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Guelph, Dec. 1, '67. daw 17

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MAGAZINES
FOR APRIL
At **DAY'S BOOKSTORE**
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Family Herald
Young Englishman's Journal
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Reynold's Miscellany
All the Year Round
Saint Paul's
Boys' Own
Temple Bar
Belgravia
The Quiver
World of Fashion
The Young Gentleman's Magazine
Sunday Teacher's Treasury
Young English Woman
Cassell's Magazine
The Argosy
Christian Treasury
English Mechanic
Kind Words
The Builder
Guelph, April 22, 1869. dw

Evening Mercury.
WEDNESDAY EV'G, APRIL 28, 1869
Local and Miscellaneous
In the second Protestant church newly opened at Madrid, the form of worship is Presbyterian.
If Toronto has not the "oldest Mason in Canada," she has the meanest. He's a whiskey detective.
Howe is really unwell and confined to bed in Windsor. The severe cold he caught during the canvass has not been got quite rid of.
A correspondent of the *Globe* writes strongly in favour of the cash system in all mercantile transactions as the best, not only for the trader but for the consumer.
A large number of native Cubans and wealthy planters living in Villa Clara are represented as offering their personal services and property to assist the government in suppressing the rebellion.
A Boston minister, alluding to the trouble in a certain church relative to the singing, says that "when a minister is compelled to play second fiddle to a tenor, it is about time to go West."
STANDING COMMITTEES IN COMMONS.—The members for Wellington are placed on the following standing committees respectively:—Private Bills, Mr. Sirton; Immigration and Colonization, Mr. Ross; Expiring Laws, Mr. Drew.
LECTURE BY DR. ORMISTON.—We understand that Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, is to deliver a lecture in the Drill Shed, Elora, on Wednesday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock, on the subject of the "Young Men's Christian Association of that place." The subject to be "Man the pupil of mankind."
GOOD FOR GUELPH.—At the Oddfellows' Concert, held on Monday evening, which was the *Spectator* says, the most successful ever held in Hamilton, Mr. T. H. Taylor, of Guelph, in his comic songs was "immense," and was obliged to sing an encore to an encore to satisfy the audience.
GOING HOME.—Mr. James Match, Sen., an old and much esteemed inhabitant of Salem, is to leave on Wednesday next for Portland, from whence he is to sail the following Saturday for Aberdeen, (Scotland), where he intends to spend the remainder of his days. We wish him a safe and pleasant voyage.
SYNOD MEETING.—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, meets in Hamilton on Tuesday, the 8th June. Mr. A. I. Mackenzie, Secretary of the Committee, has sent circulars requesting from each, intimation not later than May 20th, as to whether he will attend; and whether with an elder accompanying him.
Fifteen hundred Cubans, it is reported, are drilling day and night in New York, and six hundred more in Philadelphia, preparatory to an expedition against the Spanish in Cuba. They have secured a stock of Spencer rifles and other munitions of war and say with more sense than sentiment: "These are better for Cuba than the speech and the concert."
NEW PROCESS OF DYING.—Messrs. J. & E. Wissler, of Salem, well known to be amongst the most enterprising commercial men in the country, are engaged now in dyeing sheep skins by a new process, and then dressing them for fancy door mats, at their extensive tannery in Salem. We saw a number of fine specimens the other day, rich and varied in color, and understand several orders for more are being executed.
THE BOURBONS.—The majority of the Spanish Cortes decline to endorse the cry so often heard in the earlier days of the Revolution—No more Bourbons! They have voted for the exclusion from the throne of Queen Isabella and her descendants; and they have rejected a proposition made by the well-known Republican, Senor Creuse, to exclude all the Bourbons from the throne. Thus the road is still open to the Duke of Montpensier. Whether his prospects have of late improved the cable does not state.
THE CHALONER HOMICIDE CASE.—The Grand Jury at Quebec on Tuesday came into court with a true bill against Chaloner for murder. There were very few persons in court at the time. The arraignment of the prisoner, who had been brought from jail, was at once proceeded with. He is charged in the indictment with having feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, killed and murdered Frederick Charles Whitaker, on the 3rd of March last. He pleaded "not guilty" with a very confident air, and stated that he would be ready for his trial on Saturday next. The Court acceded to this request, and the case stands fixed for that day.
BEF FROM SOUTH AMERICA.—The food question is pressing more than ever upon the population of England. Thousands there touch meat scarcely once a week, and then that of the poorest kind. But the possibility of importing meat from Australia affords the hope that some amelioration may be brought about. It is now stated that the consumption of fresh beef and mutton put up in tins cans in Australia and sold in London at seven pence a pound is increasing so rapidly that 200,000 pounds a week are furnished to the Black country alone. What, then, is to hinder the great quantities of beef now wasted in South America from being treated in the same fashion?
POLAR EXPEDITIONS.—With regard to the various Polar expeditions now talked about, Dr. Wallace, of Liverpool, has written to the *London Telegraph*, suggesting a new course to the Pole. He has spent a summer in the Polar regions, and has gathered a good deal of information from experienced whalers in the Arctic seas. He thinks the best course to pursue is to penetrate the thick belt of ice which lies along the eastern coast of Greenland, to what the sailors call the West land, where a wide open sea has generally been found skirting the Greenland shore. The belt of ice presents the only difficulty, but in one season which will admit of an open passage to the east of Spitzbergen, a dozen will be found with an open sea leading west of land. If that water is reached, a steamer could run to its utmost limits in a few days; a travelling party might then leave the ship safely moored, and travel on the land to the Pole, if land extends so far. Such are the main outlines of Dr. Wallace's scheme, which deserves the attention of Arctic navigators.

A Guelphite in Kansas.
Mr. Thomas Brown, who left here for the west about a month ago, is now in Kansas City, and in a letter to Mr. W. H. Jacob, speaks as follows of his travels and experience since his removal from Guelph:—
Kansas City, April 19th, 1869.—Kansas City is a rough looking place, full of hills and valleys. I never was in a place I liked so much, except Guelph, at first sight. The inhabitants number 30,000—about one-half of whom are boarders, and consequently a floating population. Everything is very dear. A house like that we lived in at Guelph, would rent for \$30 a month. The wages, though pretty good, are not in proportion to the expense of living, and the wages are not so good as I expected. Shoemaking is not so brisk as other trades, such as bricklayers, stonemasons, and painters, but there are more carpenters out here than can get work, and consequently wages in that line are very low. Store rents are very high—some of them being \$3,000 a year—and the man I am working for has a very poor shop, does a small business, and pays \$50 a month. You may gather from what I have just stated that I shall soon be in Guelph again, not because I don't like the country, for I think it is the most delightful I have ever been in. The weather just now is very fine. The peach, plum, and cherry trees are in blossom, and the apple trees are in leaf, and we have green onions and lettuce. The city swarms with all sorts of gamblers and blacklegs of every description, but there are some very nice people here. Every quarrel is soon settled with a revolver which the "roughs" carry quite public. A large proportion of the population are Fenians and wish for war between the U. S. and England, but the sensible Americans wish otherwise. A week ago yesterday I crossed the State line into Kansas State, which is about a mile from here, and took a walk up alongside the Missouri river, which is much larger than I had thought. Quite large steamboats pass up and down daily. I would go to some other part, but I meet people in this city that have been to every part for thousands of miles around, and besides there is such an immense emigration that every place is filled up. This is going to be a great country, but a man needs a good sum of money to be able to make much headway. Board is \$5.50 a week, and poor at that. We have to drink rain water all the time, which is not very pleasant, although they say it is healthy. Yesterday (Sunday) I went in the morning to the Methodist Episcopal church, and heard a splendid sermon from a pleasant-looking, plain young preacher, who gave us a real Methodist discourse. They take up the collection just before the sermon, and some seem to give less than ten cents, as they have no five cent currency here. After the sermon the pastor stepped forward to the front, and requested any that wished to join the church to come forward. One man went and handed him a letter, which he read. He then said, "This is Brother Bickley, who comes to us well recommended, and is at present staying at the Ferguson House. The members of the church will please make it a point to visit him, that he may feel himself at home in a strange land." We are thinking of leaving here in about a week, but I am not sure that we shall go straight to St. Louis, and if we get work there we may be some time before we get home. Tell people not to come here if they can get along as well where they are, and if they do come they will find out my advice to them was good.

BY TELEGRAPH
BY ATLANTIC CABLE.
Despatches to the Evening Mercury
LONDON, April 27, midnight.—In the House of Lords this evening, the Life Peerage Bill was considered. Lord Derby, in a brief speech, expressed his approval of the measure.
LISBON, April 27.—The Portuguese Cortes assembled to-day. The Session was opened by the King in person. Much public anxiety exists over the unsatisfactory condition of the finances, and the subject was immediately brought before the Cortes with a statement that expenditures are largely in excess of revenues. The Ministers said they were preparing extensive economical reforms, and would soon submit to the Cortes measures for a reduction of public expenses, for the redistribution of taxation, and for payment of the floating debt.
The Cambridge University Boatmen have accepted conditionally the challenge of the Harvard College Club.
PARIS, April 27.—France and Belgium have agreed to appoint a mixed Commission for the settlement of the commercial questions.

New Crop Teas!

1000 Half Chests
NEW CROP TEAS
The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising:
Young Hysons and Hysons
Hyson Twankays
Twankays
Imperials
Gunpowders
Souchongs
Congous
Colored Japans
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Oolongs
BEFORD & DILLON.
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BAZAAR.
A BAZAAR TO AID IN PAYING OFF THE DEBT OF
St ANDREW'S CHURCH
Will be held by the LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION, in the
TOWN HALL,
ON WEDNESDAY (AND THURSDAY),
MAY 5th & 6th, 1869.
When a variety of USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, &c., will be offered for sale at very moderate prices.
Dinner from 12 till 3, and tea from 5 till 8. Refreshment Tickets for dinner or tea 25 cents, to be had at the bookstores or at the door.
Guelph, April 22. w2 45

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
GUELPH.
MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY

McLEOD, WOOD & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East of the old stand.
EAST MARKET SQUARE
In that large three-story stone building known as the old Advertiser Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical public.
The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.
We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal, far less superior, to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.
We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchasers that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for turning out more perfect instruments than could be done in the old factory.
REPAIRING done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50. All instruments warranted for five years.
Orders by letter will receive careful attention.
Remember the Stand—Old Advertiser Office, East Market Square.
R. McLEOD, R. B. WOOD, J. JACKSON,
Guelph, 17th April. dw

TWO FIRST PRIZES
We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1867, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.
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LUMBER, LUMBER.
GWODY & STEWART,
In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS MCHAE, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block.
WOOLWICH STREET GUELPH.
Where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from 1 1/2" Battens to Joisting 30 feet long, and cut to order all kinds of Mill Stuff on short notice.
Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.
They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.
GWODY & STEWART.
Guelph, 2nd April, 1869. 4ed-wif
E. Elora OBSERVER and Fergus News Reporter copy till forbad.

Sharpe's Seed Store.
We would call the attention of all interested to the advertisement of Messrs. C. & A. Sharpe, Seedsmen, in to-day's paper. It is a matter of great importance to farmers, gardeners, and all who require seeds to know where they can procure them of the best quality, which may be relied upon, and which will be found true to name. They may depend on getting such seed at the Messrs. Sharpe's establishment. This firm possesses peculiar advantages in being able to obtain all their seeds direct from their brothers, who are the most extensive seed growers in England, and have been in the trade for many years, and who send out none but first class seeds, which are thoroughly tested. This is a very important matter to the purchaser, who by getting seed which has passed through half a dozen of hands, and which may turn out to be comparatively worthless, may lose his crop and the whole results of his season's labor. The very extensive business now done by the Messrs. Sharpe, which has greatly increased every year, shows that the quality of their seed has earned for them the confidence of the public, and we doubt not they will be still more largely patronized this season than during any previous one. It should also be borne in mind, that while selling none but first class seeds their prices are as low as they can be bought for at any respectable seed store. Their annual Catalogue is now ready, and may be had on application at their store, West Market Square, or by post.

A Comparison—1851 and 1869.
We are indebted to Mr. Archibald McKendall, of Guelph township, for a report of the prices paid for produce, &c., at the Guelph market, on the 20th of November, 1851, which we give below, placing opposite the average prices given here on Tuesday last, so that the reports may be compared. It will be noticed that during the period of nearly 18 years, prices have advanced considerably in every article of produce, &c.:

	1851	1869
Flour, per barrel	17s 6d	\$4 00
Wheat, per bush	2s 6d	0 95
Barley, " "	1s 10 1/2d	1 08
Oats, " "	0s 10d	0 54
Peas, " "	10d	0 83
Beef, 7 100lbs.	20s to 22s	6d 5 00
Pork, " "	20s to 22s	6d 8 00
Wool, 7 lb.	1s 6d	0 25

American Despatches
The *Tribune's* special says that private letters from Savannah state that during the past thirty days there were shipped direct to foreign ports 74800 bales of upland cotton and 743 bales of Sea Island, and costwise during the same time 87942 bales of upland and 255 bales of Sea Island. During the past four months the Georgia Central R. R. alone transported about 30,000 tons of goods valued at over two million dollars.
New York, April 28th.—John Russell Young, managing editor of the *Tribune*, has made affidavit before the Superior Court, against Chas. A. Dana, of the *Sun*, for alleged, false, scandalous, and malicious libel, bringing damages for \$100,000. Mr. Dana was arrested this evening, and held to bail in \$1,000.
The *Herald* says that an interesting bit of secret history connected with the French expedition, has just leaked out. It appears that while the U. S. Government was declared to be openly opposed to the French invasion, it was secretly furnishing them with aid, by supplying the French army with mules, to enable them to convey their military baggage to the interior. This was done through Secy. Seward, who authorized Gen. Butler to supply the French with all the mules they required.
It is understood in Washington that Gen. Robt. Lee has been invited to call upon the President, at the White House, in order to confer in reference to the reconstruction of Virginia.

A New Nationality.
The *Quebec Chronicle* and *Montreal Star* come out in favor of Canadian independence—a change which the *London Free Press* has been advocating for the past two or three years. The *Montreal papers*, speaking of the disputes which may arise between England and the States, ending in war, says: "What have we to do with the *Alabama* claims? How are we interested or responsible? But our territory would be the bloody battlefield in case of war. The horrors enacted in Virginia would be repeated here a thousand fold. Our connection with England would cost us this, while she would be compelled at a cruel disadvantage to waste her blood and treasure in her efforts to defend us. England is our weakness in the event of such a war and we should prove to her not a source of weakness only, but of national humiliation. Is it not time to ponder these things and ask how long four millions of people ought to hang like lubberly boys to their good old mother's apron strings? What an immense relief it would be to England if she were released to-morrow from her undoubted duty of defending Canada in case of war! Suppose we should undertake our own defence and paddle our own canoe! We have no cause of quarrel with the States, and but for these international questions which are foreign to us, we might live with them in perpetual peace and good neighborhood. Let us hear more about the 'new nationality' and less about such things as will perpetuate the state of tutelage we now endure."

PETRIE'S
Furniture Cream!
Producing, with half the usual labor, a most
BRILLIANT POLISH
On all kinds of Cabinet & French Polished Furniture, Varnished and Japanned articles of every description.
DIRECTIONS FOR USE:
Shake the bottle well, and apply a small quantity with a woollen cloth on the article to be polished; continue rubbing for a few minutes, then finish off with a clean soft rag, when a most beautiful polish will be produced.
PREPARED ONLY BY
A. B. PETRIE,
Chemist, Corbet's Block, Guelph.
Guelph 2nd April. dw

WM. STEWART
Has now a full shop of NEW DRY GOODS, purchased and imported
AND SUMMER
DRY GOODS
Seasonable and New.
BRITISH MARKETS
W. S. gives the BEST VALUE and GREATEST
BARGAINS
Of any House in the trade.
Terms Strictly Cash.
Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham
LACE CURTAINS
CHEAP.
WM. STEWART.
Guelph, 16th April. dw

BILLIARDS
GREAT EXCITEMENT.
Billiard Hall Refitted
New Style Tables
Exhibition Twice a Week
AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.
Guelph, 23rd February. dw

DOMINION SALOON
FRESH OYSTERS!
Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or case. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." **BEER LUNCH** between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.
DENIS BUNYAN
Guelph, 17th October

THE PRINTERS' STRIKE IN MONTREAL.
The *Toronto Tribune* says that it cannot but sympathize with the printers of Montreal in their demand for moderate wages. It has been notorious for years that in Montreal the printers have been miserably remunerated for their services; and the slight advance which they now ask—viz., from \$8 to \$9 per week—awakes within us a feeling akin to disgust that the men should have been put to the necessity of leaving their employment even for an hour. An appeal has been made to the Toronto Typographical Union for their sympathy and support, and most nobly have they responded. A large and influential meeting took place in the Temperance Hall on Friday evening, at which it was decided to forward immediately a draft for \$150, and resolutions were passed, not only sympathizing with them in their struggle, but also declaring their intention to support their fellow craftsmen with their last dollar.
Philadelphia has a chief of police of remarkable personal magnetism. According to a reporter of that city, "with a single look of sorrow over his white necktie, he can as easily disperse a set ofurchins turning summersaults on the grass in the park, as a austere man could accomplish the same with a club in each hand, and a pocket full of raving stones."

SPECIAL NOTICE
The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as
New RUSTIC Accessories.
He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds
From the Locket to Life Size
Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.
In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.
Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.
Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.
WILLIAMBURGESS.
Guelph December 12. dw

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,
GUELPH, Ontario.
G. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN,
Guelph, April 1, 1869. dawtf

WHITWASHING AND WALL COLOURING
Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, rear of Messrs. Rowns and Tolton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station.
Guelph, March 3. do 2m

WAGON FOR SALE.
For sale, a Single Spring Wagon, April at the Express Office.
Guelph, 27th April. dw

HAIR CUTTING
DONE AT
MORGAN'S BARBER SHOP
St. George's Square, Guelph.
Guelph, 10th March. dw

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.
CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH
MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1869. do