

statesmen knew and appreciated the fact. The full opportunity of England has never yet come. She is rich enough to buy up the Viceroy, to buy up the Suez canal or any other property which France may have in Egypt. France ought to be willing to sell. England ought not to be unwilling to buy.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET
FRIDAY EV'NG. AUGUST 28, 1868

FENIAN CONVENTION.

The Savage wing of the Fenian Brotherhood, which, according to their own story, are the only true stock, have been sitting in New York for some days past. Savage speaks as if he found it even beyond his power to infuse pristine vitality into the decaying mass, for he says, that if he had known of the weak and chaotic state to which the organization was reduced he would never have been rash enough to undertake its management. Part of his speech as condensed by the *Tribune* will show how much less dangerous to an enemy than formerly, even he considers Fenianism. It is as follows: "But I accepted the position of Chief Executive believing in the fulness of my heart and the hopefulness of my nature that something might be done to preserve what I regarded as the only organization which has given true and proper voice to Irish wants and Irish rights. Since '98 the Fenian organization had become in its earliest days buoyant and powerful, looking to the great achievement, and it had gone down just as rapidly after the brilliant but futile attempt had been made in the early part of 1867. Nothing could stop the descent—no force of character, no energy, no labor. It was only the natural course of all things, making every allowance for the course of events. I still did not dream that the chaos was so blinding to one that had the spirit of '98. I need not say that I was disappointed on entering upon the duties of my office, but also I need scarcely say that I did not shrink from the encounter, although I felt unequal to it. Mr. Savage then mentioned the demoralized state in which he found the circles, and he said the unforeseen circumstances, broken promises and mistaken ideas of honor led to the disasters of 1867, and then this third calamity, division in the Order supervised, and Fenianism looked like a great funeral-house."

It is consolatory to know on such high authority as that of a respectable gentleman like Mr. Savage that Fenianism, which has for some years been the bugbear of Canadians, is not the countless host of desperate ruffians, one in purpose, as they are equal in inquiry, which it was represented and believed to be. Intestine dissensions have made wreck of an organization that if bound together by laws of honesty instead of those of villany might have proved a formidable foe. It seems pretty clear that if danger is to be apprehended at all from the Fenians it will not come from a powerful and united body, but from a few desultory warriors whose lives have not been so useful that they cannot afford to lose them.

But Savage did not leave his followers disconsolate. He told them the organization had recently been springing up vigorously, and urged them to live for various purposes, which the poet had perhaps anticipated him in naming when he spoke of "The wrongs that need resistance, The cause that lacks assistance, The dawning in the distance, And the good that they may do."

It was excellent advice, and amount to this: Always hope and you will never despond.

If the Railway Commissioners are appointed next week, it is expected they will be ready by the first of November to call for tenders for the construction of such portions of the Intercolonial Railway as Mr. Sandfield Fleming shall have reported on, and as may be approved by the Privy Council. The number of miles of contract to one individual, will, it is said, not exceed 25 miles. As the contracts will not be given out until about the beginning of December, there will be really no work done this year, except in the way of preparation for next summer's operations. It is said the Railway Commissioners will at first hold their meetings in Ottawa, but that when the railway works are commenced they will sit at Quebec.

It is expected the Privy Council will appoint three new Judges in the Province of Quebec. It is said there will be no immediate changes in Ontario, as Chief Justice Draper does not intend to retire immediately.

THE VOLUNTEER CAMP.—The *Globe* understands that the military authorities at Ottawa have adopted the suggestion made by the Assistant Adjutant-General, and the different corps of artillery and cavalry in the district will brigade in Toronto, possibly about the last week in September. The force under arms will consist of the Welland, Toronto, and Hamilton field batteries, the Governor-General's Body Guard, the Oak Ridge, Catharines troops of cavalry, and possibly the Port Hope and Cobourg troops. It is not yet determined whether the different corps will be billeted or placed under canvas, but it is possible the latter will be adopted, in which case they will, if arrangements can be made, be furnished with supplies from the Commissariat of the regular service.

A verdict of £70 damages, for slander, has been given by a Cork jury to a national school teacher who had been called a "Fenian," by the wife of a proprietor of mills in that county.

Ought the Silver Question to be Taken up by the Government.

From the *Canadian Journal of Commerce*.

We have watched with the most lively interest the progress of the silver question, and its course hitherto has not been different from what we foretold a few weeks ago. The very wide spread character of the movement, the prompt action taken in great numbers of townships, the almost unanimous concurrence of respectable merchants in the effort to get rid of the nuisance by voluntary organizations; all these things show how deeply the country feels the inconvenience of the present lax and irregular system of currency. This, to our way of thinking, is a strong and unanswerable plea for government intervention. The currency of the Dominion is in an abnormal state, and to restore it to a healthy condition, is not the work of a voluntary organization of merchants, however respectable and powerful. The nuisance may be got rid of in one city for a time, but only to appear with increased violence in another. Large consignments of the precious metal will be shipped from place to place to meet temporary and fluctuating demands. A dollar will have half-a-dozen different values in as many different localities, and confusion upon confusion only can be the result, until the silver question is settled by a government enactment, which we venture to suggest is what the commercial public should now demand. There are already rumors from different cities, which have embraced the movement for a time, that the compact is likely to break down, and besides, we confess we do not think that the settlement of a question of this kind should remain entirely a question of good faith, as between merchant and merchant. Where such vast and complicated interests are at work, the motive power should be something stronger than a voluntary written agreement, subject to a short notice of withdrawal.

Let us briefly reiterate the points of our argument as to the proper method of government intervention:

1. There must be a metallic currency to supply the place of the American silver, if that be driven out. To send some six or eight millions of silver out of the country, and to substitute nothing for it, would be to hand over the country, practically, to a paper currency—itself inadequate for the needs of commerce and daily life.
2. There is too much silver in the country, and too little gold. Hence the necessity of coining gold pieces, say \$2 and \$5, and of creating a demand for the gold, by making silver only a legal tender in amounts of \$10 and under.
3. Let government buy the surplus silver coin, and reduce it to bullion, paying for it in gold or provincial notes, payable on demand, and charging the loss, if any, to revenue.
4. Let the preferences of the country, for the half and quarter dollar be studied. These are exceedingly useful coins—a daily necessity, in fact, if you take country districts—and should be struck in sufficient quantities.
5. Or, should the government hesitate to coin more money until the question of currency, as between the provinces, be adjusted, let them make American silver a legal tender up to \$10, and purchase any quantity of it that may be offered, at par, paying for it in provincial notes. This will call out the American gold coin, and as the silver becomes scarce, gold will inevitably take its place, or at least the bank note payable in gold on demand. In support of this plan, it may be urged that intrinsically there is only a fraction of difference between the value of the American and Canadian silver coin of the same denomination, and that the alteration could be made at any moment by a minute of council, and could be revoked after due notice, if it should turn out to work well.

In one of these ways, it is plainly the duty of the government to step forward and to define the proper position of American silver in this country.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate
FRIDAY, 28th.—*Nancy Dolan* was brought up for vagrancy and sent to look after matters in the gaol for 21 days.

Arch. Thompson was charged with assault by his wife Elizabeth. The fight was a chronic one of some years standing. Archibald indulges too much occasionally and does not provide sufficiently for his family, while the haughty Elizabeth resents the neglect by chopping up the furniture and burning the pig pen. The Magistrate thought it would not help matters much by fining the defendant, and dismissed the case. The 4 children were in Court, and their mother took leave of them, consigning them to the care of their father. She said she had supported them for a long time, and that he might try his hand now.

Pig iron, said to equal Swedish, has been received from the Moistic iron mines, and railway car axles have been manufactured at Gilbert's works in Montreal out of iron from the same place, which seem to surpass any yet imported.

BIRTHS.

TYSON.—At Guelph, on the 27th August, the wife of Mr. John Tyson of a son.

New Advertisements.

SILVER AT PAR AND NO MONOPOLY.

THE undersigned has come to the conclusion to deal as usual by taking silver at par, hoping thereby to squash the discount nuisance, as in other places of note. All kinds of FRESH MEAT always on hand in Butcher Stall No. 2, Guelph Market.
JOHN TYSON, Butcher.
Guelph, August 28. d 6t

Pocket Book Lost.

LOST on Thursday morning, the 27th, between the Grand Trunk Railway Station and Elora, a Pocket Book. It contained five notes of \$19.00 each, drawn in favor of J. Fleury, Aurora, one dollar bill, an advice note from the Grand Trunk Agent for 10 ploughs, and some papers of no value to any person but the owner. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it with S. Duffield, Great Western Hotel, Guelph; A. W. Rhyh, Market; R. Dalby, Elora, or Frank Brown, Clifford.
GEORGE JENNINGS.
Guelph, Aug. 28. d3 wt

LACROSSE MATCH

The Six Nation Indians vs. Guelph.

THE above match will be played on the Cricket Ground, which will be enclosed for the occasion.
On Monday Next, 31st Inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A WAR DANCE

In the evening their CONCERT TROUPE will give an entertainment in the Town Hall. Admission to Match 15c. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Guelph Club.
A. HEWAT, Secretary, G. L. C.
Guelph, Aug. 28. w1 dt

Auction of Buggies.

M. R. KRIBS has received instructions to sell by Auction, without reserve, on the Market Square,

Next Fair Day,

A lot of BUGGIES and CARRIAGES, nearly as good as new. Terms, Cash, or three months credit on approved notes.
Guelph, Aug. 26. d1 wt

No 10. No 10.

FRESH BISCUITS, of all kinds,
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

MARMALADE, PEACHES and PRUNES,
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PURE MOCHO and JAVA COFFEES, Roasted on the premises,
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TEAS, from 50c. and upwards,
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TOBACCOES, Natural Leaf, Chewing and cut,
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

BRIAR Pipes and Pocket Knives,
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

N. B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is selling off in the same premises.
Guelph, Aug. 27. do 1t

TO BUILDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till noon, on

Tuesday, 1st of September,
For the mason and carpenter work required in the erection of a Moulding Shop and Engine House for a Foundry in the Village of Fergus. Plans and specifications may be seen at Mr. Taylor's store, Fergus, and at Mr. James Lamson's, in Guelph. The undersigned do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, unless satisfactory.

Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned, Fergus P. O., and marked tenders for Building.
LAMSON, MAIR & CO.
Fergus, Aug. 26. d2

Servant Girl Wanted.

WANTED, a smart, active servant girl, to go to a village a few miles out of Guelph.—Apply at the Mercury Office.
Guelph, Aug. 21. d 1t

SPRING BREEZES

Grand Waltzes.

CLARK'S MUSIC STORE,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

ALL kinds of SHEET MUSIC, and MUSICAL WORKS by the best authors in great variety. Also,

PIANOS and ORGANS,
Melodeons, Guitars,
And other Instruments. Music Stools, School Books, Stationery and Blank Books.

Sheet Music Received Daily.
N. B.—Parties have always an opportunity of trying Music before purchasing, as Pianos are constantly on hand.

At CLARK'S MUSIC STORE,
Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, Aug. 14, 1868. daw 1t

CLEARING SALE

OF AN IMMENSE STOCK OF

WALL PAPER,

AT

Day's Bookstore,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

The balance of our Stock of PAPER HANGINGS will be sold at COST to make room for our Spring stock.

Now is the time to buy; sooner than keep it over till next Spring we will sell at First Cost.

A large lot on hand. Call early and select good patterns, at

DAYS BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.
Guelph, Aug. 22.

TO RIFLEMEN.

JUST RECEIVED AT

PETRIE'S Drug STORE,

OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING,
A SUPPLY OF

GOULD'S MAGIC

RIFLE-CLEANER!

For cleaning Rifles and Sporting Guns, and instantly removing fouling and leading without the use of water or oil.

A. B. PETRIE,
Chemist, Guelph.
Guelph, Aug. 21. daw 1t

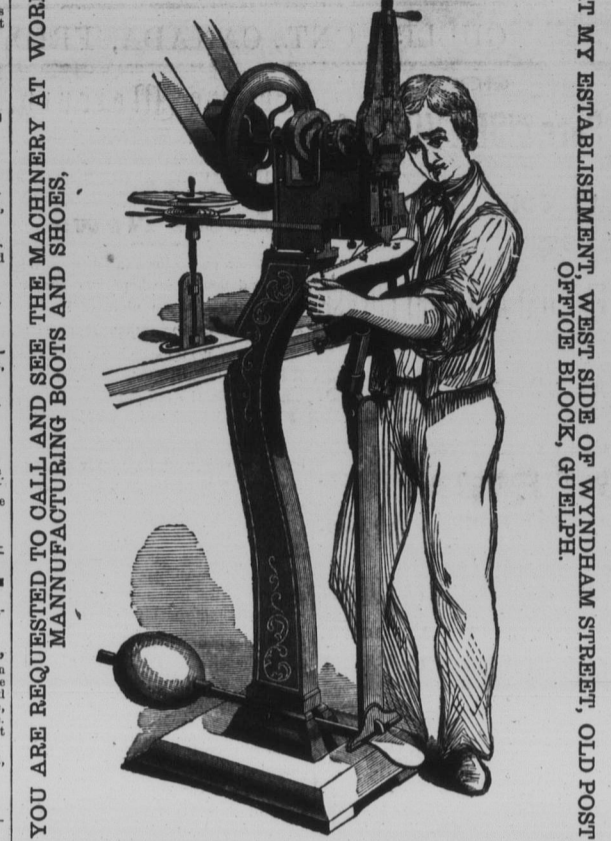
Cedar Posts for Sale.

FOR sale, a number of Cedar Posts Apply to DENNIS COFFEE,
Guelph May 20th 1868 w1 dt

New Advertisements.

Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.



DO NOT SEND YOUR MONEY AWAY FROM YOUR OWN COUNTY TO ENRICH TORONTO, Kingston or Montreal, when you can buy a much better article for less money, manufactured in Guelph. **Idol's Competition.** I have the finest shop of Machinery in Ontario, in Guelph Come and see it, and you will be convinced that the BEST AND CHEAPEST Boots and Shoes in the Dominion, are to be had at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

JOHN A. McMillan,
Guelph, 28th August. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

JUST RECEIVING, AT

JAMES CORMACK'S

A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Gentlemen's Ties & Collars, in the newest Styles,
SIZES COMPLETE. Also, all the LEADING STYLES in

ENGLISH FELT & SILK HATS.

WITH A LARGE STOCK OF

Canadian & American Hats & Caps

JAMES CORMACK,
Guelph, 24th June, 1868. Wyndham-st. Guelph

Golden Lion, Guelph.

Boarding Houses, Boarding Schools & Hotel-keepers.

CANADIAN BLANKETS!

THE Best Canadian Blankets made in the Dominion, is made for me by MESSRS. T. & J. DAVIDSON, Guelph. These Blankets are made of the best Wool that comes into OUR MARKET, grown by farmers in our own County, and manufactured in our own Town. I am thereby enabled to offer the best article produced, and

AT A MUCH LESS PRICE

Than any of my competitors in the business here. Those wishing to turn a

No. 1 BLANKET at the Wholesale Price, will find it their interest to call at once at the GOLDEN LION.

JOHN HOGG.
Guelph, 22nd August, 1868. dw

H. METCALF, Canada Clothing Store!

(Late Smith and Metcal),
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

WISHES to inform his customers and the public that he has opened a

SHOP NEXT DOOR to MR. HAZELTON'S,

Nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel, where he will be prepared to attend to the wants of customers and the public. He has on hand a lot of

TRUNKS and SADDLES

Slightly soiled by removal at the late fires, will be sold cheap.
Guelph, July 9, 1868. d9 wt

BARCAINS

Positively selling off at

20 PER CENT BELOW COST

COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHS, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equaled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.

A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from \$10 to \$45, in good working order. Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.
RICHARD ANLEY.
Guelph 24th July. dw

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail at

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE,
UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH

Guelph, July 24. dw 1t

Educational Classes

THE MISSES RHEMMIE

OF London, England and New York, propose opening their Educational Classes early in September. Young ladies desiring improvement, or finish in the elegant or useful branches, will be received as boarders or daily pupils.

Temporary residence: Mrs. Williams, Waterloo Road. Circulars at Mr. Cuthbert's Bookstore, Guelph, August 15. 12td

MISS L. RHEMMIE,

Teacher of Singing and Piano-forte,
PUPIL of the best Masters in England, having taught successfully for some in New York, has removed to Guelph, and hopes to receive a share of the patronage of the families and ladies of Guelph and vicinity.

Terms, &c., may be had at Mr. Cuthbert's bookstore, or Mrs. Williams' Boarding House.
Guelph, Aug. 17. d2w

Medical Dispensary

DYE-STUFFS,

of every description, consisting of

MADDER
LOGWOOD, Chip and Extract
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COCHINEAL, &c.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

E. HARVEY

Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 10th July. daw 1t

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AN Excellent MILL PRIVILEGE, with dam erected, situated on the Grand River, between the Villages of Fergus and Elora, in the County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, known as the KINNELL'S MILL PROPERTY, containing about 4 1/2 acres.

The property is in close proximity to where the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway crosses the Grand River.

There is a fall of 16 1/2 feet, embracing both sides of the river, which gives a number of water-powers capable of being used for various kinds of manufactures.

The property is situated in the centre of one of the finest agricultural counties in the Dominion of Canada, with easy access to either the American or European markets, and is one of the most eligible properties now offered to the public.

Price moderate, terms liberal, the proprietor wishing to dispose of the property on account of falling health.

Further particulars can be learned on application, either personally, or by letter (prepaid) to
DAVIDSON and CHADWICK,
Land and General Agents,
Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

Guelph, Aug. 10. daw 1t

NEW MARBLE WORKS,

Woolwich-St., GUELPH.

THE Subscriber would intimate to the public of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened New Marble Works in Guelph, where he will have sale and manufacture to order

MONUMENTS,

TOMBS,
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POSTS, &c.,

OF ANY SIZE OR DESIGN.

Being a practical workman, and having had over 17 years' experience in some of the largest Marble Factories in Canada and the Eastern States, he has every confidence in being able to give satisfaction to those who may favor him with their patronage. The shop is on Woolwich St., a short distance north of Geo. A. Bruce's Carriage Factory.

ALFRED S. FEAST.
Guelph, August 15. d6t-w1t

Constitutional Change.

THE members of the Tenebral Profession, viz: Messrs. Mimmack, Sumner and Allen, beg to notify their customers, that it is their intention to reduce the price of SHAVING to the old standard charge of FOUR PENCE. They also beg to state that the reason of the late advance was in consequence of their total inability to obtain small change; but now as their bankers have kindly consented to supply them with copper coin, they are quite willing to reduce their charges, satisfied their customers will duly appreciate this constitutional change.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Aug. 25. d 5d

OATS, OATS.

OATS can be purchased from the subscriber for

62 1/2 CENTS PER BUSHEL

at his store, West Market Square.
Guelph, 19th August. ALEX. CRICHTON. dt

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That are worth calling such, can get them

At Brown's Custom Boot & Shoe

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As all goods are made under his personal superintendence, and the material used the best that can be had in the market. With his lengthened experience in the business, together with his wonderful success in pleasing his customers, warrants him in saying without fear of contradiction that his goods are the

Neatest, Most Durable and Cheapest

That can be had in this or any other Town west of Montreal.

THOMAS BROWN,
No 2, Day's Block, Wyndham-St.
Guelph, July 27. daw-1t