

Porto Rico, with money and provisions to relieve the suffering inhabitants. Violent shocks of earthquake were felt on the island of St. Kitts on the 13th and 30th ult., the sea rising several feet on each occasion. An earthquake at Antigua on the 18th ult. caused great loss of life and property. Reports from St. Thomas are more cheerful. The revolution in Hayti was increasing. President Cabrera was marching with an army against Hayti, to gain possession of the whole island. The American wife of Senor Hernandez and her child were burned to death at Guanaboca. The commercial feeling in Havana is very insecure, and failures may be expected.

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TUESDAY EV'G, DECEMBER 17.

THE FENIAN TROUBLES.

Our despatches yesterday gave the particulars of a diabolical attempt made by Fenians in London to blow up Clerkenwell prison for the purpose of freeing the Fenians confined there. They failed in their design, but the attempt resulted in the destruction of several buildings adjacent to the gaol, by which three persons were killed and forty wounded. The excitement in London is described as being intense. Several parties suspected to have been concerned in the plot are arrested, and the authorities are making every effort to bring all concerned to justice. Great uneasiness exists in several of the large cities in the United Kingdom in regard to the movements of Fenians. Several projected funeral demonstrations in honor of those who were executed in Manchester have been suppressed, and every possible means are being taken to put down these traitors. The government and the people are now fairly aroused, and we may be sure no mercy will be shown those who are concerned in these diabolical plots.

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY.

Our attention has been called to a letter in the Advertiser, of the 12th, (which we had not before noticed) in which Mr. Charles Davidson takes up the cudgels in behalf of the Trust and Loan Company in reply to an article which appeared in the Mercury some days previous, where it was pointed out how the system pursued by this and other Companies of a like character in loaning money often bore hard on farmers who are for the most part the borrowers. He enters into a long defence of this Company, which we must say savours strongly of a special puff, without, however, touching any statement we made. We would not have taken any notice of this characteristic production but for the mean, unmanly insinuations the writer makes in the beginning, when he says that he cannot account for our remarks unless "he has made application for a loan and has been refused on account of his property not being sufficient value, or having obtained a loan, neglected to pay the interest which last, I think, must be the case, as he speaks feelingly when he alludes to a large family being turned out of their home, or being under the necessity to sell to some more provident party who would attend to his own business and make the required payments." There is not a word of truth in the above from beginning to end, and Mr. Davidson knows it, and yet for lack of a better argument he scruples not to make a personal attack of a very offensive, and it might be, damaging character, founded entirely on a falsehood. Glad, indeed, are that we never were under the necessity of asking for a loan of a cent from Mr. Davidson or any Company he represents, or any one else. The above side-thrust shows pretty plainly that the subject was merely chosen as a convenient text for having a slap at us, but it is done in a far from honourable manner; and it also serves to show that the writer is particularly thin skinned when he rushes forth to champion a cause in which his name was not even mentioned or thought of, and that it does not require much to throw his temper off the balance.

GODBY'S LADY BOOK for January and HARPER'S BAZAR for next week have just been received at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market. Call early for your numbers.

Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

AMERICAN WATCHES.

Recommended by Railroad Engineers, Railroad Conductors, Express men and others requiring the use of an accurate, durable and reliable timepiece. See advertisement.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.
When the motion for concurrence in the 7th resolution of the tariff came up, Mr. Rose, with reference to striking American silver coinage out of the free list, so as to leave it among the unenumerated articles paying 15 per cent, said there was scarcely a labourer, farmer or trader in the country who did not suffer from the effects of what was known as the silver nuisance. He was not prepared now to indicate the details of the measure which he proposed to submit in the latter part of the session respecting the currency, but imposing this duty was the first step the government proposed to take with a view to that measure, so as to prevent a further importation of silver, which would enable the government to deal with a known quantity. Some discussion took place on the subject, but the resolution was concurred in.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.
Mr. Carling enquired whether it was the intention of Government to introduce a Bill to equalize the qualification of voters at Parliamentary elections.

The Premier said the Government intended to bring in a Bill this session on the subject, and whether a high qualification would be required or not, he could mean while only say that the Government were in favor of a uniform qualification. Mr. Rose said it was the intention of Government to bring in a bill equalizing weights and measures throughout the Dominion.

The Address respecting the North-West Territory was read a second time, and the Customs and Excise Bills were advanced a stage.

The proposal to extend the imposition of stamp duties to the Maritime Provinces was opposed by Messrs. Fisher, Savary and Blake; but Government adhered to their position.

On motion of Mr. Rose to go into Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Holton denounced the course taken by the Bank of Montreal, and blamed the Government for it. The Government had imposed 15 per cent. duty on American silver, and the next step would be to replace it by a Provincial fractional paper currency—all at the bidding of Mr. King, and to the advantage of the Bank of Montreal. He then criticised Mr. Rose's schemes for paying off the floating debt, and expressed the opinion that these plans for raising money were for other purposes to be disclosed by-and-by.

Dr. Parker felt satisfied the expectations of Government would be disappointed as regarded the Customs revenue they anticipated in the current year. There were large stocks of goods now on hand at different points, and prices of several articles had fallen very much, so that the duties collected from those articles would be much less. He fully anticipated at the close of the financial year a larger deficiency than was estimated by government. As regarded the position of the Maritime Provinces, he thought it would have been better if Government had postponed all those measures affecting Customs, Excise, Stamps, &c., until they were prepared to bring down a full and complete measure. By the course Government were now taking they were grasping at a shadow and were alienating the minds of the people of the Maritime Provinces. As regarded the modes proposed for extinguishing the floating debt, he thought some of them were mere fancy schemes. He believed their general effect, at least in Ontario, would be to contract the facilities given by banks for the commercial operations of the country.

Some discussion took place on the Intercolonial Bill, when the House adjourned.

Puslinch Township Council.

The Municipal Council met on Monday Dec. 9th, at Mr. Fleming's tavern. Members all present—J. E. Reeve in the chair. James Black and John McCormick, who were erroneously assessed, were refunded each \$1. dog tax. The claims of Mrs. Jones, Wm Kerr, D. McMillan and A. McTaggart, for sheep destroyed by dogs, were ordered to be paid, amounting to \$44 75c. The petition of Mrs. McNaughton, praying for the remission of her taxes, was laid on the table. On motion, James McEdward was granted the sum of \$46.50 for board up to the 1st of January next, and \$2.50 clothing up to 1st May next for an indigent person named Annie Patton. John McCann was allowed \$6.00 as remuneration for damages done his land by public travel, the road being impassable. Moved by Mr. Spreuchan, sec. by Mr. McFarlane, that the report of James Caulfield, Inspector of Houses of Public Entertainment, be received, and that he be paid the sum of \$30 for his services, and that the Reeve grant his order for the same. Mr. James Caulfield, pathmaster, was ordered to be paid \$3 for re-planking a bridge on the 8th com. Moved by Mr. Spreuchan, sec. by Mr. McFarlane, that through neglect of Alex. Fraser, Pathmaster, the statute labor in his section has not been performed in the proper time, a number of days being unperformed, viz: Wm Stewart, 3 days; Alex. McCullum, 4 days; Chas. Evans, 1 day; Jno Martin, 1 day; Jas Hogg, 6 1/2 days; and \$4.50 unappropriated; and that he is highly censurable for neglect of his duty. Carried. The accounts of Stephen Boulton, amounting to \$50.00, Jas. Barclay, \$20, and Blair & Guthrie, \$29, were ordered to be paid. The Reeve was authorized to have the Township Hall insured forthwith, in the name of the Corporation. Allan McIntyre was directed to furnish the new Council Chamber with a Stove and other necessaries previous to the 28th inst. The Reeve was authorized to provide a flag for the township hall. A by-law was brought in to fix the place for holding the nomination of candidates for the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councillors, and also the polling place for 1898, which was read a first, second and third time and passed. The account of the Treasurer for discount on silver, stationery, and postage, amounting to \$51 42c, was ordered to be paid. Mr. Fleming, Innkeeper, was allowed \$10 for the use of his room, providing fire, light, etc. The Clerk was granted \$3 for extra services in the election of Deputy Reeve, in place of John Clark, resigned. The Council then adjourned until Monday, 30th inst., and then to meet at the Town Hall.

New Books.

THE HUGUENOTS.—This is a new work published by the Harpers, a copy of which we have received from Messrs. Tunis & Co., Clifton. Everything pertaining to persecution for conscience sake is interesting, and the history of the Huguenots, not much less than that of the Waldenses, is peculiarly thrilling. The book epitomises French history between the date of the invention of printing (1440) and the period of the French Revolution. All connected with the oppression of the people with whom it deals, their flights, their settlement in Britain, and the influence of their migration on the industrial arts are distinctly set forth, and an appendix is added relating to the Huguenots in America. For sale at Day's Bookstore.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

The best brands of Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos are kept at Geo. Wilkinson's.

The Thorold Patriot says.

On Sunday night last three men, muffled up so as not to be recognizable, entered the home of Mr. Simon Hoover, farmer near this place, and enquired if Robert Hoover was in, who was shortly gone to bed, but being informed that he was wanted down stairs, he drew on his trousers, and made his appearance, when they asked him if he wanted to buy a horse, when after a little conversation one of them rose and struck Robert, after which there was a succession of blows. The old man, Simon, sharing in the fight, knocked down one with a chair, while one of the assaulters struck him heavily with the butt end of a large pistol. Meanwhile Robert made his way from among them to get a pistol which was up stairs, but before he got down the whole three had fled, in company with a fourth, who had been standing watch outside. On the same evening Mr. James Taggart's Boot and Shoe Store was broken into, and three pairs of men's boots were taken. It is supposed to be the same parties who made the assault at Mr. Hoover's.

MABEL'S PROGRESS.

This is one of Harper & Bros' series of select novels, a copy of which has been sent us by Messrs. Tunis & Co., Clifton. The author writes in an easy, graceful, flowing style, and the tale is interesting and pointed. For sale at Day's bookstore.

Base Pale Ale and Guinness' Dublin Porter in pints and quarts at Geo. Wilkinson's.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

THE subscriber begs to acknowledge the payment in full of his claim against the Puslinch Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the loss sustained on the 8th July last, by fire, in the destruction of his dwelling House and contents. Absence from the Township prevented his publicly acknowledging earlier the prompt manner in which the Company paid his claim.

JOHN CARTER.
Puslinch, 17th December, 1867. w1

Store House to Rent.

TO RENT, the premises formerly known as Williams' old Brewery, with three floors 80 feet long by 25 wide, suitable for either storing wheat or packing pork. A never-failing stream of water runs through the premises. It is adjacent to the Market Square. Apply to

WILLIAM DYSON.
Guelph, 17th Dec. 1867. dsw1

SPEED LODGE No. 180.

A. F. & A. M.

Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, On FRIDAY EV'G, 20th DECEMBER

at half-past seven. Brethren are particularly requested to attend.

A. B. PETRIE, Secretary
Guelph, 17th December, 1867. d

CARD OF THANKS.

SMITH & METCALF beg to return their hearty thanks to one and all who so willingly assisted in removing their goods at the fire on Saturday night.

NEW SHOP

THEY would also inform their customers and the public that for the present they have opened a shop in the premises

Two doors North of the Post Office,

next door to Mr. Coffee's Hotel, where they will be prepared, as usual, to supply all articles in their line. The stock saved from the late fire will be sold at reduced prices.

SMITH & METCALF.
Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dwtf

HENRY MULHOLLAND!

THE OFFICE

of Henry Mulholland is removed temporarily to the

READING ROOM OF ELLIS' HOTEL

Nearly Opposite the Old Stand.

Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dw

Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

AS on hand a varied stock of GENERAL GROCERIES for

Christmas & New Year

consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

NEW FRUIT!

Figs, Dates, Raisins, Lemons at 25c per dozen.

Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel, where you can get the best and cheapest lot of Fancy Goods in Guelph.

MRS. ROBINSON,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1867. daw

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S English Goods!

See & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce

Harvey's Sauce, Anchovy Sauce, Mushroom Ketchup, French and Spanish Olives, Dundee Marmalade, Black and Red Currant Jelly, Anchovy and Bloaters Paste.

Greening, Damsons, Cherries, Plums, Peaches, Gooseberries and Tomatoes.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, November 22, 1867. dw

G. A. D. C.

FIRST APPEARANCE

OF THE Guelph Amateur

DRAMATIC CLUB!

THE above Club will make their first appearance in the

TOWN HALL, ON Monday Evening, Dec. 30th.

On which occasion will be produced for the first time here George Almar's celebrated Drama, in two acts, entitled

"The Charcoal Burner," or "The Dropping Well of Knarloro."

To conclude with an amusing afterpiece by all the members of the Club. For particulars see programme. Admission 25 cents; Reserved seats 50 cents. For sale at the Book and Drug Stores, and also by the Members of the Club.

MR. VALE, MORRIS ARMOUR, Manager of the Club.
Guelph, 14th December, 1867. dtd

Apothecaries' Hall,

MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED!

A large supply of SYDNEY BROWN'S

PERFUME

WATCHES!

Superior to either the "Russell" or "American" Watch, containing as it does a new and

DELIGHTFUL PERFUME

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Price Twenty-five Cents each

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WILKINSON'S

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They are admitted by customers to be the best, largest and cheapest in Guelph.

FINNAN HADDIES

If you want real Finnan Haddies, fresh Cod Fish, fresh Haddock and Yarmouth Bloaters,

Go to GEO. WILKINSON'S.

SEALED GOODS!

FOR hermetically Sealed Goods, consisting of Strawberries, Lawton Blackberries, Peaches, Cherries, Tomatoes, Green Peas, Lobsters and Sardines, go to

GEO. WILKINSON'S.

FRUIT, FRUIT

BUY your Fruit at Wilkinson's, and save 20 per cent. To convince you of this fact, below are quotations.

10 pounds Layer Raisins for - \$1
12 " French Prunes - - 1
20 " Currants - - - 1

FRUITS

The most complete, The most choice, The most select, The Best and Cheapest

22 lbs. New Currants for . . \$1
10 lbs. New Valencia Raisins |
10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins |
8 lbs. New London Layer do. |

Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

FILBERTS!

Brazil Nuts, Walnuts, Almonds, shelled or unshelled, Figs, Prunes, Dried Cherries and Cranberries, Dried and Green Apples,

Canned Fruits and Vegetables

of every description.

HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
Guelph, 13th December, 1867. dr

New Advertisements.

FIRE! FIRE!

AT ALMA BLOCK!

THE SUBSCRIBERS BEG TO INTIMATE TO THEIR NUMEROUS CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC THAT UNTIL LARGER PREMISES CAN BE PROCURED

THE RETAIL BUSINESS

WILL BE CARRIED ON AT THEIR STORE

IN DAY'S BLOCK,

where they hope to continue to receive the patronage of their friends during the season.

WHOLESALE TRADE

THE WHOLESALE TRADE WILL BE CARRIED ON AT

The Old 'Advertiser' Office, East Market Square.

Auction Sale of the Saved Stock!

At an early date the Stock saved from the late fire will be offered by AUCTION, and sold without reserve, due notice of which will be given.

J. MASSIE & CO.

Guelph 16th Dec. 1867. daw

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

to step in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever.

D. SAVAGE.

Guelph, December 14, 1867. dw

Christmas Goods,

AND HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

AT

AT CUTHBERT'S

Guelph, 14th December. dwtf

BLANKETS

150 PAIRS

of Superior Home-made Twilled Blankets, extra heavy, for sale at half-price.

Guelph, December, 12th 1867. d

Private Boarding.

EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable boarding can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to

WM. DYSON, sr., Waterloo-st. Guelph, 27th Nov. 1867. ddtw

MIDWIFERY.

MRS. MORRIS, Midwife. Residence, Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Holiday's Brewery, first house east of Mr. Minnick's former residence. Guelph, 15th December, 1867. dlm

CARD OF THANKS

I TAKE this early opportunity of returning my sincere thanks to all those who kindly rendered their valuable assistance at the late fire at Alma Block.

HENRY MULHOLLAND.
Guelph, 16th December, 1867. d

STORE for SALE

In the Village of Stirton.

A GOOD STORE for general business, with commodious Dwelling House attached, and Stable in rear. Also, a BLACKSMITH SHOP with two forges. The shop is 30 x 30 feet; connected with this shop is a good Dwelling House. The buildings are all of frame, and put up within the last three years. These two properties will be sold together or separately for Cash or on Credit. The Foot Office is kept on the premises. For terms apply to

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Cordwood Wanted.

WANTED, 700 cords of good hard wood. Apply at Brown's Wood Yard, Woolwich-st., nearly opposite the Court House, Guelph.

ALEX. BROWN.
Guelph, 20th November, 1867. d