

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 in Canada. Our Black Grogam 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

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 26, 1872

The Foster Brother;

—OR—
The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XXXI.
THE INN ON THE MOOR.

Resuming their course by the side of the wall, which ran eastward, the youths pressed forward hastily, with their eyes fixed on the light, which sometimes vanished for a few moments, but only to gleam out anew. At last when they had proceeded about half the distance towards it, it disappeared, and was seen no more. They marked well, however, the exact point at which they had beheld it, and were glad to see that the fence ran in the wished-for direction.

The next half-hour was spent amid great impatience and anxiety. The moor seemed interminable, and it appeared as if they were destined never to reach the high road. Suddenly and to their disappointment, the wall terminated, and they had now to wade among the deep snow of the open moor, with nothing to guide their course but the constellated sign of the Plough, under which the light had been seen.

All at once they were pulled by a ravine, which it was impossible to cross, and in making this discovery they stood gazing at each other in silent consternation.

"Why, we must have crossed the road without knowing it," cried George, as this thought suddenly struck him.

Nothing was more likely, and upon retracing their steps for about two hundred yards they found that such was indeed the case, the depth of the snow rendering the mistake one easy to make. There was no wheel-track, and almost nothing indicated that it was the road save a slightly raised ridge on either side.

The road being found, the next thing to determine was whether the inn was behind or before them, and this was a matter of no little importance, since by taking a wrong direction they would recede from rather than approach it. The point where the light was seen was to the north of where they, and on the strength of this fact they adopted their course, once more pressing eagerly forward, penetrating the darkness with their eager eyes in the hope of seeing the solitary building standing out against the sky, or the glimmer of a light from one of the windows.

At length, and simultaneously, they saw it at no great distance ahead, and an indescribable thrill shot through their bosoms at the sight, for the moment had nearly come when they should know if the terrible exertions of the night were to be crowned with success, or whether a bitter and crushing disappointment awaited them.

Wading and toiling on, often above the knees in the soft and yielding snow, they drew slowly nearer the inn, which now stood out sharply defined against the steel-like northern horizon.

For some distance round this place, the moor had undergone partial cultivation. An effort had been made to enclose two or three fields, to fence them, and to grow thereon thin crops of potatoes, turnips, oats, and barley. There was also on one side, and almost close to the road a peat moss, where stood several stacks of peats, which had been dug, and built the previous summer, and which now covered with snow, seemed so many white hillocks dotting the plain.

Shortly after coming into this semi-cultivated region, they perceived all at once marks on the snow as if it had recently been trodden upon.

"Why what can this mean?" cried Harry. "Where do these marks come from, and whither do they go?"

"They evidently go towards the inn," replied George, "and as evidently they come from the side of the road where that hillock of turf or something is standing."

"A hillock of turf," repeated Harry, moving across to the object which the other had thus designated. "This is not the shape of a hillock of a pile of turf, though what it may be I cannot think—ha! George, George!"

"What is it?" cried George, rushing after the other, on hearing this peculiar exclamation.

"'Tis the carriage—the Ardo van carriage." And so it was, fairly embedded among the snow, where it must have been for some time, since a snow-wreath had nearly drifted over it, covering it almost from view.

Frantically Harry pulled open the door, dislodging a mass of snow as he did so, and peered inside.

It was entirely empty, and the cushions taken out.

Mr. Hugh Gwynne, who, for 30 years was connected with the Provincial Law Society as its secretary and librarian, died at Osgoode Hall on Friday morning last.

New Fruits, New Fruits, Jams and Jellies.

Table Raisins,
New Layer Figs,
Jordan Almonds,
Valencia Raisins,
Sultana
Seedless
New Prunes,
New Currants,
New Lemons,
Candied Citron Peel,
"Lemon Peel,
"Orange Peel,
Calves Foot Jelly,
Black and Red Currant Jelly,
New Marmalade,
New Canned Peaches,
"Tomatoes,
"Pine Apples.

All Goods Warranted to Please.

JNO. A. WOOD

IMPORTER,

Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 3, 1872 dw

CASH!

STILL TAKING THE LEAD.

Just arrived at the New Store, CASH,

\$12,500 Worth

Of first-class

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Made up in the best style of the best material.

The whole of the stock must be sold during the Christmas Holidays, so

NOW IS THE TIME FOR BARGAINS

Overcoats,
Pea Jackets,
Sack Coats,
Frock Coats,
Black Coats,
Tweed Coats,
&c. &c. &c.

Special Lines of Tweed Suits very low; also, Pants and Vests in great variety.

A large lot of Youths and Boys Clothing cheap and strong.

We can fit any size and suit and price

The New Store "Cash,"

Upper Wyndham Street.
W. H. G. KNOWLES, Agent.
Guelph, Dec. 4, 1872. dw

BAGS AND WASTE PAPER.

Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid, at the Bag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets, Address "BAGS or WASTE PAPER," P. O. Box 110, to 10,000 lbs.

D. MURPHY, Hamilton Dec. 14, 1872 dw

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE

FOR RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the store and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Erin, as present occupied by Mr. Maclellan, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the gravel road between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be carried on, and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MACKENZIE, Guelph, Nov. 28th, 1872. dw

Auction Stopped. BANKRUPT STOCK.

BARGAINS BARGAINS

Christmas Goods!

No Reserve! Goods must be Sold!

P. C. ALLAN

Will dispose of by Private Sale,

Between Now and Christmas

The whole of his immense and varied stock of Bankrupt Goods, consisting of

BOOKS

Stationery,

Bibles,
Prayers,
Albums,
Concertinas,
Glass and Shell Boxes,
Writing Desks,
Work Boxes,
Wax Dolls,
Table Cutlery,
Plated Cruet Stands,
Breakfast Sets,
Silver Spoons,
"Forks,
Britania meta Tea & Coffee Sets,
Pocket Knives,
Butter Knives,
Pipes,
Purses,
Gents' Scarfs,
Ties,
Hammers,
Hatchets,
&c., &c.

GLASSWARE

Goblets,
Tumblers,
Tea Sets,
Peppers,
Preserve Dishes,
Fruit Dishes,
Decanters,
Large Bowls,
&c., &c., &c.

Also, Several Complete Dinner Sets, consisting of 90 pieces each.

No Reserve, as the Goods must, and will be sold very cheap, to save packing.

This will be the Largest and Most Attractive Sale ever seen in Guelph.

SALEROOM

In Thornton's Old Stand,

Next door to Hugh Walker's.

P. C. ALLAN, dw
Guelph, Dec. 19, 1872.

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In Quarter and Half Barrels.

SLEEMAN'S

CELEBRATED, IN PRIME CONDITION,

A SPECIAL BREWING

for Walker's customers.

HUGH WALKER,

Sole Agent, Wyndham Street, Guelph
Dec. 12, 1872. dtf

BRITISH AND FOREIGN IMPORTING HOUSE,

48 and 50 Yonge Street,

TORONTO;

AND

196 and 198 McGill Street,

MONTREAL.

Full lines of the following goods of this season's importation or manufacture offered to the jobbing trade by the package, or to general merchants in any part of the Dominion.

TERMS—CLOSE, and discounts liberal to prompt men.

Table Cutlery,
Pocket Cutlery,
Nickel Silver Spoons,
Electro-plated Ware,
Sterling Silver Spoons and Forks,
Dixon's Shot and Powder Flasks,
Japanese Trays and Waiters,
Walker's and Ely's Gun Caps,
Celebrated Periscope Spectacles,
Musical and Patent Albums,
Violins and Accordions,
Watches, Watches and Swiss Clocks, Connecticut and French Old Bull Violin Strings,
Bohemian Glass Ware,
German Morocco Pocket Books,
Toys in wood, tin and iron,
Baskets, Fancy and Market.

Fancy Goods generally, the largest stock in the Dominion.

Sept. 24, 1872. dw dtf



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After passing through all the tests applied during the recent Exhibitions was awarded

26 prizes for 1872, and 13 prizes for 1871!

Including prizes at the PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION; also, FIRST PRIZE at Toronto, London, St. Catharines, Chatham; and the Great Central Fair

HELD IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH

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The GARDNER is an easy, light running machine, made especially for Family Work of all kinds, and has a full set of attachments which are Simple and Complete. Parties wanting Sewing Machines, apply to Mr. Hunter, Wyndham-st., or to Wm. S. Lumsden, Agent, Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Guelph, Nov. 4th

GUELPH Pianoforte Factory

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All new instruments

Warranted for Six Years;

Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any Imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed.

Show Rooms and Office,

WEST MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. RAINER, Proprietor. dw

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

TO

The Municipal Electors of the Town of Guelph, and the County of Wellington.

GENTLMEN—The time is now when you will elect your respective Municipal Councils.

Universal experience proves that where places (be they taverns, saloons or groceries) for the sale of intoxicating drinks are numerous, there intemperance, with all its terrible evils abound.

The Legislature having vested in the Mayor or Clerk of Town, and Beers and Clerk of Townships, authority to grant licenses; and in the Councils to determine how many places may be licensed in your several municipalities, also to exercise supervision over the Liquor Traffic therein; and the election of those who will compose your Council being in your hands, the Committee of the Guelph Temperance Society would respectfully but earnestly urge that you select men for your respective Municipal Councils who will do their best to diminish the number of places where intoxicating drinks may be sold.

J. EYAN, Secretary.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 72. Oct-31w

JEWELLERY

FOR XMAS.

Our stock is now complete in every line, having received a large stock of New Goods during the past few days, consisting in part of

Cruet Stands,
Cake Baskets,
Butter Coolers,
Sugar Bowls,
Cream Jugs,
Fruit Stands,
Pickle Frames,
Cups,
Goblets,
Spoons,
Forks,
Napkin Rings, &c.
Watches,
Clocks,
Brooches,
Ear-rings,
Bracelets,
Chains,
Rings,
Pins,
Shades,
Cuff Buttons,
&c. &c.

All of which are at low prices—

ONLY ONE PRICE.

D. SAVAGE,
Dec. 16—dw2w Wyndham Street, Guelph

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

GILBERT AMOS

With an exhibition in his Stall, No. 3 Market, a splendid display of BEEF, MUTTON, LAMB, &c., consisting of the following:

1 Very Prime Fat Cattle, fed and bred by Mr. John Schwenndmann, weighing nearly 6,000 lbs.

1 Excellent Cattle, fed by Mr. William Hamilton, weighing nearly 5,000 lbs.

1 Very Prime Fat Cattle, fed by Mr. John Amos, Paisley Block.

1 Tremendous Fat Heifer, "Lady Elizabeth," weighing about 2,000 lbs. fed and bred by Mr. James Elliott, Paisley Block.

1 Superior Fat Cattle, fed by Mr. J. Scroggie, Paisley Block.

1 Buffalo Cow, from the West.

1 So. 40 very superior Sheep and Lambs, including some extra Scotchdowns. Guelph, P. O. Dec. 10th, 1872. dtf