

MR. BRIGHT'S QUESTION.—We understand that Mr. Bright, on being solicited to join Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet, applied to a gentleman of high authority in the Society of Friends, with a view to ascertain whether his tenure of the India Office, and consequent liability to the responsible conduct, or at the least the implied sanction, of a war in our Eastern possessions would be considered incompatible with the profession of the doctrines of his sect. And as the answer was in the affirmative, he was constrained to abandon all hopes of revolutionizing India as a Minister of the Crown. The incident, we think, is creditable to Mr. Bright's conscientiousness. And it is gratifying to learn that even in the most democratic form of religion that has ever existed, there appears to be some recognized authority capable of pronouncing with infallible wisdom on the nice question of casuistry.

In 1868 there were 173 fires and 47 false alarms in Montreal. HAD HIS REVENGE.—It may not be generally known that Mr. Chaplin, mentioned the other day in the Cable Telegram reports as being about to dispose of his immense racing stud, took to the turf because of being jilted by the lady who became the wife of the late Marquis of Hastings. Report had it that Mr. Chaplin, who is wealthy, had sworn to be revenged by ruining the Marquis, and having obtained his revenge, he now abandons the turf for ever.

BRIGHT'S MODERN CURATIVE FOR CORNS, BUNIONS, INGROWING NAILS, TENDER FEET, &c.—It is the safest and most efficacious remedy ever discovered for the cure and prevention of ailments of the feet. It is not potash or acid, but a soothing, softening and healing ointment warranted not to injure the most delicate foot, but will soon effect a radical cure of those vexatious troubles of the human family. There is no remedy equal to an operation by a skillful chiropodist. When this is not convenient, BRIGHT'S MODERN CURATIVE comes as an angel of mercy. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., and druggists generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, agents for British Possessions.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs, &c. Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY. From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me. "About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the Lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a 'Seated Consumption.' He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of **WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY**, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition. For it is, I think, all it purports to be, **THE GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIMES.**"

GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE. AMHERST, Mass., Oct. 13th, 1864. Mr. GRACE—Sir, Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe abscess upon my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify to the efficacy of its virtues. Yours with respect, JAMES BEAN, H. S. DEARBORN, M.D.

SPECIAL NOTICE. If you want superior LAMP OIL that will give a cheerful light call at **JOHN HORSMAN'S.** If you want first-class LAMP GLASSES that will not easily break go to **JOHN HORSMAN'S.** You want good WICKS go to **JOHN HORSMAN'S.**

COMMERCIAL. **Guelph Markets** MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, Jan. 6, 1869. There is but little to be said about the markets this week. What with holidays, and the loss of the greater portion of the snow, the receipts have been very light. Wheat is lower than it was a week ago, but it seems to be at present a little firmer. Pork still maintains a high figure, and there is no change worth noting in any article except spring wheat.

Flour, No. 100 lbs.	2 50	2 50
Fall Wheat, 100 lbs.	1 00	1 12
Spring Wheat 100 lbs.	0 98	1 03
Oats, 100 lbs.	22	22
Peas, do	0 24	0 22
Barley, do	1 10	1 20
Hay, 100 lbs.	10 00	12 00
Straw, 100 lbs.	0 60	0 60
Shingles, 100 lbs.	1 00	1 50
Wood, 100 lbs.	3 00	3 50
Wool, 100 lbs.	0 24	0 22
Eggs, 10 dozen	0 20	0 22
Butter, (store packed) 10 lbs.	0 18	0 19
do (airy packed) 10 lbs.	0 20	0 22
Grease, each	0 30	0 37
Turkeys, each	0 75	1 00
Chickens, 1/2 pair	1 00	1 25
Ducks, do	0 80	0 40
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	1 12
Apples, 1/2 bush	1 00	0 22
Lamb, 1/2 lb	0 04	0 05
Beef, 1/2 lb	4 00	7 00
Pork, 1/2 lb	7 00	8 75
Sheep Pelts each	0 20	1 00
Lambskins	0 20	1 00
Hides	5 50	6 25

Money Market. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, Jan. 5, 1869. Gold, 134. Greenbacks not at 73 to 73, sold at 73 to 74. Silver bought at 4 1/2, sold at 5. Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 53c to 54c.

MONTREAL MARKETS. Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by special telegraph to "Evening Mercury." **MOVABLES,** January 6, 1869. Flour—Extra, \$5 40 to \$5 50; Family, \$5 10 to \$5 15; Welland Canal Superior, \$4 50 to \$5 10; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, \$4 95 to \$5 10; No. 2 do, \$4 50 to \$4 60; Bag Flour, \$2 40 to \$2 50; Wheat—Canada Fall, \$1 14 to \$1 15; Spring, \$1 12 to \$1 15; Western, \$1 10 to \$1 11; Oats, per 22 lbs, 4c to 4c; Barley, per 45 lbs, \$1 20 to \$1 30; Butter—dairy 22c to 24c; store packed 22c to 22c; Lard—Pure \$3 40 to \$3 50; tallow \$3 20 to \$3 30; Peas, 22c to 24c; Potatoes, 22c to 24c.

TORONTO MARKETS. Toronto, Jan. 5. Fall wheat, \$1 12 to \$1 15; spring wheat \$1 03 to \$1 05; flour, No. 1 super, \$4 25, extra \$4 55; barley \$1 25; peas, 52c to 54c; oats, 52c to 54c.

HAMILTON MARKETS. Hamilton, Jan. 4. Barley, 1 25 to 1 25; peas, 50c to 55c; oats, 52c to 55c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 05; white wheat, 1 15 to 1 20; red winter, 1 00 to 1 05.

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A. O. BUCHAM'S.

An Immense Stock of **CLOUDS**, in every color, from Three York Shillings up. Another lot of the celebrated

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AMERICAN "FELT SKIRTS,"

Something quite new for Ladies and Misses. **DRESS AND JACKET BUTTONS**, a splendid lot just in. **BREAKFAST SHAWLS** for \$1 and \$1 25, worth nearly double the money. **DUNDAS COTTONS** at 10c. 11c 1/2c. An extra heavy article, 1 yard wide, 1/2 of

BLANKETS—On hand, 200 pair extra heavy Canada Blankets, from \$2 50 up, well adapted to meet the wants of the people during the cold weather.

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Visit our establishment during the coming week. We are now opening up and showing an immense stock of New Goods suited for the present season, at remarkable prices. Call and see.

A. O. BUCHAM.

Wyndham St., Guelph, December 19. dw

CARD.

James Massie & Co.,

Have pleasure in intimating the re-opening of their **RETAIL STORE** in the recently re-erected "**ALMA BLOCK**." Having given special attention to the selection of suitable and seasonable articles, they can, with confidence, recommend their **FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c.**, to their numerous friends and customers, who will ever find an ample stock of superior goods, and a courteous welcome at the **ALMA BLOCK.**"
Guelph, 9th Dec., 1868. daw tf

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Which produces a variety of very brilliant and beautiful effects, including a remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the nearest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the **MASON & HAMLIN** Company are now so great that they can afford and undertake to furnish, not only the best, but also the **Lowest Priced Organs made.** Every instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1000 and upwards.

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Executors' Notice. All parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned. GEORGE ELLIOTT, NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Nov. 6. dw

Removal.—Card of Thanks.



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WEST MACDONNELL STREET. Orders may be left at his office in the Stable, at his house, near the Alma Block, or at Miller's Hotel, and will be promptly attended to.

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The Doctor can be consulted at all times with the utmost secrecy, as his office is so arranged that it is impossible to see each other, unless by consent. No charge for advice when obtained at the office, if by letter, \$1.

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American Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes; Squares, Carved Rules, Straightedges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices. RYAN & OLIVER, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-1

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STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Anvils, Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Stubs Files and Tools Patent Irons, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-1

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Hair Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Adze, Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Anvils Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices. RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street Toronto. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-1

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