

# SPRING DRY GOODS

THE subscribers are daily receiving and opening out their importations of **SPRING DRY GOODS**, and will be ready on

**WEDNESDAY NEXT, 17th INSTANT,**

To show a complete and well assorted stock at

**LOW PRICES.**

Also, this season's **CANADIAN TWEEDS**, and **DUNDAS COTTONS**, at manufacturers' prices.

**THOMSON, BIRKETT & BELL**  
Hamilton, 12th March, '86

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
OFFICE .....MACDONNELL STREET  
FRIDAY EV'NG, MARCH 12, 1869.

## Artful Female Dodgers and their Victims.

According to the law as at present existing, the evidence of a female in cases of assault or attempted assault upon her person is sufficient, without corroborative testimony, to convict the party accused. No doubt the Statute was so framed for the better protection of unprotected females, and for the more speedy execution of justice upon the offender. Nevertheless, in many cases this provision has failed in the object aimed at, and has opened the door for treachery and perjury to women of doubtful character, in order to secure from their victims a certain amount of "hush money." So many cases of this kind have occurred in England, particularly in the railway carriages, which only contain three or four persons, that gentlemen of the most irreproachable character sometimes assure themselves before they enter one that they will not be shut up alone in the company of a female who, for aught he may know, is travelling for the special object of entrapping some unsuspecting passenger. The annals of the English Police Court will tell of many cases of this kind where abandoned women pursue this game—and very often with fair success. Rather than have an exposure, though as innocent of dishonorable intentions or efforts as the child unborn, the unfortunate victim of the plot will hand over a sum of money to his persecutor—and for any redress of this evil there is no use looking—he has no alternative but to either submit to the fleecing, or have himself dragged before a court, his private character maligned, and perhaps in the end have to pay all the costs, besides a sum to compensate his persecutor for her "honor." We do not refer to England only for examples of this kind, but to all other countries where a similar law obtains.

Perhaps were the statute in such cases made and provided radically altered, the evil might be shifted the other way; and therefore on the whole we cannot complain of the law as it stands—the best thing to be done is to be very careful in judging of the woman's testimony in the premises. A clear-headed jury can generally discover from the plaintiff's own evidence whether or not she is worthy of belief—and her past character for veracity and general good conduct should be carefully sifted. It is not so easy after all to enact the role of a badly abused and modest woman, as some people imagine—and consequently a vast amount of deception and skill is required on the part of a plaintiff who like some brazen-faced women in cases of breach of promise, regards the question of damages as the most important—honor and modesty being secondary considerations.

We have said this much in order to point out the necessity of care and good judgment being called forth in the settlement of such actions as we have referred to; for while every man is certainly not a Joseph in his morals, every wife, unlike Caesar's, is not above suspicion, as has frequently been proven in courts of law.

**Mrs. GRANT.**—Some of the American papers freely criticize Mrs. Grant's personal appearance. "On Thursday last there was installed a mistress of the White House a little, plain, ordinary woman, to whom the fashionable necessities of her position will no doubt be as irksome as she, in manners and appearance, is notoriously unfit to assume them. Poor thing!" This is really too bad. Another journal says:—Mrs. Grant is essentially an insignificant kind of woman, whose only hold on the attention or memory of her visitors is an unpleasant strabismic peculiarity, and the train of thought she suggests about great men almost always having homely wives. Leaving personal appearances aside, Mrs. Grant is immeasurably superior to Mrs. Lincoln in all the attributes of a lady.

**THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY.**—From an answer recently given in the British House of Commons last week, it appears that no satisfactory arrangements have yet been made for the surrender of the Hudson Bay Territory to the Canadian Government. Messrs. Cartier and Macdougall have been a long time in England now, and they should be urged to demand an immediate and final decision, as the present state of suspense is most unfavorable; and not only the North West Territory, but Canada itself is likely to suffer from the delay.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**—The Dublin *Irishmen*, in an article with reference to the approach of St. Patrick's Day, asks how it should be celebrated. It says:—"Last year we mourned; this year why should we rejoice? Nothing is changed with us, except that some others of our imprisoned brethren have been carried from the dungeon to the grave." It further says that the craze and the sham-rock must still intermingle; "their union is not so soon to be severed."

**ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**—At the last session of Parliament a bill was passed incorporating this Company, which is now in a most flourishing condition and is about to establish agencies in all the principal cities and towns of the province. The head office is at the village of Waterloo, and the managers are men of influence and standing, well known in this locality, such as Mr. Moses Springer, M. P., Mr. I. E. Bowman, M. P., Dr. S. W. Walden, and Messrs. John Alchin, and John B. Snyder. The company intend to carry on a general life assurance business on the mutual principle within the Province and as its rates are, we understand, very low, they will doubtless be able to do a very large business. An office has been opened for Guelph and vicinity, and Mr. H. C. Drake appointed agent.

**A HARD CASE.**—On Wednesday of last week two brothers named Wm. and Jno. McCleary arrived in Toronto for the purpose of entering the hospital, both having had their feet frozen some time before, while working in Ellis township, and had, for about 6 weeks afterwards, lived on the charity of the people of Guelph. Last week, however, Dr. Herod purchased tickets for both the men and the wife of one of them, and sent them on to Toronto. They were unable to obtain admission into the hospital, having no claim on that city. Ultimately, Mr. Boustead, chairman of the Board of Health, gave an order for their admission for one week at his own expense, to allow time to communicate with the authorities of this town, and ascertain whether Guelph is willing to support them.

**SAINT AND SAGE.**—The London *Advertiser* says: "The *Spectator* is discussing whether Sandfield is a sage or a saint. It may be saintly to tell lies, but it is hardly sage to boast of it in public. The truth is, Wood called Sandfield both saint and sage. Thus, the matter is worse than it was reported. Why don't Sandfield canonize Wood; surely one good turn deserves another. Wouldn't they make a precious pair of saints!"

**Not so Bad.**—The book which has been used in the Toronto Police Court for years has been discovered to be a copy of Webster's Dictionary. The Cadi on Friday, had occasion to refer to a passage of scripture, when the real nature of the book was discovered. It has been charged for some time that a bible was not used in the court. The police magistrate ordered a new copy of the Scriptures to be procured.

**ENGLISH GAME LAWS.**—It is difficult to account for the fact that the tyrannous game laws of England find scarcely any opposition from the press of that country or leading men. The only popular writer who spoke plainly was Thomas Carlyle, in his "Past and Present;" but this was long ago, and before he made the discovery that the common people have no rights.

**COURT OF CHANCERY.**—The Court of Chancery will sit in Guelph on April the 6th, Chancellor presiding.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

**COULSON HOUSE.**  
GUELPH, March 11, 1869  
The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: D. McGill, Montreal; D. F. Welsh, Montreal; Charles Beall, Niagara Falls; D. Mitchell, Brantford; Walter H. Barrett, Toronto; W. J. Richardson, Hamilton; Henry Headworthy, Mt. Forest; M. Springer, M. P., Waterloo; A. J. McKay, Grimsby; John Bain, Elora; Mrs. Bain & Daughter, Elora; John Nasmith, Mt. Forest; Wm. McGivern, Hamilton; D. McEwen, Montreal; Thomas Dickinson, Hamilton.

## MARRIAGES.

**WILKINSON, MILDY.** At Elora on the 9th inst, by the Rev. James Middlemiss, Mr. A. M. Wilkinson, to Janet, daughter of Mr. Donald Milroy, farmer, all of Minto.

## New Advertisements.

**HOP FOR KENTUCKY.**

**CHEAP AND GOOD**

**FARMING LANDS.**

**8,000 ACRES** of land for sale in Lincoln and York Counties, Kentucky, U. S., located from half to one and a half miles south of the line of the railroad from Louisville to Knoxville, and passing about two to three miles south of the village of CRAB ORCHARD. Also, two excellent

**SAW MILLS**

may be had with the lands. One mill is to stand at a switch at the railroad four miles south of Crab Orchard, the other about three miles back in the woods from the switch, which is a portable mill of 20 horse power, with ready site for all both mills can make. Timber mostly oak, chestnut, hickory, maple, beech, and some pine, &c. The lands are good farms. Crops unsurpassed for fruit of all kinds, and Tobacco, and well watered by springs of excellent water and creeks, and convenient to great roads passing through them in all directions.

**Climate the Healthiest and Finest in the World.**

The celebrated Kentucky Blue Grass grows luxuriantly, and abounds fodder for cattle running out the year round. No better country for stock raising.

These lands will be sold from \$2 to \$15 per acre, in lots to suit purchasers, on favorable terms for payment—say one-third cash, balance on time if required. Address, **WILLIAM BAINES,** Crab Orchard, Lincoln Co., Kentucky, U. S.

## THE ONTARIO MUTUAL

**Life Insurance Comp'y.**

HEAD OFFICE, WATERLOO, ONT.

A comparison of our rates with the rates of any company either doing or proposing to do a legitimate business respectfully invited.

Every Information given

To intending Insurers.

Medical Examiners—Drs. Howitt and Keating.

**HENRY L. DRAKE, Agent.**  
Box D, Guelph P. O. Mar 12, '86

# Fruit & Vegetables

**Green Peas**  
**Green Corn**  
**Fresh Tomatoes**  
**Fresh Peaches**  
**Fresh Cherries**  
**Fresh Pine Apples.**

Also a quantity of good American WHITE BEANS.

**HUGH WALKER,**  
Guelph, March 12, '86

## CARD.

**JAMES MASSIE'S CO.** having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the *Alma Block and Day's Block*, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, **No. 1, Day's Block**, so successfully carried on under my management.

By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.

**JOHN RISK,**  
Guelph, 10th March, '86

# PUBLIC NOTICE.

## ALMA BLOCK RETAIL GROCERY!

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

# JOHN A. WOOD

HAVING LEASED OF MR. MASSIE

The most Spacious and Elegant Grocery in the Dominion of Canada,

And having (thanks to the liberality of his friends and customers for the last twelve years) bought the stock on very favorable terms,

He is able and determined to take the lead in the Grocery Trade in Guelph.

Many of the Goods will be sold at less than they would cost to lay down at the present time.

## TEAS, TEAS!

AT A VERY SLIGHT ADVANCE.

## SUGARS AND SYRUPS

Will be sold at market rates.

## FRESH COFFEES!

CHEAP AND GENUINE.

As has been intimated to confine himself strictly to the Retail, no Goods will be bought but those of guaranteed quality. Every article sold to a customer will be sure to please, or will be exchanged.

## THE WINES & LIQUORS

Are all sound and of good age, carefully selected, and guaranteed genuine.

## The Crockery and Glassware Department

Hasals received great attention in selecting such Goods as are useful and necessary in every household. Parties who have been in the habit of visiting the cities when in want of anything superior are now saved the trouble, for at the ALMA BLOCK is kept everything from the common Black Tea to the costly Dinner, Tea and Dessert Service. A large lot of Crystal and Pressed Crystal, such as was never before exhibited in this part of the country.

My Store on Wyndham Street will still be carried on on the same principles as hitherto, giving a good article at a fair price. It will be conducted by **MR. ROBERT MITCHELL**, who, having been with me for a number of years, is favorably known to all my old customers. The prices of Goods will be the same at both places, so that there need be no trouble in selecting at which store you will prefer to do a errand.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID A VISIT TO THE

## ALMA BLOCK

## RETAIL GROCERY!

Should do so at once, as I promise them that we will sell at low rates, owing to the great facilities for buying which we possess over any other store in Guelph.

**RECOLLECT, my friends,** that although this is a NEW STORE, I am not a stranger to you. With one exception, I am the oldest Grocer in the Town of Guelph. I began to supply your wants thirteen years ago in the same spot that I now solicit your patronage. I have not been unsuccessful during this time in giving satisfaction to those who have honored me with their custom, and I hope to be found as watchful of their interests and my own as hitherto.

**ALL ORDERS, however small, will be delivered by HORSE and VAN a short time after purchase.**

**Attentive and obliging Clerks,** all old friends of the Guelph public, will be found at all times ready to show Goods to parties, no matter whether they want to purchase or not.

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS WILL BE ADVERTISED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

## Glover, Timothy, Tares, Flax and Turnip Seeds

Of every description, in stock and arriving. We shall not in getting Seeds care so much about the price as the quality, as it has been proved often enough to the farmer's disadvantage that economy in the purchase of Seeds is false.

## Caledonia Plaster, Liverpool Coarse & Fine AND CODERICH SALT,

And all other kinds of Manures, suitable for Agricultural use, will be kept on hand, or obtained for customers as required. A stock of all the articles kept in stock would take up the whole of this paper, I shall not at the present time attempt to particularize, but would ask all to pay a visit to the ALMA BLOCK RETAIL GROCERY before they lay out their cash, as I am determined not to be undersold by any one, and HAVE A LARGER STOCK OF FIRST-CLASS GOODS THAN ANY OTHER STORE IN TOWN.

You will not be charged upon account of the Store being the handsomest and most comfortable for you to be supplied at, and I am sure that one visit will induce you to pay another and become regular customers.

## TEAS.

Every one should know and have confidence in those they buy their Teas of, as all who sell watch-houses are not watch-makers. JOHN A. WOOD HAS SPENT 17 YEARS IN THE GROCERY TRADE, and knows exactly what Teas are, and does not deal in damaged goods of any kind; consequently every pound of Tea sold is warranted as represented or the money returned.

Every article wanted in Families, Hotels, Saloons, Boarding Houses, &c., is sold by JOHN A. WOOD, who is a real live man, working 14 hours a day for the last 17 years. He is a steam engine compared with the ordinary style of Grocers. In a word, John A. Wood is as far ahead of the trade as a velocipede run properly is to a pedestrian. He is the man for the people—quick as lightning and punctual as time.

**JOHN A. WOOD,**  
Guelph, March 9, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street

## A. B. PETRIE'S

# DRUG STORE.

## SODA WATER

The undersigned begs to inform the people of GUELPH and the VICINITY that he will in a few days open a Manufactory of Soda and every description of Aerated Water, in connection with the Well-known Toronto

## Steam Soda Water Manufactory,

Of which he has been for several years manager. Any person having a suitable building, or part of one, with Steam or Water Power TO LET, will please address **C. G. HAMPTON,** 341-117 Guelph, March 12, '86

## CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS

Rev. W. M. Punshon  
BY NOTMAN.

## ENTIRELY NEW AND COPYRIGHTED

Sole Agency for Guelph.

## THORNTON'S

N. W. Cheap Bookstore.  
Guelph, March 11, '86

## HARTFORD Fire Insurance Company

21 Hartf. rd. Conn.  
INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,500,000  
Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.  
Guelph Dec. 21, '85

## MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent moderate interest.  
**LEMON & PETERSON,** Barristers, Solicitors, &c Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868.

## BLANK BOOKS!

ON HAND, a large stock of Blank Books.

## AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE!

Comprising  
**DAY BOOKS**  
**JOURNALS**  
**LEDGERS**  
**CASH BOOKS**

BLANK BOOKS of all sizes at my usual low prices.  
**AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.**  
Opposite the Market.  
Guelph, March 11, '86

## To the Trade.

JUST RECEIVED.

**700 BOXES CHEESE OF Extra Quality.**

**PING SUEY & MOYUNE**  
**YOUNG HYSON.**

(ex Prussian.)  
**JAMES MASSIE & CO.**  
Guelph, March 9.

## PRIZE DENTISTRY.

**DR. R. CAMPBELL.**  
OFFICE next door to the Advertiser's Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

References.—Drs. Clarke & Orton, Mr. Guire, Herod and Mc Gregor and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Burland and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott and Meyers Dentists, Toronto. Teeth extracted without pain. Guelph, 13th Jan. 1869

**CAUTION.**  
I hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 20th of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it.

**IN THE SURROGATE COURT**  
OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.  
NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court, after the expiration of twenty days from this date for the appointment of the undersigned to be guardian of the infant children of George Hough, deceased.  
**JAMES HOUGH,**  
Guelph, 25th February, 1869.