SIX YEAR OLD IMPERIAL RYE.  
SIX YEAR OLD CLUB WHISKEY.  
FIVE YEAR OLD GOODERHAM & WORT'S RYE.  
WALKER'S RYE AND MALT.  
SLEEMAN'S, CARLING'S AND L.A. BATT'S ALES AND PORTERS IN WOOD AND BOTTLES.  
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Rapid Recovery.  
DEAR SIR,—I have tried your B.B.B. with great success for constipation and pain in my bowels. The second dose made me ever so much better. My bowels now move freely and I feel as if I had never left me, and to everybody with the same disease I recommend B.B.B.  
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Soothing, Cleansing, Never Fails.  
Cures GOLD, HEAD, CATARRH.  
MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The following is the statement of the earnings and expenses of the C.P.R. for the month of November, 1891.—Gross earnings, \$2,081,070.74; working expenses, \$1,198,919.83; net profits, \$7,127,462.73. In November, 1890, the net profits were \$7,070,235; and from January 1st to November 30th, 1890, there was a profit of \$5,874,837.45. The gain in net profits over the same period last year is therefore, for November, \$190,840.50; and from January 1st to November 30th, \$1,252,625.28.

**The Heapel Murder.**  
HAMILTON, Dec. 30.—It is expected that some startling developments will be made at the preliminary trial of Jack Lottridge tomorrow at the police court on the charge of murdering John Heapel. No more evidence than is necessary to commit the prisoner will be given, but it is understood that about seven or eight witnesses will testify against him. Mrs. Heapel and Miss Heapel will be called to retell the dreadful story of that fatal night. Lottridge is either an innocent man or he is a clever actor and well able to hide his real feelings. He continues to show a cheerful front in jail and maintains that he is innocent of the crime or any connection therewith. When told of Gooze's confession he only laughed and said there was nothing in it.

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As a friend we have always found you courteous, kind and amiable, and as a teacher impartial, painstaking and most devoted to the best interests of your pupils. You will long be remembered by those who have been associated with you as teachers, and your pupils will always look back to the time spent under your care as among the most pleasant and profitable of school days. As a more tangible proof of our esteem and affection, we ask you to accept this gift, with our best wishes for you in your new position and success, and the prayer that after a long and useful life you may hear the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant."  
Erin, Dec. 22, 1891.  
Mr. Campbell responded for Miss Thomson in very feeling and touching terms relating to her work as a teacher, her excellent moral deportment and the happy social relations that have existed during the time she has been teaching. The numerous and pleasant memories of individual pupils, and the deep emotion that was felt throughout the proceedings, by the children, together with the crowd that assembled at the parting, will be long and faithfully remembered in the training of the young in this place. The P. S. inspectors' reports of her department have always been of the most favorable character, classing her amongst the best teachers in the inspection. On the evening of the same day the Y. P. S. C. E. of Burns' church, of which Miss Thomson was President since its organization, which has prospered beyond expectation under her modest, wise, thoughtful and capable leadership, held a farewell in the basement of the church, with a beautiful Oxford Bible and the merrico Hymn with the following complimentary address:—  
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Miss Thomson, who was so completely taken by surprise and overcome by the expression contained in the address she felt her heart full to enable her to reply asked Mr. Wood to do so on behalf, who feelingly thanked the society and referred to the pleasure which he knew it gave her to be so warmly and cordially received and her special interest and anxiety in connection with this society.  
On Tuesday evening a number of the friends of Rev. J. H. Wood, the Baptist minister in charge of Erin circuit, waited upon him at the manse and presented him with a valuable fur coat and Mrs. Ball with a beautiful silver fruit set in glass, accompanied by a very complimentary address.  
Christmas—This day was quietly observed in the village, the dull, soft weather no doubt had something to do with it. The usual thanksgiving service was held in the English church, the Baptist congregation held their annual gathering on Christmas eve, and the children's on Friday, both of which were fairly well attended. The 100th anniversary services were held on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Hannon, of Guelph, preached morning and evening to good congregations.  
Korea.—To the large number of students who have been attending the various colleges, universities, etc., for the past term, and who are now spending their Christmas holidays with their parents and friends in this village and community, we cannot begin to name them, but to one and all we wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and our best wishes for their future success. Amongst those who have passed their examinations we note the name of J. E. Wood, son of Mr. R. Wood, druggist and P.M. of the village, as having passed a very creditable examination in the College of Pharmacy, Toronto, taking good marks in the second class. This must be complimentary considering the high standard and reputation of this College. The Royal Templars Grand Lodge has already been announced spent a week in this village, their meetings were fairly well attended and we hope that some good may be effected by their labours, and seems rather unfortunate that they were not here at the time they did, as season when there were a number of gatherings and other meetings.

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We, the teachers and pupils of Erin Public School, having learned that you have severed your connection with our school, and are about to leave, take this opportunity of expressing our sorrow at parting with you, and our esteem and affection for you.  
As a friend we have always found you courteous, kind and amiable, and as a teacher impartial, painstaking and most devoted to the best interests of your pupils. You will long be remembered by those who have been associated with you as teachers, and your pupils will always look back to the time spent under your care as among the most pleasant and profitable of school days. As a more tangible proof of our esteem and affection, we ask you to accept this gift, with our best wishes for you in your new position and success, and the prayer that after a long and useful life you may hear the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant."  
Erin, Dec. 22, 1891.  
Mr. Campbell responded for Miss Thomson in very feeling and touching terms relating to her work as a teacher, her excellent moral deportment and the happy social relations that have existed during the time she has been teaching. The numerous and pleasant memories of individual pupils, and the deep emotion that was felt throughout the proceedings, by the children, together with the crowd that assembled at the parting, will be long and faithfully remembered in the training of the young in this place. The P. S. inspectors' reports of her department have always been of the most favorable character, classing her amongst the best teachers in the inspection. On the evening of the same day the Y. P. S. C. E. of Burns' church, of which Miss Thomson was President since its organization, which has prospered beyond expectation under her modest, wise, thoughtful and capable leadership, held a farewell in the basement of the church, with a beautiful Oxford Bible and the merrico Hymn with the following complimentary address:—  
Miss Jennie Thomson:—  
DEAR PRESIDENT,—It is with deep regret that we bid you goodbye. During your stay among us you have won the confidence and esteem of the entire community, and as President of this Society by your amiable disposition and consistent Christian report you have engaged yourself to every member. We feel that the success of our Society has largely been due to your influence as its President, in ever conducting perfect confidence in your good judgment, and being encouraged and strengthened by your kindness, courtesy and sympathy. But what will we miss you our best wishes will go with you, and we sincerely hope that wherever your lot may be cast the Divine blessing may sustain you, comfort you, and make you a blessing to others; and as a more substantial proof of our esteem and friendship we ask you to accept this beautiful Bible with the prayer that "The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant," may "make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ."  
Signed on behalf of the Young People's Society of Erin, Endeavor of Burns' church, Erin, by its officers:  
James Blinnie, Vice President.  
Sarah Blinnie, Secretary.  
Ada Wood, Treasurer.