

**THE MERCURY AND THE EXHIBITION.**

Next week the Daily Mercury will be printed on a double sheet, in order to make room for extra advertisements and reading matter. A large number will be printed each day for sale and circulation. Parties wishing to insert special advertisements for the week should send them in AT ONCE, as our space is nearly all taken up.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
SATURDAY EV'G, SEPT. 14, 1874.

**The Contested Election Cases.**

For a week past the Tory papers have been very jubilant over the unseating of several members, some of whom are Reformers, and some who, while not very pronounced in their opinions, sustained the Government during the late session. Every one in favor of purity at elections must condemn such corrupt practices as have been proved, in the different cases. Babery is wrong on any side. It is demoralizing in the highest degree, and it not only lowers the cause but the men who are engaged in it. But under whose regime was this system of bribery and corruption commenced? Was it not the party of which Sir John A. Macdonald was so long—and is now—the leader; and was not his Administration guilty of the most wholesale system of bribery during the elections in 1872 when they lavishly spent the money handed over to them by Sir Hugh Allan, as the price of the Pacific Railway contract? We don't say that the Reformers were justified in following such a vile example as that of their opponents. But human nature is weak, and when men in the heat of an election contest find that those opposed to them are busy with their money and other corrupt influences, the temptation is sometimes too strong for them to use the same means. The most flagrant case in the whole list is that of London, a constituency which, under Mr. Carling's manipulation, had been corrupted years ago; and Major Walker's friends—many of them Conservatives—seem to have learned their lesson well from their old teacher, "Honest John." We feel satisfied that were there as many cases tried against Conservative members, the record of bribery and corruption would be as strong as against those members who have been unseated. We trust that these exposures will put an end to this demoralizing and dishonourable business of bribing. The new election law will greatly tend towards such a desirable consummation, and happy will it be for Canada when the old and corrupt system so long employed at elections will be done away with for ever.

**A Lame Defence.**

It is not worth our while paying much more attention to the maunderings of the Herald on the road and bridge business, until it deals with our question, how it came about that nine members of the Council voted for the report, censuring Mr. Coffee for neglect and mismanagement of the work. Neither the system followed in former years, nor Mr. Elliott's connection with it, has anything to do with the present case. Mr. Elliott had not the votes of these nine members in his pocket, nor could he have influenced them even if he had tried, which he did not. But the evidence was so strong, and the facts so patent, that looking at these alone, without prejudice, they were obliged to censure Mr. Coffee, or to go against their own convictions. With regard to Mr. Coffee's popularity or unpopularity, we have nothing to do. That question does not come into discussion at all. The only question for us and for the Council to consider was whether the Committee's report was just, and whether it was sustained by the evidence. We say most emphatically that it has been so sustained, and the Herald, with all its beating about the bush, cannot convince any one who impartially examines the case to the contrary. Its puerile talk about political and religious bigotry in connection with the case is childish in the extreme, and only shows to what shifts it is forced to fly, in order to screen Mr. Coffee, and if possible, evoke for him a little sympathy.

**The Treaty with the Indians.**

The Montreal Gazette gives the following particulars respecting the expedition for the purpose of effecting a treaty with the Indians living west of Manitoba:—"An attempt is about to be made to put our relations with the more distant tribes on the best possible footing by a treaty which is to be negotiated at Lac Qu'Appelle, and that for this purpose Lt. Governor Morris, of Manitoba, and the Hon. Mr. Laird are to act as the Canadian Commissioners. These gentlemen are to be accompanied by a guard and escort under the command of Lt. Col. Osborne Smith, whose activity, endurance, vigilance and experience, both in the army and in this country, render him a fit leader. The journey to be accomplished by the Commissioners and their little expeditionary force, is one of seven hundred miles, including the march there and back, and the achievement will be rendered more difficult by the great distances which will separate them from any basis of supplies—none being found after leaving their starting place—and from the rapid close of the fine season. The troops will penetrate the interior of the continent, much further than any British soldiers have yet reached. The party will number in all one hundred men, infantry and artillery, with one mountain howitzer. There will be seven officers, and a party of native scouts on horseback, together with a train of thirty-eight horses and carts. These will take the supplies, which must be transported with the expedition both on the road to Qu'Appelle, and on the return march; and with the same object the party will drive with them a number of beef cattle. The men themselves will

carry nothing but their great coats, haversacks, rifles and ammunition; all other necessities being conveyed by the train. Both soldiers and civilians are picked men, the former being selected especially for their physical strength and submission to discipline. The long march over the prairies will test their powers of endurance; but we are informed that they look fit for anything that may be asked from them. On the whole this expedition will present many points of interest, both on the march and in the Council, and will, we hope, be the commencement of a policy that will prevent our Indians from extermination, and at the same time save honest settlers on the frontier from the danger of a state of chronic warfare.

**The Tilton-Beecher Affair.**  
**Moulton's Second Statement.**

Mr. Moulton's second statement was issued on Friday. It is merely a defence of himself against the insinuations in Beecher's statement, and an attempt to prove by documents, dates, &c., the falsity of some of Beecher's statements. No outside parties are brought in by name, but Beecher is charged with adultery with another woman unnamed. This, with some letters from Mrs. Morse, the mother of Mrs. Tilton, in which she calls Beecher her son, and asks him for money for Mrs. Tilton's support, is about all that is new in his statement. Its tenor is that of a personal defence of Moulton, as a man who has tried to act honorably through the whole affair, rather than an additional attack on Beecher. Mr. Moulton begins his statement by an apology for its production, in which he says he had hoped Mr. Beecher himself would, ere this, have made a denial of any intimation, insinuation, or avowal in his statement that he (Moulton) had acted in any way dishonourably towards him. Failing in this hope it seems to Mr. Moulton and his friends that the question of veracity made by Mr. Beecher ought to be settled. The statement, so far as it relates to the Beecher-Tilton matter, is an argument by Moulton, based on the alleged facts already published, and a comparison of his (Moulton's) previous statement with that made by Beecher. The only new documentary evidence is a letter from Mrs. Morse to Mr. Beecher, and a paragraph in a letter from Beecher to Moulton, saying "I enclose a cheque subject to your discretion." The concluding portion of the statement relates to accusations against Beecher, said to have been put forth by Bowen, and are of a grossly indecent character.

**No Need for Nostrels.**—In France there are cities of 15,000 inhabitants which have not one physician; there are cities of 20,000 inhabitants which have but one physician, and he not a graduate of a medical school. There is always posted in the arcade of the Paris medical schools the names of fifteen or twenty towns or villages which have no physician, and wish one. Lille is a city with a population of 200,000 souls; it contains only forty-three physicians. Roubaix is a city of 78,000 souls; it contains only eight physicians.

**Breakfast.**—Epps's Cocoa.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." 1j6-9m

**Stoves, Stoves.**—Mr. John Horsman, the enterprising hardware merchant of this town, has added stoves and tinware to his establishment making it the most complete in Ontario. Stoves of all kinds can now be had of him. Farmers and all others requiring any would do well to call at Mr. Horsman's and see his immense stock of superior stoves with all the latest improvements. He assures us that he will keep none that cannot be fully recommended as the best to be had in this country or elsewhere. He has also engaged careful and experienced workmen and is prepared to execute all orders for cavertroughs, conductor pipes and every other kind of tin-smith's work.

**RETURN OF THE FAVORITES.**

**HERNDON'S**  
**Opera House Company**  
Brass Band and Orchestra  
Every night of the Fair Week

**AT THE DRILL SHED**

Which has been expressly fitted up and seated for the occasion.  
Entirely new and beautiful Scenery,  
Old Favorites and new Faces.

Monday Ev'g, Sept. 14, 1874.

Wallack's Magnificent Drama of

**ROSEDALE,**

OR  
**THE RIFLE BALL.**

Admission 25 cents; reserved seats 50 cents.  
Doors open at 7, to begin at 8.

**CIGARS,**

**CIGARS.**

A Real Good Box containing 100

FOR \$2.25

Tavern keepers will do well to inspect our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

**ENGLISH**

Shag Smoking Tobacco.

GIVE IT ONE TRIAL.

**R. EVANS**

Wyndham Street, near Great Western Hotel, and opposite front entrance to Town Hall.

Next to Miss Andrew's Fancy Store.

**Fall Exhibitions.**

**CENTRAL**—Guelph, Sept. 15 and three following days.  
**NORTH HURON**—Blyth, Sept. 17 and 18.  
**PROVINCIAL**—Toronto, Sept. 21 and four following days.  
**WESTERN**—London, Sept. 29 and three following days.  
**ERASMUS**—Rockwood, Tuesday, Sept. 29.  
**NORMANBY**—Ayrton, Wednesday, Sept. 30.  
**SOUTH WATERLOO**—Galt, 29th and 30th September.  
**WEST FLAMBORO**—Dundas, Oct. 1 and 2.  
**WELLERLEY**—Crosshill, Saturday, Oct. 3.  
**ESQUEMUNG**, Friday, Oct. 2.  
**MINTO**—Harriston, Wednesday, Sept. 30.  
**CARDWELL**—Mono Mills, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 29th and 30th.  
**CENTRE**, WELLSINGTON—Fergus, Friday, Oct. 2.  
**NORTH BRUCE**—Port Elgin, Friday, Oct. 2.  
**CENTRAL**—Hamilton, Tuesday, Oct. 6, and three following days.  
**MITCHELL**, Oct. 6 and 7.  
**SOUTH RIDING HURON**—Exeter, Oct. 6 and 7.  
**ERIN**—Erin Village, Wed. Oct. 7.  
**WOOLWICH**—Elmira, Wed. Oct. 7.  
**NASSAGAWEYA**—Haltowville, Wed. Oct. 7.  
**LUTHER**—Little Toronto, Wed. Oct. 7.  
**SOUTH GREY**—Durham, Wed. Oct. 7.  
**HOWICK**—Woxeter, Wed. Oct. 7.  
**ELMA AND WALLACE**—Listowel, Oct. 7 and 8.  
**WEST GARAPRAKA**—Marvill, Tuesday, Oct. 8.  
**GALETON**—Charleston, Oct. 8 and 9.  
**ROBERT WELLSINGTON**—Drayton, Friday, Oct. 9.  
**BOREMONT**—Holstein, Friday, Oct. 9.  
**FELLSBURGH**—Aurora, Friday, Oct. 9.  
**EAST GARAPRAKA**—Marvill, Tuesday, October 13.  
**NORTH WATERLOO**—Berlin, Oct. 13 and 14.

**SLEEMAN'S**

**BOTTLED ALE**

In prime order at  
**JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

**English Malt Vinegar,**

**French White Wine Vinegar,**

For Pickling, at  
**JOHN A. WOOD'S.**

**LEWIS'**

**BOSTON LOBSTERS,**

**Frazer's Saugenay Salmon**

AT **JOHN A. WOODS.**

**OSBORN**

**SEWING MACHINES**

Have recently greatly improved their renowned Machines, and have added their new

**PATENTED SHUTTLE**

Which gives an unequalled tension on the finest or heaviest goods.

**Every Machine Warranted.**

Trial before purchasing.

Time given for payment.

Please see them before purchasing elsewhere.

**WILKIE & OSBORN,**

**QUELPH.**

Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1874. d2aw-wly

**FOR SALE—**

**TYRATHLEN LOTS.**

The Venerable Archdeacon Palmer has placed in my hands for sale the Lots in his new survey, immediately in rear of his residence and lying on the north side of Grange street. The situation cannot be surpassed in the town—convenient to Market, Post Office, Church and Schools, commanding a magnificent view of the town and surrounding country. The lots are of different sizes, and well suited for private dwellings, with a first-class soil for gardening. Those lots on Tyrathlen Terrace are well adapted for genteel residences, and will only be sold to those who will bargain to put up good buildings. Plans of the Lots can be seen at my office and particulars learned. Terms very liberal. Purchases made this Fall, interest on balance of purchase money will not commence until 1st April, next. If desired, the lots will be pointed out on the ground. Also, 17 other lots lying to the north of Palmer street, in Macdonald's survey, and on Queen and Arthur streets. An early call is solicited.

**CHARLES DAVIDSON,**

Land and General Agent, Town Hall Building, Guelph.

Guelph, Aug. 31, 1874. dwif

**THE GUELPH**

**Hot & Cold Water Baths**

FOR GENTLEMEN

**ARE NOW OPEN.**

**THE LADIES' DEPARTMENT**

IS IN COURSE OF COMPLETION.

Entrance on Woolwich Street, west of English Church.

**JOHN HAZELTON,** Proprietor.

Guelph, August 11th, 1874. dwif

**BUY**

**YOUR GOODS**

BEFORE THE CENTRAL FAIR.

You will find a large assortment, and will

**SELECT YOUR STOCK**

MORE SATISFACTORILY.

**JOHN MACDONALD & Co.,**

**TORONTO**

**CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP**

**SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL**

**PICKINGS.**

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon street Bay's old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers' hire constantly on hand for sale.

**MOULTON & BISH,**

Guelph January 1st, 1874. dw

**RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL,**

Mrs. Budd begs to announce that she will re-open her English classes, at 7 Young Ladies and Little boys, on MONDAY Sept 15th Woolwich Street. au 1-dw-14

**SILKS, SILKS, SILKS**  
**RICH BLACK AND COLORED SILKS.**

**A. O. BUCHAM**

Begs to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he has just concluded an extensive and profitable purchase of Rich Black and Colored Silks and that he will offer the entire lot for sale

**During the Week of the Guelph Central Exhibition**

**AT PRICES NEVER BEFORE HEARD OF.**

For further particulars and Grand Cheap Sale Price List see circulars and handbills now circulating in Town and surrounding country.

**LADIES OF GUELPH:**

**Remember the Grand Cheap Sale of Silks, Dress Goods, and**

**Velveteens all next week at the Fashionable West End, the spot for cheap goods.**

**A. O. BUCHAM,**

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

**New Advertisements.**

**WAR) GREAT EXCITEMENT. (WAR**

**Clattering among Stoves and Tins**

**DOWN THEY COME**

AT

**JOHN HORSMAN'S**

**QUELPH.**

I have been the means already of considerably reducing the price of Stoves, but STILL DOWN THEY MUST COME.

Buying the BEST STOVES for Cash, I will sell at bottom prices, and as heretofore wage a war against high prices.

I have now the largest, the best, and cheapest stock of

**COAL AND WOOD STOVES**

Which ever came into Guelph, and respectfully solicit the patronage of an appreciative public.

**Remember—"Money Saved is Money Gained."**

All kinds of TINWARE manufactured on the premises by first-class and experienced workmen, and

**THE BOTTOM KNOCKED OUT OF HIGH PRICES.**

**JOHN HORSMAN,**

General Hardware Merchant,

**QUELPH.**

**STOVES**

**STOVES**

**AT WHOLESALE PRICES**

Stoves usually sold at \$32, now at \$26

All others at the same reduction.

**Also: GREAT REDUCTION IN TINWARE**

Give us a call before buying elsewhere, as we are determined not to be undersold. Our stock is the largest west of Hamilton and Toronto.

**MILLS & GOODFELLOW.**

Guelph, Sept. 9, 1874. dw1j1

**SIGN OF THE "BIG BOOT."**

**R. MacGREGOR & Co.**

To the Wearers of Fine Boots and Shoes:

We have the exclusive sale in Guelph of some of the finest goods made in Canada, equal to the fine American Goods, but much cheaper.

Also in stock our usual large assortment of those

**Superior Handmade BOOTS and SHOES**

Manufactured in Guelph specially for our trade, which are so much ahead of all others in the market.

Our Custom Department is under the charge of a first-class foreman, and we guarantee satisfaction.

**WE CONTINUE TO DO**

**The Largest Shoe Business in Guelph**

For reasons as follows: We keep the largest assortment! Show the Finest and Best Goods! Sell at the lowest paying prices, and Have One Price Only.

On this basis we have done and continue to do business, and ask the patronage of the people.

**R. MacGregor & Co.**

GUELPH, Sept. 11, 1874. dw

**VISITORS**

TO THE

**CENTRAL EXHIBITION**

NEXT WEEK

WILL BENEFIT THEMSELVES

**BY CALLING**

AT

**ANDERSON'S**

Book and News Depot, and

Great Base Ball Emporium,

**ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE**

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**BLACK SILKS**

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**William Stewart**

Begs to announce the arrival of a Case of 5,500 yards of Black Silks. Taking the advantage of the late depression in the Silk Markets of Britain and the Continent, I have secured the above at prices quite unprecedented in the annals of Black Silks for tonness of price, and am now offering Bright Black Silks at 75c, 85c, 95c, \$1, \$1.15, \$1.20, and up.

On comparison purchasers will find fully a reduction of from 25 to 33 per cent. on former prices.

Mr. Stewart respectfully informs the public that the present is a grand time to buy, as prices are again advancing.

**WM. STEWART.**

August 26th, 1874.

N.B.—New Autumn Goods daily arriving, and grand value.

**RECEIVED.**

Ex. S. S. Caspian, 1 Cask Cutlery.

" 2 Cases Steel.

" 260 Bds Hoop Iron.

" Scandianavian, 4 Casks Chains.

" 3 loose "

" 1 Cask Hardware.

" Memphis 250 boxes Canada Plate

" Sevens, 16 Rolls Oil Cloth.

" Texas, 1881 Bds Iron.

" Dominion, 11 Casks Hardware.

" 1 Case "

" 10 Casks Chains.

" 3 loose Chains.

" 155 Bds Gas Tubes

" 10 Kegs Nails.

" 5 Cases Borax.

More expected by every Steamer this month

**John M. Bond & Co.**

Direct Hardware Importers,

**Wyndham street, Guelph.**

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**

**WM. NOBLE,**

Opposite the Market, Guelph

NEXT TO HAY STORE.

Great inducements will be offered for this season at Wm. Noble's shop, opposite the market.

He has now opened out his fall goods, which he will sell at the lowest prices, all new goods, no old stock in his shop, the kindest attention will be paid to customers, that favour him with a call. My motto is "quick sales and light profits." I am also prepared to make all ordered work, in the neatest style and of the best material, no matter. All sorts of little boys' work will be kept on hand.