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Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET.
MONDAY EVEN'G, JAN'Y 20, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENBUCK.
A Tale of the Covenanters.

"We must not hesitate for even a moment,"
was her reply.

"Farwell, Sir Gilbert," said Walter, turning
the horse's head.
"Stop! Oddsake, puddin' an' painches,
stop!" exclaimed Sir Gilbert, spurring his
horse forward and intercepting them.

"I must not hesitate for even a moment,"
was her reply.
"Farwell, Sir Gilbert," said Walter, turning
the horse's head.

Then Walter and Marion resumed their
journey to Birkenbuck, the tower of which
could be seen in the distance, rising above
the autumn-tinted foliage of the woods which
surrounded the mansion.

No sooner had the cavalier departed,
bearing his mistress away, than the
prisoners, that Andrew Weir, after making
sure that all the soldiers had gone, and no
straggler been left to watch the house,
secured the door and ascended to the tower,
from whence he could have a view of the
troops, and note the direction they took.

Andrew himself was little better
acquainted with the region than she was.
Occasionally during the course of his long
residence at the Clutch he had from curiosity
visited one or two of the outer chambers, but
had never penetrated to the interior until
the previous night, when along with Walter
he had traversed them in search of the
concealment. On that occasion, however, he
had blindly followed his leader, and being
almost destitute of what philosophers call the
bunap of Locality, he failed to recognize among
the many openings which presented themselves
the course which he and Walter had followed
on that occasion. To his untutored eye
every passage seemed alike, and the
chambers had no individuality. He had
no notion either of direction or position,
and he had not proceeded far when he
came to confess to himself that he was
wandering at random.

This unpleasant fact he did not impart to
his companion, who followed him with
implicit confidence, breaking forth into
frequent questions concerning the
extraordinary character of the place.

"Keep me, Andrew, but this is a queer
place," she remarked.
"Very queer," responded Andrew, who was
too intent on discovering his way to favour
her with a more lengthened rejoinder.

"The passages seem to have had one end
and no other," he said, "and they all end
together, for they gang here, and there, and
every airth. It beats me the ken how ye
find out the road, for I'm shure I wad lose
my way."

"Wad ye," said Andrew, faintly; then,
inwardly, he said to himself—"Faith, lass,
but there's mair than you can see that if ye
kend it. Confound the place, I have nae
nae idea o' where I am than this light in
my hand; and if we ever find out the waul-moat
it will be mair by guid luck than guid
guidin'."

On they went, however, from cell to cell,
up steps and down steps, always finding
another passage to traverse as they proceeded.
Andrew invariably taking the first opening
he came to, and expecting that every
chamber they entered would prove the large
and lofty place where for a quarter of an
hour or more he had lain on the ground in
the mortal terror, under a supposed assault
of the devil. He knew he should recognize that
chamber when he saw it, and he knew also
that the mouth of the wall was in one of the
small cells which opened from it.

But in vain did he look for this region,
and he still felt disinclined to own to
Marjory that they had lost their way, he
might have continued to wander helplessly
about, had not been brought to a stand-
still by entering a cell at the end of one of
the passages which his no outlet.

AN EARTHQUAKE.—It is stated
that a sharp shock of earthquake was
felt at St. Andrew's, Quebec, at mid-
night on the 20th, and that the same
was slightly felt in Montreal, accom-
panied by a very unusually loud noise.

After the Funeral.

Of all returnings, that one, "after the
funeral," is the saddest. Who will say it
is not so, that he ever followed him that
loved to the grave? While he was sick,
we went in and out, anxious, sorrowing,
suffering. The solicitude to relieve, and
care for, and comfort him engrossed us;
the fear of losing him excited and agonized
us; the apprehension of our own
desolation, in case he should be removed
from us, almost drove us wild. While he
lay dead beneath the home roof, there
was hurry and bustle in preparation for
the final rites. Friends are sent for,
neighbors are present, the funeral ar-
rangements are discussed, and mourning
procured; the hospitalities of the house
provided for; all is excitement; the loss
is not yet perceived in all its greatness.
But, "after the funeral," after the bustle
has all subsided, and things begin to
move as usual—then it is we begin to
know what has befallen us. The house
seems still and sepulchral, though in the
heart of the town; and though its threshold
be still trodden by friendly feet, it is
as if empty. The apartments, how deserted!
especially the room where he struggled
and surrendered in the last conflict.
There are his clothes, there his books,
there his hat and cane, there his ever
vacant seat at the family board. During
his sickness, we had not so much noticed
these things, for we hoped ever that he
might use or occupy them again. But
now we know it cannot be, and we per-
ceive the dreadful vacancy everywhere.
Oh, how dark and cheerless the night
shadows come down after the funeral!
No moon or stars ever shine so dimly,
no darkness ever seemed so utterly dark.
The tickings of the clock round like
bell-strokes all over the house. Such
deep silence! no footstep now on the
stairs or overhead in the sick chamber;
no nurse or waiters to come and say,
"lie is not so well, and asks for you." No,
indeed, you may "sleep on now and take
your rest," if you can. Ah, poor bereaved
heart! it will be long before the sweet
rest you once knew will revisit your couch.
Slumber will bring again the scenes
through which you just passed, and you
will start from it but to find them all too
real. God pity the contrite "after the
funeral!"

ADOLESCENT.—The French foot is
neat, narrow, and bony; the Spanish
is small and elegantly formed—thanks to
its Moorish blood, corresponding with the
Castilian pride—"high in the instep."
The Arab is proverbial for his high arch,
a green can run under the hollow of
his foot. The foot of the Scotch is large
and thick; that of the Irish flat and square;
the English short and fleshy. The Ameri-
can foot is apt to be disproportionately
small. A foot for beauty and speed
should be arched, fairly rounded, and its
length proportioned to the height of the
person. The "hankle, especially of a woman,
should be round and firm, and not too
small."

TRADE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—From a
comparative statement, compiled and
published by Mr. Johnson, Assistant
Commissioner of Customs and formerly
Auditor of New Brunswick, of the im-
ports of New Brunswick for 1866, com-
paring the tariff of that Province with
that of the New Dominion, it ap-
pears that the increase of duty on certain
articles amounts to \$206,531, and the de-
crease on others to \$173,359, leaving the
net increase of \$33,172, against which
New Brunswick receives other material
advantages under Confederation, placing
the Province on an improved position
financially.

SCISSOR THROUGH LIQUOR.—A man
named Wm. Anthony, 56 years of age, of
Ellerslie, Yorkshire, England, committed
suicide in Toronto on Thursday, by hang-
ing himself. He had been some time in
this country, labouring as a farm servant,
and was in the habit of periodically ac-
cumulating a sum of money and then
going on a "spree." While in a desponding
mood after one of these sprees he took his
life.

TROOPS FOR COBURG.—The World
says that on Tuesday evening last, the
first detachment of the troops destined to
be quartered in Cobourg, arrived from
Ottawa, and were at once marched to the
barracks. The troops arrived comprised
Company E, No. 5, of the 7th Regiment, and
are under the command of Captain
Colquhoun. It is expected that further
arrivals will take place in a few days.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The sum of \$7-
710 has been collected by the managers
of the Temporalities board of the Church
of Scotland, to assist in making up the
loss to the sustentation fund suffered
through the suspension of the Commercial
Bank.

A certain nine of the Detroit Ball Club
have signified their intention to play any
other nine in the city a match game of
ball on skates at the Jefferson Avenue
Skating Park, at any day they may de-
signate.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
January 20, 1868.
Wheat, per 100 lbs. 82 7/8
All wheat per bushel. 4 7/8
Spring Wheat. do. 5 5/8
Barley do. do. 5 1/8
Peas do. do. 0 7/8
Sorghum do. do. 0 9/8
Hay, per ton. 11 0/0
Straw do. do. 5 0/0
Shingles per square. 1 1/2
Wood per cord. 2 1/2
Eggs per dozen. 0 12
Butter (Irish) per lb. 0 25
Cheese, each. do. 0 25
Butter (Can) do. do. 0 25
Potatoes do. do. 0 50
Apples per bushel. 4 00
Lamb per lb. 0 07
Beef per lb. 0 05
Pork per 100 lbs. 5 00
Sheep Pelts each. 0 30
Hides per 100 lbs. 6 00

Money Market.

JACOBS'S EXCHANGE OFFICE.
Guelph, January 20, 1868.
Gold, 139 1/2
Greenbacks bought at 77 1/2 to 78; sold at 77 to 72 1/2.
Silver bought at 44 1/2; sold at 47.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c; sold at 55c.
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 90c to 97c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by Special
Telegram to "Evening Mercury."
MONTREAL, JANUARY 18, 1868.
Flour—Fancy, \$7 50 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1,
\$7 00 to \$7 25; Welland Canal, \$7 50. Bag Flour,
\$3 00 to \$3 75. Oats 45 c to 46 c. Barley 30 c to
\$1. Butter—dairy 15c to 18c; store packed 12c
to 15c. Ashes—Pot 42 to \$2 25; Pearls 65
to \$2 50.

TORONTO, JANUARY 18, 1868.

Flour—No receipts. Market quiet and dull.
Flour—Receipts, 200 bbls; No. 1, at 60 c;
Wheat—at \$1 66. Pass—75c. Oats—55c to 56c.
Barley—40c to 51c.

HAMILTON, JANUARY 18, 1868.

Fall wheat, \$1 55 @ \$1 65, spring do—\$1 50
@ \$1 55 per bushel. Barley—45 @ \$1 00. Oats
—52c to 53c. Pass—75c @ 80c.

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single,
light or heavy, call at the new shop, next
door to Coffey's Hotel.

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips
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We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse
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made to order, and funerals attended. All orders
will receive prompt attention. A Horse-shoer.

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Late owners of the premises destroyed by fire,
adjoining the Alpha Block.
Guelph, 20th December 1867. dwf

WILLIAM BROWNLOW

(Late Tool & Brownlow)
Carpenter and Undertaker,
In rear of the Wellington Hotel,
DOUGLAS STREET, GUELPH.



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the excellent accommodation it supplies, it does
the largest and most profitable business in Rock-
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For terms and other particulars apply to the
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WILLIAM STOVELL,
Rockwood, 20th October, 1867.

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WILLIAM STOVELL,
Rockwood, 20th October, 1867.

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store

REFRESHMENTS.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs.
Clarke, Parker and Herold, Grange; A. F. Scott,
Esq., County Judge; George Green, County At-
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Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-19)

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