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## Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET  
MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 24, 1868.

### Plot to Assassinate the Queen.

All who admire those qualities which adorn womanhood in every relation of life, which show the female character in all the beauty of its highest attainable state of culture and goodness, will be pained to learn that a plot to assassinate the Queen of England has come to light in Switzerland. Fenianism appears to have its ramifications over the habitable portions of the globe, and it seems, that travel where they may the unforgiving members of the house of Guelph are marked out and selected for slaughter. It is but a short time since Prince Alfred narrowly escaped with his life from the Antipodes, and on Saturday a despatch by the cable informed us that the authorities of Switzerland had discovered a plot which had been concocted for the assassination of Her Majesty, who is at present travelling on the Continent. The particulars of the conspiracy are not given, but a man known to be a Fenian was arrested, and it is stated, that on his examination he gave such information as to leave no doubt that it was his deliberate design to murder the Queen. He has been committed to await the demand of the British authorities. In contemplating these attempted assassinations a person cannot fail to be struck with the folly which mingles with the wickedness of the criminals. "Old repute, consent or custom," as Milton has it, would continue to uphold a monarchy in Britain, if every member of the reigning dynasty were cut off by Fenian bullets within the same hour. Malignity may prompt revenge, a feeling no doubt dear to a Fenian heart, but ignorance alone can foster the supposition that the murder of the Queen or a Prince can in any way assist the cause of Ireland. When the sailor Prince was shot in Australia he was probably as little interested in politics, and knew as little of the Irish question as the youngest "middy" on the Galatea—these things were not in his line—and his Royal mother is equally innocent of any desire to oppress the meaneast of her subjects. Had she been a persecutor, or stretched her power to the very verge of despotism, like some of her female predecessors on the throne of England there might have been some shadow of excuse for a conspiracy against her life, but no palliation whatever can be offered for the crime of contemplating the murder of the best Queen that ever swayed the British sceptre, and who in womanly tenderness, sympathy and virtue is one of the noblest of her sex.

**THE REFORM RUMP.**—Reformers will readily agree with the following from the *Stratford Beacon*:—"By resignation, death, and promotion, the Reform element in the Cabinet has become so small that the character of the Government as a coalition is entirely lost. All that are left of the Reformers who went in are Messrs. Macdougall and Tilley; Mr. Archibald having resigned, Mr. Blair died, and Mr. Howland being elevated to the post of Lieut.-Governor. Under these circumstances, the position of the solitary two, if they still profess to be Reformers, must be as uncomfortable as can well be imagined. The coalition having ended in fact, there is no reason why it should be continued in name; and it would be far better to have an unadulterated Conservative administration than one in which the Tory element is large, and the Reform element is reduced to the rump we now witness."

**CANADA.**—A Scottish traveller, describing the children in Canada, remarks:—"There is a precocity about the children that amuses me much. The little girls, especially, are quick and intelligent beyond their years, take their places at the dinner table, handle their forks neatly, and wipe their dainty little lips with their table napkin at an age when ours are fed with a spoon in the nursery. As a natural consequence they pick up the manners and ideas of their parents sooner, and puzzle their little brains over the oddest questions for a child. One day at dinner, when we were talking about Canada and the United States, one minute politician in petticoats, probably seven years of age, struck in during a pause, and gravely expressed it as her opinion that Canada should had Maine and part of New Hampshire. Then the love-making! To see a small lady of a year and a half coquetting with a small gentleman of a year and three quarters is a sight worth going across the Atlantic even to see. It is enough to make one nervous about kissing a child, for in case it should turn out to be a girl, and bring out an action against you for breach of promise."

Six petitions were presented to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, on the second day of its sitting, for the incorporation of mining Companies, and all of them from persons resident in Niagara.

### LATEST FROM HALIFAX.

The papers to be brought down on Monday embrace a brief report of the delegates, all the papers prepared in England, and the legal opinion of Sir Roundell Palmer and Vernon Harcourt. The latter differs widely from Mr. Wilkins' constitutional arguments.

The delegates submitted six questions. The answers in substance are as follows: 1st. There is no limit to the powers of the Imperial Legislature over a colony like Nova Scotia. 2nd. The authority of the Imperial Legislature being absolute, cannot in any legal sense be dependent on the consent of the colony. 3rd. The preamble of the Union Act is important as evidence that the Imperial Legislature did not intend to exercise extreme powers, but acted on the supposed consent of the colony. If the fact of such consent be disproved, that may afford a valid argument for Repeal, but cannot affect the legal validity of the statute. The fourth is embraced in the fifth and the same answer applies. 5th. The resolution of the Nova Scotia Legislature of 1866 authorised the delegates to negotiate the Union of all the Provinces, but gave no right to arrange a scheme leaving out Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. This defect would be cured by subsequent ratification of the delegates' acts by the Legislature. 6th. The Imperial Legislature did not assume to extinguish the Constitution of Nova Scotia or impose a new form of government without consent—to do so would be an extreme exercise of power.

Some interest is manifested in the Counties of Cumberland and Colchester about the Intercolonial route. The rival routes run respectively by the Acadia Iron mines, and the Springfield Coal Mines. It is said a compromise line will be adopted.

In the Local Legislature the debate on the resolutions was resumed. Mr. Troop spoke an hour. He said Mr. Blanchard's financial arguments were absurd. Without Confederation the Province had plenty of money, with it was almost bankrupt. He denounced the appointments to the Legislative Council by the Tupper Government; men were put in to oppose the lower house. He declared Mr. Langens' dispatch a threat to the Nova Scotia Legislature, that its acts would be disallowed. There could be no compromise. The agitation must continue till repeal is obtained. If the Dominion Government stood between the Queen and the people of Nova Scotia, the latter would look abroad for sympathy. He said negotiations were going on for the sale by the Dominion of a portion of the Nova Scotia railway to an English Company.

Mr. Smith spoke next. The delegates had followed their instructions to the letter. Mr. Bright would have moved to repeal the British North American Act, but the delegates thought a commission of inquiry the first step. He charged the Dominion Government with keeping back Nova Scotia's petition, and thus delaying the work. The delegates' petition was not sent till Dr. Tupper went to England. He read an extract from the legal opinion obtained in England, in effect thus:—"Parliament acted on the assumption that the people of Nova Scotia really wanted union. The Preamble expressed this. To pass the Act otherwise would be an arbitrary exercise of power."

Mr. Blanchard, the leader of the Opposition in the Legislature of Nova Scotia, referring to the practice in the press of attributing every disaster, of whatever kind to Confederation, remarked that the value of real estate in Halifax had increased by a million of dollars during the year. He claimed that Confederation should, under the circumstances, be permitted to charge this as an offset to the accusations brought against it.

The simultaneous rifle match between the Royals, of Montreal, and the 2nd Lanarkshire, Scotland, resulted in a tie—334 points.

The Royal Artillery now serving in Canada have all been supplied with new breech-loading carbines.

An Armstrong armorer is to proceed to Toronto and Prescott, with the necessary tools to sight the guns at those places.

Upwards of \$900 has been subscribed in Montreal towards defraying the expenses of the All England Eleven.

OTTAWA NEWS.—No. 3 Company, of Sandwich, is disbanded on account of the subordinate manner in which they marched from Windsor. Capt. Guthrie, for setting a bad example to his company, is removed from the list of officers. Ensign Gray, of the same company, is also removed from the list. Regulations for the meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, to be held at L'Anse-au-Loup, on the 15th September, are published. The Militia General Order authorizes the use of Rangoon oil to preserve arms from rust. Price sixty cents per quart. The list of patents of invention for the year, numbering 249, were published in Saturday's *Gazette*; also, regulations for the civil service examinations for India competition of 1868.

**THRILLING INCIDENT AT NIAGARA FALLS.**—The *Buffalo Commercial* of a recent date says: "We learn by a gentleman who came up from Niagara Falls this morning that a startling incident occurred there yesterday afternoon. A little girl, while getting upon the railing of the bridge leading from the main land to Goat Island, lost her balance and fell into the rapids. Instantly a young man named Moulton, residing at Auburn, plunged in to rescue the child. Grasping the little one and keeping her head above water, both were swept on toward the precipice, and destruction seemed inevitable. But Moulton, being an expert swimmer, struggled manfully with the rushing torrent and succeeded in reaching the shore, only about fifteen feet from the brink of the cataract. It was a most humane and daring act."

### BIRTHS.

STEVENS.—On the 13th inst., the wife of Horatio Stevens, Esq., of a daughter.

### DIED.

STEWART.—In Guelph, on the 24th inst., George McKenzie Stewart, at his residence of "Nacatan," in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

FARFOLD.—In Woodstock, on the 21st inst., the infant child of Mr. Jesse Farfold.

MUNDL.—In Elora, on the 21st inst., the infant son of Mr. John Mundl.

D. Nicholson, quartermaster of the steamer *Europa* of the Anchor Line, has been committed to Greenock prison on a charge of smuggling tobacco into that port.

## New Advertisements.

### COTTAGE TO RENT.

WITH four rooms, dining room, parlour, kitchen, winter kitchen, soft and hard water. Terms made known on application. By letter, addressed A. B., Drawer 29, Guelph P. O. Guelph, Aug. 20, 1868. d1w

### Servant Girl Wanted.

WANTED, a smart, active servant girl, to go to a Village a few miles out of Guelph. Apply at the Mercury Office. Guelph, Aug. 21. d1f

### SPEED LODGE No. 180.

AN Emergency meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, 25th, August, when a full and punctual attendance of the brethren is requested. Business—One first, and two thirds; refreshments.

JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, 20th August, 1868. d1d

### WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED to Rent a Cottage, or Single Dwelling of five or six rooms. Address Drawer Box No. 9, Guelph P. O. Guelph, August 15. d1w

### NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to Dr. PERKINS, Rockwood, are hereby notified to settle the same immediately, otherwise their account will be put into Court for collection. Rockwood, Aug. 5th 1868. w1f

### LADIES' SCHOOL.

Conducted by Mrs. W. Budd.

THE present vacation terminates on MONDAY August 17th. Guelph, Aug. 5. daw 1m

### Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as Brewers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All claims owing to the late firm, will be settled by Mr. Geo. Sleeman, and all notes and accounts due the firm must be paid to him.

Witness: JOHN SLEEMAN, GEORGESLEEMAN, A. M. JACKSON. Silver Creek Brewery, Guelph, August 12, 1868. daw 1m

### TOWN HALL, GUELPH.

### Four Nights Only

Tuesday, Wedn'sday, Thursday

AND FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 26, 27 & 28.

### FRANCE & LANNIER'S

### GRAND DRAMATIC

### CONSTELLATION

THE above TALENTED COMPANY will have the honor of appearing before the Citizens of Guelph and vicinity for a limited number of nights, when will be produced some of the Latest

### Sensational

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Known to the Theatrical World. The initial performance will be the famous Irish Drama,

### ARRAH - NA - POGUE!

Or, THE WICKLOW WEDDING.

With a powerful Cast of Characters, together with the highly amusing farce, called

### THE MAN IN BLACK!

Entire change of bill each night. Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c. For particulars, see programmes. Guelph, Aug. 22. d4

### TO RIFLEMEN.

JUST RECEIVED AT

### PETRIE'S Drug STORE,

OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING,

A SUPPLY OF

### COULD'S MAGIC

### RIFLE-CLEANER!

For cleaning Rifles and Sporting Guns, and instantly removing fouling and leading without the use of water or oil.

A. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Guelph. daw 1f

### SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wool Pickings.

At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 28. dw D. MOLTON.

### BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel, GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Pishan Standard American tables.

W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor. Guelph, June 24. do 1y

### How to Cool Off.

Gentlemen, come to the

### DOMINION SALOON

If you like a FANCY DRINK of any kind, got up in first-class style.

Patrons—In Woodstock, on the 21st inst., the infant child of Mr. John Mundl.

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JAMES CORMACK, Guelph, 24th June, 1868. Wyndham-st. Guelph

### Golden Lion, Guelph.

A CARD TO FAMILIES, Boarding Houses, Boarding Schools & Hotel-keepers.

COLD WEATHER is approaching, and preparation for it is necessary:

### CANADIAN BLANKETS!

The Best Canadian Blankets made in the Dominion, is made for me by MESSRS. T. & J. DAVIDSON, Guelph. Those Blankets are made of the best Wool that comes into our market, grown by farmers in our own County, and manufactured in our own Town. I am thereby enabled to offer the best article produced, and

AT A MUCH LESS PRICE Than any of my competitors in the business here. Those wishing to turn a

No. 1 BLANKET at the Wholesale Price, will find it to their interest to call at once at the GOLDEN LION.

JOHN HOGG. Guelph, 22nd August, 1868. dw

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

### BOOTS! BOOTS!

Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

THE Machinery in this establishment is now all fitted up, and in a few days we will be in full operation.

On Wednesday, 26th Instant, The Largest, Cheapest, Best and most Serviceable Stock of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the People of the County of Wellington, will be open for Inspection.

Remember I manufacture all my work. I do not send money away from our County to enrich Toronto, Kingston or Montreal. I employ work people here in Guelph, thus keeping the money in circulation amongst ourselves. I make a better article than you can buy imported. I ask no Protection—FREE TRADE is my motto.

Come and see my stock and prices, and I am satisfied you will find the Cheapest Boots and Shoes at the "Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory," Wyndham Street, Guelph.

CUTTER WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a good Cutter. Also, 10 good Workmen. Apply to JOHN A. McMILLAN, Guelph, 20th August. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

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Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.

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of every description, consisting of

### MADDER

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FOR SALE CHEAP.

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