

## 18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68

### Wools, FANCY GOODS

TOYS, &c.

JUST Arrived, an Immense Stock of Berlin Zephyr, Saxony, Anhalasian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American.

### FINGERING YARNS.

A Splendid assortment of Brains, Frillings, Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods. A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns, Ottomans, &c.

### JET and RUBBER GOODS.

Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.

### Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery from the Latest Designs.

**J. HUNTER,**  
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St Guelph September 12th.



WE have opened our stock of Furs of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

**EXTRA DARK MINK**  
**ROYAL ERMINE**  
**SIBERIAN SCHIBREL**  
**RIVER MINK**  
**LADIES' HOODS**

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

The highest price paid for Raw Furs.

**F. CARLAND,**  
Market Square, Guelph, 3rd Nov.

### GREAT POWERS

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

SO IT IS WITH

### PREST & HEPBURN

In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wyndham-st.

WE do not believe in bosh and blarney, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict in the hands of the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puffing and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wyndham Street, Guelph, manufacture more.

### BOOTS AND SHOES

And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth.

A great deal has been said for and against machine-made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which must be admitted is far superior to any machine made Goods. We have now on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest.

Remember that all our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

**PREST & HEPBURN,**  
Guelph, 2nd November. dw

### LUMBER & WOOD YARD.

**CHARLES HEATH**  
HAS opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on Quebec-St. West of English Church,

Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to suit purchasers.

### CORDWOOD

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.

### FLOUR & FEED

Also for sale, Flour and Feed, delivered in an part of the Town according to order.

All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to.

**CHARLES HEATH,**  
Guelph, May 14, 1868.

### TROTTER & GRAHAM,

**DENTISTS!**  
GUELPH and BRAMPTON  
LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY.

Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.  
Office, over Higginbotham's Drugstore  
Guelph, 2nd August, 1868. dw1

### Something New!

JUST RECEIVED at the Dominion Store, a very nice assortment of

### Men's Underclothing,

and Socks, also,

### Ladies' Breakfast Shawls

Stockings of all colours, of the best quality made and can be bought cheap.

### BERLIN WOOLS.

The Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in town, including English, Fringing, Clouded, Berlin, double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns.

Stamping and braiding done to order.

**MRS. ROBINSON**  
Guelph, Oct. 15 1868. dw1

### GALLERY OF ART.

**R. W. LAIRD,**  
Looking Glass and Picture Frame  
MANUFACTURER,  
9 King-st. West,  
TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.  
Toronto, 1st April 1868. dw1

## New Advertisements.

### THE

### Boulevard Skirt,

COMBINING BEAUTY, ECONOMY AND DURABILITY. A

### UNIVERSAL FAVORITE.

AT

### WM. STEWART'S

CALL AND SEE IT.

IN ALL QUALITY AT

### ALEXANDRA

### QUILTED

### SKIRT,

TO HAND,

### Black Velveteens

For DRESSES

AND JACKETS,

PRICES MODERATE.

### W.M. STEWART

Wyndham Street, Guelph  
Guelph, Dec. 11 dw 11

## DYEING DAILY.

The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Hair Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all

### PERSONS WHO DYE

To give him a call. Resuscitation guaranteed to perfection.

**J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.**

FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion for grinding all kinds of Cutlery, viz: Razors, Knives, Scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE.

**JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser,**  
Guelph, December 4. d4w Next Post Office.

## AUCTIONS SALE

The town was lively on Thursday, as it might be expected it would be on the day preceding Christmas, and especially when there was the advantage of good sleighing, which contributes in no small degree to activity in business at the present season.

Of course it is well known that the most noticeable feature of the market the day before Christmas is meat. It looks like idle repetition of an old tale to say that the supply of the article was abundant. The outside butchers had their sleighs standing in long array in front of the Market House, and every sleigh was well loaded with beef and mutton of the best quality. Indeed a person looking at the supply is naturally led to enquire of himself where comes the demand for all this. The demand, however, does come, and the conclusion follows that the inhabitants of Guelph are rather a carnivorous people.

### THE BUTCHERS' STALLS.

In the inside meat market there is this year, as usual, a very fine display. The butchers have done their best to make a good appearance and they have succeeded. They have made an exhibition of their artistic skill and the result is highly pleasing. The message between the stalls is overcharged with evergreens, and the carcasses that hang two or three deep along the sides are ornamented in a variety of ways, just to add a finishing touch to the work of the feeder and probably render keener the appetite of the consumer. There are a number of the stalls at present unoccupied; those that are occupied we shall mention, together with their contents, in numerical order.

No. 1 STALL.—Mr. George Hood is the occupant of this stall, and has every spot in and around it crammed full. He has the prize steers three year old, fed by Mr. Gideon Hood, which cost \$300 and made 1300 lbs of beef. He has also four or five other carcasses from some of the principal feeders in the vicinity. He has the two wethers, fed by Mr. Tolfer, which took the prize at the Centre Riding Show, the two prize ewes fed by Mr. Kirby, and several others. They are all hung to the best advantage and wear ornaments in red, white and blue. Another feature is bear meat, so that any person inclined for a rarity can have a slice of the ham of young Bruin. He has also a splendid spring pig, fed by Mr. George Query, a large quantity of venison, prize fowl from Mr. Thos. Card, geese, turkeys and game ad infinitum.

No. 2 STALL.—This is occupied by the Messrs. Simpson. They have six carcasses of beef, one fed by Mr. Simpson, twenty-five sheep, four hogs, abundance of venison, and a large number of fowls. A very fair supply, we should say, and all of first-rate quality.

No. 3 STALL.—This stall is rented by Mr. Hales, who has Christmas cheer to the amount of four cattle, two of them oxen, and a pig, fed by Mr. John Carter of Paxlinch. He has also twelve sheep and two hogs, besides a quantity of sausage and a large number of fowls. Everything in this Stall is good, at least it looks as if it were.

Nos. 7 and 8.—These are in possession of Messrs. J. & R. Miller, who have enough meat of first class quality on hand to answer the demands of their old customers and to supply the wants of numerous new ones. They have eight carcasses of beef, twenty sheep, including a first prize one fed by Mr. R. Reed, of Erin, a first prize hog from Mr. J. Iles, Guelph township, a deer weighing 200 lbs, and a quantity of poultry. Their decorations are in excellent taste, the traditional holly and mistletoe, all the way from England, by express entering into them largely, and the sheep with their variegated heads are made to wish, in golden coloured letters, to those who are longing to eat them, "A Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year."

### SOCIAL IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.

The annual soiree in aid of the library of the school in section 41, Guelph Township, was held on Friday night last in the school house. These annual reunions have always been well attended, but the one held on Friday night was better patronized than any preceding one, for it was with great difficulty that many of the company could even get standing room. Abundance of excellent tea and refreshments were served out and heartily enjoyed by all present. Mr. J. Laidlaw was called to the chair, and discharged the duties in his usual able and agreeable manner. He first introduced Mr. Stinton, M. P. who gave a short, excellent and practical speech on education, Songs, recitations, readings &c., followed in quick succession in, which the following ladies and gentlemen took part: Miss Jennie Fraser, Miss Carter, Miss E. Bruce, and Miss H. Brydon. Messrs. Jas. Ferguson, R. S. Brodie, Hamilton, Forest, Scott, McMillan, McLay, Hassan, Innes and Little Master Thomson, who recited very nicely an original composition. Mr. Thos. Cowan, of Galt, also made an excellent and appropriate speech. The singing of the young ladies was greatly admired, and repeatedly encored, as were also the recitations, songs and carol stories of Messrs. Ferguson, Brodie, McMillan and others. The proceedings lasted till a late hour, but were kept up with unflagging interest to the close, and every one left with the feeling that they had spent a most pleasant evening. We are glad to hear that a sum amounting to near \$30 was realized, which will be applied in making additions to the library.

### MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

**LEMON & PETERSON,**  
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.  
Guelph, Dec. 24, 1868. dw1

## Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET  
THURSDAY EV'NG, DEC. 24TH, 1868.

### CENTRE WELLINGTON.

MR. JAMES ROSS NOMINATED.

Special to the Mercury.

FERGUS, December 23.

The representatives from the different Municipalities in the Centre Riding, met at Fergus to day, when the deputation appointed to wait on Hon. Mr. Brown, reported that he had declined to run. James Ross, Esq., was then unanimously nominated as the candidate for the Riding.

### CHRISTMAS MEAT MARKET.

Something neat in card cases, photograph albums, writing desks, Morocco wallets, pocket diaries, all nice Christmas presents, at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.

A little son of Mr. James Barton, of Roseville, had a fork in his hand a few days since, when he fell on the prongs which penetrated his skull, and entered the brain. Death ensued next day.

MILTONIAN TABLEAU.—The exhibition of this panorama drew a very fair audience to the Town Hall last night.—The paintings are excellent, and illustrate admirably Milton's great epic.—They will be exhibited again to-night.

PROMOTIONS FROM THE NORTH WARD SCHOOL.—The examination of the North Ward School took place a few days ago, and the following pupils were promoted. To Senior Girls' School: Nellie Masters, Elizabeth Stewart, Adah Raymond and Helen Goodwin. To Mr. Hutton's School: Samuel McCrae, and J. Innes McIntosh.

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JEWELLERY.—In our notice of jewellers yesterday, we inadvertently omitted Mr. R. J. Josenett's establishment, on the Market Square. It is a well kept, tidy place, and his watches, jewellery, and fancy goods are well worthy the attention of intending purchasers, for they will find the articles first-class, and can make from them very suitable selections for presents.

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CHRISTMAS EVE.—In order to suit the requirements of this auspicious evening Mr. T. J. Day, opposite the Market, has added to his immense stock a splendid assortment of goods which are a credit to the energetic and talented proprietor, as well as an ornament to our good town.—Here the requirements of every purse can be suited, and every taste, be they ever so fastidious, gratified, and we would advise all in want of presents for the little folks to go early. We do not know of any other town, or even city, that can boast of such an establishment as Mr. Day now carries on, which he has built up after many years of hard toil and perseverance.

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH CO.—After the first of January the tariff of the Montreal Telegraph Company is to be largely reduced. Messages will after the above mentioned date be sent from Guelph to any point on the Company's lines in Ontario west of Kingston for twenty-five cents. The charge for additional words after the first ten is to be reduced to one cent per word. Tariff to Montreal and Ottawa will be reduced to forty and two cents each additional word. To Buffalo and Detroit twenty-five cents. Other proportionate reductions are to be made to more distant points in Canada and the United States. Arrangements are being made for a large increase of facilities and the erection of numerous branch lines.

NEARLY A SERIOUS AFFAIR.—During the evening of the 18th, the wind rose and blew down a dry pine tree out of a field of the 2nd con. 11th lot, Nassagaweya. Unfortunately Mr. Lamb was going to one of his neighbours with two lambs when he came up with it, and saw that it was almost impossible for him to drive over it, so he thought he would go round the tree, as the fence was already laid down by one of his neighbours. As he was going over a few stones and a rail, one of his horses accidentally fell and was unable to get up. The Rev. Mr. Little was visiting S. S. No. 2, at the time, and when he was going away he happened to look down, and seeing Mr. Lamb trying to get the horse up, he immediately re-entered the school room and informed Mr. McBoe, the school teacher. They went down in company with the writer, and taking hold of the horse, with our aid he was enabled to get up. He was badly scratched but it did not render him incapable of finishing his journey.

STEALING A MARCH.—A report comes to us from Orangeville that one of the two parties into which the ratepayers of that village have recently divided on municipal questions suchred the others most effectually in the matter of nominations, on Monday last. One party wanted the old-council re-elected and at noon on Monday quietly entered the hall, or whatever the building is, and as quietly made their nominations. The others who suspected nothing lounged round until nearly one o'clock, when they thought it was time to begin business, and were proceeding to nominate candidates, when the returning officer informed them that the hour was expired, and he could not accept any more names than those already down. The rage of the party who had allowed themselves to be gouged is said to have scarcely known bounds, and they at once subscribed \$200 in order to inaugurate legal proceedings. Such is the report as we heard it, and we give it without affirming anything.

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Montreal printers hold their annual festival on the 13th January.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Printers, like other good people, must enjoy holidays, therefore there will be no paper issued from this office to-morrow.

At a soiree in the Wesleyan church, Goderich, a few evenings ago, \$1,508 were subscribed in a few minutes, for the purpose of enlarging the edifice.

We have been requested to state that the Guelph post-office will be open for the delivery of mail matter from half-past twelve until half-past one to-morrow.

G. A. D. C.—The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will give their first entertainment this season in the Town Hall, on Monday evening, Jan 4th. See advertisement.

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## BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.  
Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—It is here officially announced that the Turkish admiral has informed the authorities in the island of Syria that his instructions from Constantinople are peaceful. That he had only asked that the Erosis be taken to the Piræus by the French and Austrian steamers to await a trial by the Greek naval officers.

ATHENS, Dec. 23.—The Greek government has made a demand on the Chambers for the approval of an extraordinary credit to the amount of one hundred millions of drachmas. An extraordinary levy of troops has also been made. The National Guard has been mobilized throughout the country and the seaport town of Otraras and the island of Poros are being strongly fortified.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Morning Telegraph to-day prints a telegram from Berlin, announcing that Prussia has called a conference of the Great Powers of Europe to settle peacefully the question at issue between Turkey and Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The report of the proposed Conference on the Eastern Question is fully confirmed. The Vienna Press, the Government organ, says, semi-officially, that the plan originated with Russia, backed by Prussia, and that the scheme is favoured by Austria and Italy. The effort to settle the question without bloodshed will undoubtedly be successful.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The country is entirely tranquil, as the Government propose to make no material changes in the colonial magistracy.

LONDON, 23.—Messrs. G. Hatfield, M.P. for Sheffield, and T. Bagley, M.P. for Manchester, have presented a memorial to Beverly Johnson, requesting him to urge the American Government to adopt a system of penny postage between the United States and Great Britain. The memorial is signed by hundreds of members of Parliament. The London Times prints the memorial this morning and comments favourably thereon.

### American Despatches

The New York Herald's Rio Janeiro correspondence says the Brazilian Ministry has urged measures looking towards peace with Paraguay upon the Emperor, but he refused to acquiesce in them. A financial crash was considered inevitable if he remained obstinate.

The Herald's Buenos letter says the American squadron was about to move up the Paraguan river. It was the intention to demand the surrender of Blas and Westerman. All the Paraguayan prisoners of war at Buenos Ayres had been released.

The Tribune's special says it is rumored that the President will, on Christmas Day publish a final proclamation of amnesty to all persons who were in any way engaged in the late slave holders rebellion, and who were excluded in his amnesty of the last 4th of July. It will include Jeff. Davis, Breckenridge, Sliell, Mason, and all of a like kin.

### New Zealand News.

The Galt Reformer says: Letters from New Zealand, dated Nov. 11th, show that the unfavourable news respecting the families of the Messrs. Dickie and Middlemmas was not altogether correct. Although put to considerable trouble & annoyance by the uprising, of the Maories, none of the members of these families had lost their lives, and all were in strong hopes that the troubles would soon be at an end. The following extract is from a letter received by Mr. J. Rutherford, Dumfries:

"Nothing new with respect to the war has occurred since I wrote to Moore's people. We have a new commander, and if we had sufficient force I think something could be done. Want of man is the drawback—they are doing nothing but acting on the defensive. Another man had been murdered between Patea and Waioya. His head was put in a hole and his body fearfully mutilated, and disgraced. Father, John, Robert and Andrew are at Wairoa redoubt, that is near James Dickie's place. I had a letter from them yesterday. They are very comfortable. Of course you know Andrew has the stripes and a sword. Tom is not doing anything at present. He talks of going to a Redoubt again. J. Dickie's people are all at the redoubt (Wairoa), and likely to remain. It affected Jeanie so much that Wm. Dickie was obliged to leave a month ago. They are living at Wangani, a few yards from us. John Dickie is still at Wairoa. We are very tired of living in Wangani, especially Grandfather. We had a very severe shock of an earthquake. It was preceded by the strangest sounds. You cannot imagine the feeling. Mother felt quite sick. The earth shook violently for a minute and a half, and then gradually died away. Our chimneys were cracked and shifted. They are nearly down. The hens were shaken from their roosts. I never was in such terror in my life. I can assure you we were soon out of bed. Several chimneys in town fell altogether, and crockery suffered a good deal. We have had very boisterous weather lately. Grandfather wishes me to say that this is an uncommonly healthy country, and the soil up in the Plateau district is splendid. It was in only peace so that the people could go on to it, one might still do well here. We would be very happy to see you all here, but in the meantime nothing can be done. You are much better than we are. Tom was in Wellington District last week and saw Mr. Stewart and Anderson. E. D.

### CONCERT AT FERGUS.

The Fergus Drill Shed was opened last (Wednesday) night by a concert, which was afterwards followed by a ball. The affair was in every respect successful, the shed being crowded with an audience, and everybody being pleased. Refreshments were served at a moderate figure. The Guelph vocalists who took part in the concert were Miss Fraser, and Messrs. Taylor and Breardon. Their efforts were highly appreciated, as was testified by repeated encores. About midnight the merry dance began—the time of its ending may be surmised.

A Mrs. Millard, of the County of Perth, presented her liege lord with triplets on Wednesday.