

Imagination we have them on the
tops of the far Rocky Mountains—
Though no halls where learning stands,
And books to guide the student hand,
The key to science pages:
All those essentials do we find
Which give the human mind,
And stamp the coming ages.
Yet we would clearly recognize
A power, by which mankind may rise,
As sands in school or college;
A key that wisdom's doors unlock;
A hand to strike the flinty rock,
Whence flow the streams of knowledge.
Alas! how often do we find
A pure, a great, a noble mind,
Through native roughness gleaming;
It might have proved a jewel rare,
A brilliant, bright and beaming.
When with no air pedantic found,
It leads to all the groves of science;
A charm, in every station;
From those who in the lowly vale
Of life work out a simple nation.
To those who rule the nation.
Thus, duty says, improve the mind;
The learned are but the ore refined.
We this at recognition
Have raised this hall where now we stand,
Wherein to train the hopeful band
Of youth, around us stand.
Youth, spring of life, the golden day,
A seed time soon to pass away.
For manhood's growth maturing;
A time to mould, to shape;
A time to choose—a path select
The ends of life securing.
May wisdom in this hall preside,
Our youth along these paths to guide
Approved by the All-seeing,
And when from here they pass away,
In manhood's might they go to play
Upon this stage of being.
May honor still their fealty claim;
And when upon the heights of fame
We see a form ascending,
May memory then turn back with joy,
And in this form trace out a boy
Whom once this school was training.
And may our little maidens all
In wisdom grow, within this hall,
As great as on their brothers;
Great not in halls of Eastern debate,
To govern men and guide the state;
This ground we do desire and hate,
But great as wives and mothers.
Then followed the entertainment proper,
consisting of songs by Miss Brydon,
Paisley Block, who was on each occasion
enthusiastically endorsed, by Messrs. Scott,
Gilbert Amos, Wm. Taylor, J. S. Spier,
John Anderson, John Risk, and K. S.
Brodie, who all acquitted themselves to
the entire satisfaction of the large audi-
ence. Mr. Tat, of the Georgetown Col-
legiate Institute, gave two very superior
vivid recitations, and Mr. B. S.
Brodie also read a couple of amusing
pieces. Messrs. Stinton, M. P., Jas. Laid-
law, Reeve, Wm. Whitelaw, Robt.
Brydon, and James also gave short
addresses in the intervals of music,
&c. Messrs. Stinton, Whitelaw, and
Brydon were warm and hearty in their
praises of the noble building which had
been erected through the generosity and
public spirit of the residents in the sec-
tion, and strongly urged that the Section
should give careful heed not only to se-
cure but to retain the services of efficient
accomplished teachers, who, as a class,
they considered undervalued relatively to
the necessities and requirements of the
present day, sentiments we were much
rejoiced to see, seemed to find a willing
echo in the hearts of those present. Mr.
James Laidlaw, in his speech, dwelt eloquently and feelingly
on the reminiscences such a meeting as
the present within such a building
called up, forcibly contrasted the small
old log school house, with its teacher's
apartment in one end, with the spacious
tasteful erection of modern days, the
comparatively few companions of his early
school days upwards of forty years ago,
now alive, the number being now re-
duced to four, comprising himself, two
brothers, Mr. W. Alexander of Garafaxa,
concluding a most heart stirring address,
amid loud plaudits. Cordial votes of
thanks were passed to the chairman,
Trustees (acknowledged by Mr. Thomas
Laidlaw), the ladies and performers,
which were all suitably acknowledged,
and the meeting then closed. We must
not omit, on behalf of the Guelph visitors,
to specially mention the kindly and con-
siderate services of Messrs. John Boyd
and James Wright, junr., who conveyed
them to and from the entertainment at a
considerable sacrifice of personal con-
venience and comfort—services which
will always be gratefully re-
membered by those for whom they
were so cheerfully undertaken.
Friday evening the 27th of January, will
doubtless make an indelible impression
on the minds of many of the present
generation in S. S. No. 5, Guelph Town-
ship, and many a story will be rehearsed
by the aged sire and matron of fifty years
hence to the young folks of that day of
the opening of the New School
House was so successfully celebrated.

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Guelph Evening Mercury
SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 28, 1872
Editorial Items.
It is announced that the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is to receive the order of K.C.M.G., shortly.
The Montreal Herald says:—“That all the rumors respecting the change of management of the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada, so far as the chiefs in this country is concerned, are utterly groundless, and that there is every appearance of perfect cordiality between the English Directors and Mr. Brydges.
A Fort Garry correspondent is informed on the authority of Governor Morris that the land question is to be settled as follows:—The apportionment of reserved lots will be proceeded with immediately under the superintendence of the Lieutenant-Governor and Col. Dennis, and at the same time measures will be taken to regulate the rights of common and the hay privilege, as laid down in the Manitoba Act. The Crown, as soon as the surveys are finished, will grant letters patent to holders of land holding titles from the Hudson Bay Company in those parts of the country where Indian rights were extinguished prior to the incorporation of the territory with Canada. The surveys are proceeding at present. As to parties occupying lands where Indian rights have not been extinguished, the Government will confirm their occupation without conditions. Old settlers not being half-breeds will be placed on the same footing as these, and with their children will receive grants of land subject to the ratification of the Dominion Parliament.
The Great Western Railway.
From the statistical tables furnished by the Great Western Railway Company, the business of the road shows the following increase:—The half-yearly receipts for 1868 were £356,000; for 1869, £385,000; for 1870, £408,000; for 1871, £458,000; and up to the 31st July, 1872, the receipts amounted to £550,784, which gives an increase of upwards of £91,000. The greatest percentage of traffic has been through the local traffic of course, leaving its share of increase on

the main line of the road. The gross earnings per mile have been \$10,406, which is the greatest for a single line on record. During the past week the very severe weather, coupled with heavy snow-storms, has proved a great drawback to the speedy forwarding of freight. The main line for the last two or three months has been alive with trains loaded to their utmost capacity with passengers and freight, and instead of the push subsiding as it has done heretofore, it has gradually been on the increase until it might be said the strain is as great as the line can bear without increased facilities. One of the greatest wants seems to be station room. The sidings, although many of them have been greatly enlarged, are found to be inadequate for the increased traffic, and also the number of cars, which is being added to with all possible speed. One great advantage which the company possesses is a track in first-class condition. In fact, competent engineers pronounce it as good as any, if not the best, in America. During the late heavy storms trains have not been very regular, but this is in part owing to the weather but more particularly to the building, Grant's fruit store and building, Dalglish's bookstore, Sutton's drug store and building, Bell & Duggill's office, Chayne's harness shop, Stoke's broker's office, Mrs. Wilson's millinery shop, Elliott, Division Court office, Conter, tobacconist, Fletcher's tailor shop, Woodbridge's building, Goran, tailor. It is impossible to get at the losses or the sums assured at present. The total loss will foot up to \$20,000. There are some suspicious circumstances connected with the origin of the fire. A man has been arrested on suspicion.

1873
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS
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GREAT SUCCESS!
THE STORE CRAMMED ALL
XMAS EVE.
ANDERSON
Opposite the Market.
Has another Lot of New Goods which will be sold off at
SWEEPING
REDUCTIONS
Affording customers an unusual opportunity of making economical purchases at the New Year's time.
BOOKS OF
SPICE AND NACKLE
Travels, Biography, &c.
ELEGANTLY BOUND
Family Pocket and Pew Bibles, Testaments, Psalms and Hymn Books.
DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS,
Selling at less than half the usual price.
AT ANDERSON'S,
Cheap Book and News Depot,
Opposite the Market,
GUELPH.
A MERRY CHRISTMAS.
J. & R. MILLAR
Will have an Exhibition on MONDAY, at their stall in the Market, and at their shop in Hatch's Block, a magnificent display of
Beef, Mutton, Pork, etc.
Consisting of the following:
10 very choice Steers and Heifers from Edward Burton, Esq., Pilkington, Paisley Block.
2 do do from George Hood, Esq., (Manor Bank) Paisley Block.
1 magnificent two year old steer, weighing nearly 3000 lbs., bred by Gideon Hood, Esq., and fed by John Kirtley, Esq., Paisley Block.
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George Elliott's prize heifer (Roseale), which took 2nd prize at the Central Exhibition, and 1st at the Christmas Fat Cattle Show.
40 splendid Sheep and Lambs, including some choice Southdowns.
1 mammoth Hog from James Cleghorn, Esq., Paisley Block, over 600 lbs.
A large quantity of Poultry, including Mr. Wm. Thompson's prize geese.
Guelph, Dec. 18, 1872. J. & R. MILLAR, dwtj

GIFTS
—AND—
Holiday Goods.
MRS. WRIGHT
Begg to inform her numerous customers and the public that she has just received a nice variety of
Toys and other Fancy Goods
Suitable for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.
MRS. WRIGHT,
Upper WINDHAM STREET.
Next to the Wellington Hotel.

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BOYS AND GIRLS SLEIGHS,
SKATES, latest styles,
BRASS AND TODDY KETTLES
TEA AND COFFEE POTS,
LANTERNS,
STOVE VARNISH,
HARNES VARNISH,
PICTURE VARNISH,
FURNITURE VARNISH,
CINDER SIFTERS,
CRUET STANDS, a large variety,
MEAT CUTTERS,
MINCING MACHINES,
CLOTHES WRINGERS,
CASH BOXES,
At John Horsman's.

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CHEAP
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
WINDHAM ST.,
GUELPH.

The stock of Books suited for New Year's Gifts at Day's Bookstore, is the
LARGEST, BEST AND CHEAPEST
IN GUELPH.
THE STOCK OF
FANCY GOODS
Suitable for Presents for Ladies and Gentlemen, at Day's Bookstore, is
The Best West of Toronto.

SEE DAY'S STOCK
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Glove Boxes,
Cigar Cases, Trays,
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Ladies Companions, Fine Albums,
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Family Bibles,
Pocket Bibles, Church Services,
Hymn Books, Morocco Wallets,
Pocket Diaries,
And other Goods suited for this season of presentation, which, if mentioned in full, would fill four Daily MERCURY'S.
Step in and see the Goods and prices.
Day has a large stock of Splendid New Goods, and sells cheap.
No trouble to show Goods at Day's Bookstore.

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IN FULL OPERATION
affording an opportunity to intending purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments.
All new Instruments
Warranted for Six Years;
Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.
TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY
Prices lower than any imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed.
Show Rooms and Office,
WEST MARKET SQUARE,
GUELPH, ONT.
JOSEPH F. RAINER,
Proprietor,
Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872. dw

CHRISTMAS GIFTS!
NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS!
SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS!
The Largest and Best Assortment of
FANCY GOODS,
Jewellery, Toys, and Dolls ever shown in Guelph.
AT J. HUNTER'S.
FOR Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Sewing Machines, Tatting Companions, and Dressing Cases, and everything in that line go to
BOYS' SLEIGHS, Rooking Horses, Drums, Mechanical and Spring Toys.
EVERY kind and price of
Toys, Toys, Toys,
AT J. HUNTER'S.
DOLLS: Crying Dolls, Speaking Dolls, Wax Dolls, China Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Leather Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Walking Dolls, &c. &c. J. HUNTER'S.
FANCY WOOLLEN GOODS, Slippers, Ottomanes, Cushions, Brackets, Screens, Shawls, Scarfs, Baskets, Stachelis, Wallets, &c. &c. J. HUNTER'S.

A FULL assortment of the most reliable and fashionable Patterns for Ladies' Misses' and Children's Dress, always on hand
AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool Fancy Goods, and Toy Store, Wyndham Street Guelph.
STEAK CALVES—Come on the premises of the subscriber, about the 1st of November two spring calves, grey color. The owners requested to pay promptly, as expenses and take them away.
RICHARD GULLY,
Hwyet Lot 27, Cor. of 4th Toronto St.

New Advertisements.
FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS
JAMES MASSIE,
Manufacturer of
CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,
Alma Block, Guelph,
Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer, in
LOZENGES, all flavors;
DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;
GUM and LICORICE DROPS,
CONVERSATION LOZENGES,
MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,
FRUIT BISCUITS,
GINGER NUTS,
CHEWING GUM,
ROCK CANDY,
LICORICE.
A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.
His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Fair this year the only place where they were entered for competition.
All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
Just the Article for a Present.
We have just received about 1000 yards of
Beautiful Designs in DRESS GOODS!
ASSORTED IN
Plain, Striped and Figured English Repps.
The above will be sold at a little over half their value.
J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, Dec. 16 dw

"PER EXPRESS"
THIS MORNING:
6 boxes "pure white" Clouds,
12 pieces black and colored Velveteens,
12 dozen New Hat and Bonnet Shapes,
10 pieces of our celebrated Black Lustres, cheap;
20 boxes Linens and Sewed Muslin sets,
75 Striped Shawls, new styles;
3 dozen Breakfast Shawls,
6 dozen Sontags and Vests.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.
Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872 dw

GUELPH TEA DEPOT
E. O'DONNELL & Co.
Have just received for the Holidays
350 boxes New Valencia Raisins,
230 boxes New Layer Raisins,
25 boxes Sultana Seedless Raisins,
150 boxes Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel,
25 kegs Good Prunes to be Rushed off at 4 cents per lb.
Another small lot of 300 caddies of that splendid Young Hyson \$1 Tea to be sold for 80 cents.
Fruits are a little higher this year, but we are going to sell at the smallest margin of profit.
E. O'DONNELL & CO.
Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872 Wyndham Street, Guelph

The Guelph Cloth Hall
Is the Oldest Establishment in Town for
READY-MADE CLOTHING
EVERY ARTICLE OF WHICH IS
MANUFACTURED ON THE PREMISES.
Cloths and Woolen Goods of all Kinds.
ARMSTRONG, McCRAE & CO'S FIRST PRIZE UNDERCLOTHING.
HATS AND CAPS
And a general assortment of Goods for Men's Wear.
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Guelph, Dec. 6, 1872 Wyndham St., Guelph. do

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OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers.
Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
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Refitted in the latest fashion. Five tables set style Phelan Tables.
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—AT—
The Medical Hall
A FRESH SUPPLY OF
THE BEST
BURNING FLUID
\$1 per Gallon.
E. HARVEY & Co.
Dispensing Chemists.
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COAL OIL,
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COAL OIL,
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If You Want
THE BEST
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Leave your Orders at
Petrie's Drug Store.
He will send it home for you.
For Coughs, Colds, etc.,
USE
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The best thing for Children, they all like it.
For sale by A. B. PETRIE.
SOMETHING NEW,
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LADIES' CACHOUS
In shape of Lozenges.
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Prepared Castor Oil,
Free from unpleasant taste, retaining the properties of the Castor Oil.
PREPARED BY
A. B. PETRIE CHEMIST GUELPH.

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Volumes for 1872
SUNDAY AT HOME
LEISURE HOUR
GOOD WORDS for the YOUNG
BRITISH WORKMAN
BRITISH WORKWOMAN
BAND OF HOPE
CHILDREN'S FRIEND
INFANTS MAGAZINE
FAMILY FRIEND
INFANT'S DELIGHT
CHILD'S COMPANION
NOW ON HAND
At Day's Bookstore.
Guelph, Dec. 13, 1872. dw

BUTCHER'S STALL No. 1.
NO SURRENDER.
GEO. HOOD
Calls the especial attention of his customers and the public generally to his extensive and valuable purchases of the choicest Cattle in the District to supply the forthcoming Christmas demand. Amongst them may be noted the particularly fine heifer bred and fed by Mr. Wm. Whitelaw, and which took the first prize at the Provincial, Central, and the recent Fat Cattle Show at Guelph. Eight head of Choice Fancy Cattle, comprising Gallows from the herd of Mr. Thos. McCrae, and Durham Steers and Heifers from Mr. G. B. Hood, and others.
In Pigs, he exhibits some of the Provincial prize takers, fed by himself; also a choice Lot of Superior Southdowns, of his own feeding.
He has also procured at considerable expense a carcass of Buffalo, so that visitors to the Market, if disappointed in seeing Mr. Gilbert Amos' Buffalo Cow, will at least have an opportunity, at Stall No. 1, of inspecting a Buffalo Calf.
Dec. 20th, 1872
GEO. HOOD,
1114 Stall No. 1.

HEATHER'S
Stove and Plough Depot
The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinney's Patent Improved Stove Plough, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c. are so constructed that no smoke, smell and steam from trying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned fire-places. Ladies, give them a trial.
Sole agent for Guelph.
A good assortment of STOVE PLUGS, &c. and FLOUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest prices.
WM. HEATHER,
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