

Parliamentary.

The Legislature had a short sitting on Saturday, when several bills were read a third time, and others advanced a stage. On Monday Mr. McKellar brought up his motion, previously before the House, "that in the opinion of this House, it would greatly conduce to the general convenience and facilitate the business of legislation, if Parliament were convened on or about the 1st of December in each year."

On Tuesday Mr. Wood moved that the bill respecting tavern and shop licenses be referred back to Committee of the Whole with instructions to amend the 10th section by providing that licenses in cities shall not be less than \$50; in towns, \$30; in townships and incorporated villages, \$30; shop licenses, \$50, and \$120 in cities, and \$100 in towns for tavern or saloon licenses, and that section 3 be amended by substituting \$10 for \$12 in the sixth line of said section. This would make the incorporated villages and townships, \$10, Provincial duty.

It is probable the House will be prorogued on Friday.

THE NEW PRIME MINISTER OF ENGLAND - It may not be generally known that the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, now Prime Minister of England, sits for the same constituency in the House of Commons as did Mr. John Townsend (head of the Townsend family), during the years 1857 and 1858.

NON-CONFORMISTS IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. - As there is a State Church in England, it is to be expected that the majority of members of Parliament are at least nominally members of the church, but there is a good sprinkling of non-conformists in the present Parliament. There are seven Unitarians, twelve Congregationalists, ten Presbyterians, six Jews, six Baptists, five members of the Society of Friends, two Wesleyan Methodists, and twenty-six Roman Catholics, twenty-five of these being elected by Irish constituencies and one by an English constituency.

The Stratford Beacon says the owner of a farm of 100 acres, cleared, with good buildings, about a mile from Tavistock, and for which he has received an offer of \$4,000, has to pay on it in the shape of taxes \$2,622, and for a vacant acre which he has the mortgage to own in Stratford, he has to pay \$3 60 taxes. He wants \$4,500 for the first named property and would sell the other for \$200.

The Alabama Claims.

The negotiations for the settlement of the Alabama claims between the American and the British Governments have been brought to a close, and a treaty on the basis of the original protocol has been signed by Secretary Johnson and Earl Clarendon. The articles of the treaty are eight in number, and are substantially as follows: - Article 1. - The two governments agree to the settlement of the claims and differences which have arisen since the Convention of 1853.

On Friday last the President transmitted to the Senate, on Friday, three treaties and protocols concluded between the United States and Great Britain, which were indicated in his annual message, namely: - 1st. A protocol fully recognizing the naturalization laws of the United States, and abolishing the legal principles heretofore maintained in Great Britain of the indefeasibility of native allegiance; 2nd. Treaty referring the boundary dispute about the Island of San Juan, on the Pacific coast, to the Republic of Switzerland; and, 3rd. Treaty for adjustment of all claims, including the Alabama claims, by Commission, to sit at Washington, with the stipulation to refer when necessary individual claims to the head of a friendly nation.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION IN EHAMORA. - On the 11th ult. school section No. 2 Eramora, which has been taught by Mr. William Weir for the last three years, was examined in the presence of the Superintendent, Mr. Kilgour, the Rev. Mr. Barrie, the Trustees, and a number of other visitors. At the close of the examination, the Superintendent called on the Rev. Mr. Barrie to give his opinion of the state of the school. Mr. Barrie rose and spoke to this purpose, that the school is in the most satisfactory state he had ever seen it; that Mr. Weir had evidently a decided talent for teaching and managing young folks without noise and without the rod; that the several classes had acquired themselves admirably; that in all the classes Mr. Weir put his questions rapidly, and the questions were many, and they were almost as rapidly and accurately answered; and that he was highly pleased with the display which the scholars had made this day - showing that they were being thoroughly instructed. The superintendent, Mr. Kilgour, endorsed all that the Rev. Mr. Barrie had said of the admirable state of the school, and tendered a number of good advices to the scholars. L. Parkinson, Esq., also expressed his perfect satisfaction with the state of the school, and addressed a few words of advice and encouragement to the scholars. The examination commenced at 10 o'clock a.m., and continued until past 4 o'clock, p.m., with the exception of a half hour of an interval at mid-day, for the children to eat their dinner. Mr. Weir, as has been his wont, pressing invited all the visitors to his house. There they found a substantial dinner prepared for them, and they did substantial justice to it. Some of the mothers thought that this was putting the family to too much trouble and expense, and proposed that they should bring their dinner with them at the next examination.

It has been the custom of the Welsh people of Uthia, N. Y., for several years past, to hold an Eisteddfod or Bardic Festival on the first day of the new year. The Times gives a full account of the Bardic contest on Friday last. The Welshmen flocked to the arena from distant States, and listened to the rhapsodies in their native tongue with an enthusiasm which survived three sessions in a single day. We refrain from quoting any of the poetry; the long, cantankerous words could be pronounced only by a native of the little Kingdom which invents the Eisteddfod in the days of the Druids.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, JAN. 19, 1869. C. BROWN, R. McMURRAY, W. McKEANZIE, J. LAIDLAW, J. B. BLUICK, JOHN McKEBBLE, Toronto; H. A. FIELD, A. RICHIE, J. GRANT, Montreal; PETER McKENZIE, J. D. DUNBAR, Mount Forest; MARTIN REDIGAN, Cleveland, Ohio; C. SAWERS, Grand Rapids; J. GALLOWAY, Goderich; J. F. BETZGER, Berlin; G. R. GALLOWAY, Chicago; ROBERT HOPKINS, Hamilton; J. W. BRADY, Oakville; MR. LYONS, Hamilton; J. GUTHRIE, Kingston; W. A. HOWSE, Clifford; MISS SMITH, Mrs. HARVEY, J. F. CROSS, FERGUS; J. GARTSLAW, Thos Lawrie, Dundas.

BIRTHS.

MONTGOMERY - At Harrison, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Andrew Montgomery of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ELDER - RATIO - At the residence of the bride's father, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. George McLennan, Mr. John Elder to Christina, daughter of Mr. Andrew Catto, all of Milton. SMITH - McEACHERN - At the residence of the bride's father, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. George McLennan, Mr. John Smith to Ann, daughter of Mr. Archibald McEACHERN, all of Milton. FRASER - BALLANTINE - At the residence of the bride's mother, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. A. Miller, Mr. James Fraser, to Miss Elizabeth, 15th daughter of the late Mr. Ballantine, all of Arthurville. DEVERIS - BALLANTINE - By the same, at the same time and place, Mr. Wm. Deveris to Miss Jennie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Ballantine, all of Arthurville. McDIARMID - McLEAN - In Mount Forest, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. John McMillan, Mr. George McDIARMID, of Milton, to Miss Mary McLEAN, of Arthurville. KIRK - SMITH - By the Rev. W. McFadden, on the 15th inst., Mr. John Kirk, of the township of Erin, to Miss Sarah Ann SMITH, of Chinguacousy. HUFFMAN - RAMBOUR - On the 14th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Wood, at his residence, Niagara Falls, Mr. Thomas HUFFMAN, of Niagara, to Mary R., daughter of Mr. D. RAMBOUR, of Fergus.

New Advertisements.

THE TOWN OF GUELPH. Applications will be received at the next meeting of Council for the offices of Assessors. JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk. Guelph January 20. d4w1

NEW MUSIC BOOK.

"THE WREATH OF GEMS," a Collection of the most Popular Songs, Ballads and Duets of the day, with Accompaniments for the Piano-Forte. Boards, \$2.50. Cloth, \$3.00. Cloth, full gilt, \$4.00. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 714 Broadway, New York.

STRAYED SHEEP.

Came on the subscriber's premises on the 13th instant, two ewes. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take them away. THOMAS BOTTERILL, w3 Waterloo Road. Guelph, Jan 20

STRAY HEIFER.

Came on the premises of the subscriber, Lot No. 25, 5th Con. Nassagaweyn, about the 10th of Dec. last, a young heifer, principally red. The owner can have her by proving property and paying expenses. JOHN RAMAGE, w3 Nassagaweyn, 20th Jan.

MR. JOHN THORN

IS AT

MORGAN'S BARBER SHOP

LOOK HERE TO-MORROW

Guelph, January 20

NEW GROCERY, GLASSWARE, and CROCKERY STORE.

Wyndham-st, Guelph.

J. & D. MARTIN

They respectfully to inform the inhabitants generally of Guelph and vicinity that they will open on SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., a choice assortment of Family Groceries, Glassware and Crockery, in the premises lately occupied by Wm. McGillivray & Co.

They beg to assure those ladies and gentlemen who have favored their predecessor with their custom, that they will be able to procure at the above establishment articles of a superior quality, selected from some of the first wholesale houses in the Province.

They also beg to state that their constant endeavor will be, by the excellence of their Goods, the moderation of their charges, and unremitting attention to the wishes of their customers, to ensure and retain that patronage and support which they now respectfully solicit.

JOHN MARTIN. DAVID MARTIN Guelph, 20th January. d4w1

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between F. W. Galbraith and George Beattie, as Saddlers, &c., under the style and firm of Galbraith & Beattie, of the Town of Guelph, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first of January, 1869. The business in future will be carried on at the old stand by Mr. Beattie. Parties having claims against the late firm are requested to send them to Mr. Galbraith, and parties indebted will please call and settle the same either with Mr. Galbraith or Mr. Beattie.

Witness, } F. GALBRAITH } JOE STRAUCH, } GSO, BEATTIE. } Guelph, 19th January, 1869. d43-w3

NOTICE.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends having the best stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales, Trunks, Valises, Whips, Horse Collars, Brushes, Sundry Carriage Combs, Mane Combs, Carriage Spurs, Whip-lashes of all kinds. Oil and Varnish for cleaning harness, and all other articles connected with the business.

A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and dispatch. GEORGE BEATTIE, January 19, 1869. d4w3 West Market Square

NOTICE.

TO REEVES AND DEPUTY REEVES OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON. The Wellington County Council will meet in the Court House, Guelph,

On Tuesday, 26th January, 1869

AT TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The attention of Reeves and Deputy Reeves is respectfully invited to the Sixty-seventh Section of the Municipal Institutions Act of Upper Canada, as no constable can take his seat without complying with the provisions of said section. A. D. FERRIER, County Clerk, Wellington. January 21, 1869. w

LAND PLASTER.

PARIS and CEMENT PLASTER AT the Montreal Produce Store, at the old stand below the railway crossing. Guelph, Jan 17. d4w3 GEO. BALKWELL.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his house and settle as early as possible. W. H. JACOMIE, d4w2 Guelph, 6th Jan.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop at the Location Block, near the Guelph Market Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage. Guelph, Dec 23. d4w1 B. B. PRESANT.

APPRENTICE WANTED.

Wanted at The Mercury Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once Guelph, 3rd December. d4w1

RUTHERFORD HOUSE.

GO TO THE AUCTION SALE OF DRY GOODS AT RUTHERFORD'S STORE AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

THIS EVENING NO RESERVE! Sale to continue to-morrow at 11.30, and evening.

ROBERT RUTHERFORD. Guelph, January 20. d

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

TOILET Requisites! Hair, Nail & Tooth Brushes. A Splendid Assortment of Rimmel's, Edes, & Lubin's Choice Extracts Honey, Glycerine, Almond, Rose and Brown Winkler

E. HARVEY & CO. Guelph, Jan. 19. d4w

OYSTERS BY MEASURE.

Bring Your Bowls and Pails And get them filled with OYSTERS at WALKERS, and save the price of cans and canning.

HUGH WALKER.

Guelph, Jan. 15. d4w1

AT SHEWAN'S OLD STAND

Alterations now going on. Carpenters at work. The undersigned, who has been for the past twelve years in the Wholesale and Retail Book Trade in Toronto, having purchased the balance of Stock on hand of Messrs SHEWAN, STEWART & CO. of the OYSTERMAN SHANSON, will be daily open to the public at the old stand, 184 St. George Street, Guelph, Jan. 19, 1869. J. B. THORNPTON.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Guelph, 6th Jan. d4w1 JAS. BARCLAY.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER. The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. H. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. & T. Meredith, West side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be put in suit in the Division Court. GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HINGINBOHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, d4w1 Executors.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 4th of January, 1869. Guelph, 24th December. d

FOR SALE.

A commodious and well finished Stone Cottage, situated in the South Ward, adjoining the premises of H. W. Ferson, Esq. The House contains 5 rooms and kitchen. There is a good garden with a number of fruit trees in bearing condition. The property will be sold cheap. Apply to THOMPSON & JACKSON. Guelph, Jan. 15. d4w1

New Advertisement.

LOOK HERE "The Moon shines still, though little dogs bark at it." SO THE

MASON & HAMLIN CABINET AND METROPOLITAN ORGANS

Continue to arrive, in great variety. AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? COME AND SEE. W. WARNER CLARKE, Guelph, January 16. d4w1 Market Square, Guelph

ATTENTION. PROMPTNESS, DESPATCH.

ENGLISH MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY TO HAND AT DAY'S BOOK STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET HOUSE, GUELPH.

Bow Bells English Woman's Bellavia Caswell's World of Fashion English Mechanic Boys' Own Young English Woman's Sunday at Home Leisure Hour Good Words

Sunday Magazine London Journal The Quiver Good Words for the Young London Society Cornhill Argosy Young Ladies' Journal Beeton's Annual Bellavia Journal Xmas No. Chambers' Journal

I can supply any MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER published on short notice. Leave me your order for what you require in the Newspaper or Magazine line. Then you will be sure to receive them early, with promptness and despatch. My facilities for furnishing the above are very complete. You have the privilege of discontinuing by giving six weeks' notice for British and one week for American

T. J. DAY, Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 15.

Retiring from the Retail Trade.

ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OUT.

WM. STEWART,

In returning thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on him for the last thirteen years, respectfully intimates his intention of retiring from the Retail Business.

In order to facilitate the entire clearance of Stock, he will on WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, commence the GREAT SALE, when Goods will be offered at Cost, and in many cases under. The public should take advantage of this rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at the Lowest Prices ever offered in Guelph. The reputation of the Stock being so well known for extra quality, and being composed of New and Fashionable Goods, all may rely on extraordinary Bargains.

On and after the 2nd of January the Books will be closed, and during the sale Goods will be sold only FOR CASH.

N. B. - This is no clap-trap sale, as the subscriber is positively retiring.

WILLIAM STEWART. Wyndham Street, Guelph Dec. 30th, 1868. d4w

Wholesale.

WELLINGTON BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

JOHNA. McMILLAN

Has much pleasure in intimating to the Trade that he is now prepared to supply at the

Lowest Wholesale Prices Boots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.

All Manufactured by himself in Guelph. Dealers are requested to call and examine my stock and prices, and they will find a much better article than any imported work, and their price as low as the lowest. Terms, Liberal.

WANTED, a number of good journeymen to work on Ladies' Kid, Goat, Prunella and Canvas Gaiters, in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine.

LEATHER WANTED. Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

SPECIAL NOTICE. The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories. He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion. Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering special inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St. WILLIAM BURGESS. Guelph December 12. d4w

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SPECIAL NOTICE. The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers and Moccasins, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work. This is no humbug. Call and see, and remember the spots - Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

JOHN A. McMILLAN, Bootmaker for the Millon Guelph, 4th January, 1869. d4w

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

LEMONT & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. d4w1