

**The Reason Why.**  
 The reason why the magnificent Retail Grocery Establishments in the Alma Block and on Lower Wyndham Street, belonging to John A. Wood, are so very popular with the intelligent public:—  
 Because the Goods are all of the best quality.  
 Because the Prices are invariably the lowest.  
 Because the Clerks are courteous and obliging.  
 Because the Stock is the largest to select from.  
 Because the goods are always clean.  
 Because the Weights and Measures are always correct.  
 Because, in fact, the proprietor understands his business, desires to please his customers, makes good use of his capital, and buys for cash in the best markets, and always deals liberally with those who honor his stores with their custom.—  
 These and many other weighty reasons have contributed very largely to make the name of John A. Wood, as connected with the Grocery trade of Guelph, so well known, and his stores so very popular.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
 SATURDAY EVEN'G, SEPT. 13, 1873

**The Rogue's Plea.**  
 The following from the Hamilton Times is good sound sense:—  
 The curious argument is sometimes heard that all politicians are alike venal—that Sir John A. Macdonald and his colleagues are probably as corrupt as their opponents allege—but that it would be only substituting one set of rogues for another to turn the present Government out of power. The persons who use this plea do not act upon it in private or business life. The merchant who detects a clerk stealing cash from the till, does not say, "I know he is dishonest, but then all clerks are alike, so I may as well keep the one I've got, even if he does steal." No! The merchant discharges his dishonest clerk, engages another, and until the latter does something wrong, considers him fairly entitled to confidence. There are honest clerks and dishonest ones, there are honest politicians and dishonest. Because A. has been proved to have trafficked in the honor of his country, you have no right to assume that B. would be also a traitor if he had a chance. It is the doctrine of scoundrels that every man has his price. We don't believe it. There are true men in Canada, men in every country who could sincerely adopt the words put into the mouth of one of her heroes by George Eliot:—  
 "They may tell me," said Felix Holt, "I can't alter the world—that there must be a certain number of sneaks and robbers in it, and if I don't lie and slich someb'dy else will. Well then, somebody else must, for I won't."

**Know - Nothings.**  
 This is what the New York Tribune says about the enquiry now going on at Ottawa:—"So far, the Canadian Railroad scandal, as pursued by the Royal Commission, has baffled inquiry. The latest reports show that the witnesses are not only unwilling, but resolutely determined to tell nothing if they can help it. They all concur in blankly knowing nothing of any arrangement between the Canadian Ministry and the Allan party by which the former were to render any service to the latter for their liberal subscriptions of money to the election fund. Yet, it is shown by at least one of the members of the election committee that Sir Hugh Allan did subscribe altogether £40,000 for election purposes. This generous, we may say prodigal liberality is yet unexplained."  
 Even the Toronto Mail is compelled to admit the know-nothing peculiarities of the witnesses examined before the John A. Commission. It says: "Mr. Andrew Allan knew nothing, M. Belfeuille knew nothing, Mr. Macpherson knew nothing, and M. Macpherson knew nothing, while Sir Francis Hincks?—well, poor Sir Francis knew nothing but what Sir John wanted him to, and the Mail says he was "a most damaging witness."

In the scandal inquiry at Ottawa so far, the evidence of three very important witnesses, Mr. Huntington, Senator Foster, and Mr. McMullen, cannot be obtained. This fact of itself would be sufficient to defeat the ostensible object of the Commission.  
 As Mr. G. Johnson was hunting last week in the Province of Frouon, he came in contact with five young bears, and deliberately shot at one, which rolled over and over, making the most awful yells. The noise attracted the attention of the old mother, and it came up, showing its teeth in a threatening manner. The hunter thought he was in a tight place, but the bear relieved his mind by turning round and walking off with the cubs.

For over twenty years "Bryan's Pulmonic Waters" have maintained their reputation for curing coughs, colds, and pulmonary diseases. Those suffering or threatened with any of the symptoms of bronchitis, or any of the pulmonary complaints, should at once give them a trial. They give almost immediate relief, and if taken in time generally effect a cure. Remember that a common cold or cough, if not attended to in time, often leads to that distressing and fatal disease—consumption. Sold by all druggists and country dealers. Price 25 cents per box.  
 VALUE OF LIFE.—Life has value only in so far as we use it for perfecting our souls, or for enriching our minds with noble qualities and for spreading happiness around us; but we have daily proofs of the great value of the "Canadian Pain Destroyer" in subduing the torturing pains of rheumatism, neuralgia, &c., removing pain of every nature from the body. For sale by all Druggists and country dealers. Price 25 cents per bottle.

**Special Notices.**  
 Buy the Great Estey Cottage Organs at the Arcade of Music, Guelph.  
 Parties in want of Organs will find it to their advantage to call at the Arcade of Music, Guelph, before purchasing.  
 Buy the Peloubet, Pelton & Co's Organs at the Arcade of Music, Guelph. Call and see.  
 Buy the First Prize Organs at the Arcade of Music, Guelph.

**FOR HOUSE CLEANING.**  
 USE THE FRENCH  
**Patent Paint Powder**  
 For Cleaning and Preserving in their first freshness your painted walls, doors, furniture, etc. etc.  
 Use the French Patent Paint Powder For cleaning your Marbles, Looking Glasses, Windows, etc.  
 Use the French Patent Paint Powder For cleaning your Varnished Room Papers, Oil Paintings, Maps, &c.  
 Use the French Patent Paint Powder For taking off inkstains, grease, or dirt from anything which is painted or varnished.  
 Ask for directions.  
**JOHN HORSMAN,**  
 Hardware Merchant,  
 August 20, 1873



**NEW GENT'S FURNISHING STORE**  
 IN GUELPH.

**WM. ANDERSON**  
 Begs to intimate that he will open on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the premises Adjoining Pringle's Jewellery Store, a large, varied and choice assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods, including a full range of Perfect Fitting Shirts in all sizes and prices, warranted to give complete satisfaction.  
 Fancy and Plain Flannels cheap. Shirts in cotton, winsey, and plain and fancy. Bows and Ties, a large choice. Scarfs in all the latest styles. Collars in all the new shapes, in linen and paper. Cuffs, new shapes, in linen and paper. Underclothing, a large assortment. Socks, in Lamb's wool, merino and cotton, plain and fancy.  
 Also, a choice stock of Ladies' Hosiery and Kid Gloves—the two button Kid from 75 per pair. Hosiery in all the new colors—Claret, Brown, Greys, Scarlet, White, Black.  
 Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873.

**GO TO THE RED MILL**  
**Flour and Feed Store,**  
 Opposite Alma Block,  
**WYNDHAM STREET,**  
 —FOR—  
**FLOUR AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.**  
**ROBERTSON BROS.,**  
 Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873

**BOW BELLS**  
 For October  
 —AT—  
**DAY'S BOOKSTORE.**  
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**FOR OCTOBER**  
 At Day's Bookstore.

**BELTS, BELLS.**  
 —Just opened to-day—  
**At J. HUNTER'S**  
 20 dozen BELTS of the most fashionable kind from 20 cents up.  
**Chignons, Braids,**  
**Coronets, Switches,**  
**Combs and Fancy Hair Pins.**  
 ALL KINDS OF  
**BERLIN and OTHER WOOLS**  
 Slippers, Cushions, and  
**General Fancy Goods.**  
**SMALL WARES AND TOYS**  
 AT J. HUNTER'S  
 Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store,  
 Wyndham Street Guelph.

**GUELPH Marble Works.**  
 The undersigned will furnish  
**Grave Stones,**  
**Monuments,**  
**Tablets or Posts**  
 as cheap as any dealer in the Dominion.  
**Granite Monuments or Headstones**  
 IMPORTED TO ORDER.  
**ALFRED S. FEAST,**  
 Woodwich street, above Bruce's Carriage Works Guelph.  
 May 29.

**AUCTION SALE.**—Will be sold by Public Auction, on the west half of lot 22, 1st concession Erin, on SATURDAY, Sept. 20th, the following property, viz:—Span matched mares 7 years old, mare four years old in foal, spring colt, yoke steers 4 years old, 2 yearling steers, 3 milch cows in calf, 2 heifers three years old in calf, heifer 2 years old, 2 yearling heifers, 3 spring calves, 3 hogs, breeding sow and pigs, 30 well bred sheep, and 1 ram. Implements—2 lumber wagons (one nearly new), good Democrat wagon, 2 ploughs, pair wooden harrows, turnip scuffer, double sleigh, fanning mill, set silver mounted harness, and set plough harness. Household Furniture—Large cooking stove, 2 parlor stoves, glass cupboard, bureau, 2 good bedsteads, tables, chairs, delf, etc., a large Osborn sewing machine (new); also, about seven tons of good hay and about an acre of potatoes.  
 Also the Farm containing 100 acres, 75 are enclosed and under good cultivation, the remainder under hardwood and cedar; good fences and well watered. Large stone house, log barn, and stables. A young thriving orchard. Well situated as to schools, churches, etc. Title indisputable.  
 Terms: For the stock, &c. \$5 and under, cash; over that amount 12 months' credit on approved joint notes. For the Farm, \$1,500 down or within a month, the balance in five equal annual instalments with interest at eight per cent. per annum on the unpaid principal, to be secured by mortgage on the farm. Sale to commence at 9 o'clock sharp. Refreshments provided. No reserve, as the proprietor has purchased a large farm in Nebraska, and intends moving immediately.  
**GEO. GIBBS,** Auctioneer.  
**GEO. EASTON,** Proprietor.  
 Guelph, Aug. 26, 1873

**CENTRAL EXHIBITION!**  
 Visitors to the Guelph Exhibition will find at  
**ANDERSON'S**  
 East side Wyndham Street,  
**GUELPH,**  
 A large and cheap stock of  
 Miscellaneous and School Books,  
 Commercial and Law Stationery,  
 Fancy Goods,  
 Pictures,  
 Picture Frames,  
 Music,  
 Wall Paper, etc.  
 All Goods marked in plain figures, so that the most inexperienced will be supplied on the same terms as the best judges.  
**ANDERSON'S**  
 Cheap Book, Stationery and News Depot,  
 near the Post Office, Guelph.

**GREAT CLEARING SALE**  
 OF  
**Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Pictures, Frames, Fancy Goods, etc.**  
 AT  
**PASHLEY'S**  
 BOOKSTORE,  
 Day's Block.  
 Call early as the sale will only be continued for a limited time, closing on or before the 20th inst.

**PLOUGH.**  
 Just received, a quantity of the celebrated  
**Gray Ploughs,**  
 From Scotland, manufactured by Gray & Uddington, near Glasgow;  
**THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTOR**  
 Steel board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast Board Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50 to \$30.  
 A good assortment of Stoves and Tinware for sale cheap.  
**W. HEATHER,**  
 Corner Woolwich-st. and Eramosa Road  
 Guelph, 2nd April, 1873.

**AUCTION SALE**  
 —OF—  
**Thoro'bred Short-horn Cattle and Leicester Sheep**  
 AT THE  
**ORCHARD HOME FARM, ERAMOSA.**  
 W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from Lazarus Parkinson, Esq., to sell by Public Auction at his residence, Orchard Home Farm, Eramosa, 5 miles from Guelph On Wednesday, October 8th, 1873 the following valuable thoroughbred stock, consisting of 6 cows, 2 two year old heifers, 1 yearling heifer, 2 heifer calves and 4 bull calves, 5 ewes, three shears and over; 6 shearing ewes, and 10 ram lambs.  
 For further particulars, see catalogue, which may be obtained on application to the auctioneer, Guelph P.O., or to the proprietor, Eramosa P.O.  
**W. S. G. KNOWLES,** Auctioneer.  
 Guelph, Sept. 8, 1873.

**GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE.**  
 Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned to the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, at the expiration of twenty days from the first insertion of this advertisement, for letters of guardianship to Emma W. Crowe and Agnes B. Crowe, the infant children of William Crowe, of Guelph, implement manufacturer, deceased.  
**ADAM O. BUCHAM,**  
 By Guthrie, Watt & Outten,  
 Solicitors.  
 Dated and first published this 4th Sept., A.D., 1873.

**New Advertisements.**  
**2 DAY'S BLOCK.**  
**New Teas! New Teas!**  
 We are now offering, and will be during the Exhibition Week, the choicest lot of  
**NEW CROP TEAS IN THE COUNTY!**  
 Parties wishing to buy Tea in caddie will find it to their advantage to buy from us.  
 Extra Choice Young Hyson Black and Japan Tea at 50c per lb.  
 Note the Address  
**J. E. McELDERRY**  
**2 DAY'S BLOCK.**  
**THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.**

**GUELPH CLOTH HALL**  
 Visitors attending the Central Exhibition  
 Are invited to inspect an immense stock of  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING**  
 All of our own Manufacture.  
**FIRST PRIZE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS!**  
 All the latest styles in HATS and a general assortment of  
**GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS.**  
**SHAW & MURTON,**  
**MERCHANT TAILORS**  
 Wyndham St., Guelph.  
 Guelph, Sept. 12, 1873

**GUELPH TEA DEPOT**  
**E. O'DONNELL & Co.**  
 Have Just Received  
 100 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c per lb.  
 150 caddies of the best 75c Tea for 60c per lb.  
 75 caddies of the best 80c Black Tea for 60c per lb.  
 82 caddies of the very best 75c Japan Tea for 60c per lb.  
 200 caddies of Beautiful 60c Tea for 50c per lb.

The above Teas are all put up in 5lb. Tin Caddies, prices varying from \$2.50 to \$4 PER CADDY.  
 These prices are made especially for Visitors to the Exhibition.  
 Everybody should take a Caddy home with them.  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
 Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873. Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**VISITORS** to the Guelph Central Exhibition are cordially invited to call at the FASHIONABLE WEST END Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment, on Upper Wyndham street, and witness the finest display of Silks, Dresses, Mantles, Shawls, Millinery, Mantle Velvets and Velveteens, Fancy Woolen Goods, Skirts, etc., etc., ever exhibited in the Town of Guelph.  
**A. O. BUCHAM,**  
 Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

**New Clothing Store.**  
**THE ELEPHANT ARRIVES**  
 On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.  
**C. E. PEIRCE & CO.**  
 Have great pleasure in stating that they have secured those splendid premises at present occupied by Hepburn & Co., and will open them about the 3rd of September with an entirely new stock of  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING**  
 and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.  
 These Goods will be offered at such prices as will make them be sold.  
**Mechanics and Farmers, wait for the New Store—You will save Money.**  
 Further particulars in a few days.  
**C. E. PEIRCE & Co.**  
 GUELPH, Aug. 1873

**DIRECT IMPORTATIONS**  
 AT  
**WILLIAM STEWART'S.**  
 Invoices received of the following  
**NEW FALL GOODS**  
 WHICH WE WILL

Show in a Few Days.  
 2 cases French Flowers,  
 1 case Feathers,  
 1 " Ladies New Felt Hats.  
 1 " Lace Goods,  
 1 " Josephine Kid Gloves.  
 1 " New Ribbons,  
 4 cases New Dress Goods,  
 1 case Furs,  
 2 cases Gent's Hats,  
 2 " Braces, Collars & Shirts  
 2 " L. W Underclothing  
 2 " English & Sco. Tweeds  
 8 " Assorted Dry Goods

The above Goods have all been selected personally by Mr. Stewart, so will be found worthy of attention.  
 Don't buy until you see them  
**WM. STEWART.**  
 Guelph, Aug. 26, 1873.

**THE MEDICAL HALL**  
 Just Received, a fresh supply of  
**DYE-STUFFS**  
 INCLUDING  
**Logwood**  
**Logwood Extract**  
**Camwood**  
**Fustic**  
**Cudbear**  
**Nicewood**  
**Madder**  
**Madder Co.**  
**Indigo**  
**Indigo Co.**

And several other kinds too numerous to mention, all of which will be sold by E. HARVEY & CO. at the lowest possible figure. A liberal discount allowed for large parcels.  
 Be sure and call before purchasing elsewhere. Full printed directions given with every parcel.  
**E. HARVEY & Co.**  
 Chemists and Druggists.  
 Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-streets, Guelph.  
 Guelph, August 30, 1873.

**FLOOR OIL CLOTHS**  
 OF  
**New and Chaste Designs,**  
 Various Qualities,  
 AND OF  
 Different Makes and Widths.  
**JOHN M. BOND & CO.,**  
 Hardware Importers,  
 Guelph, Ontario.