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SELLING OFF HARDWARE AT COST!

Dignity and Impudence WOULD REBUKE.

A small Cork street cotemporary in the Hardware business foolishly advertises that he gravely reminds readers is not an old stock.

All this silly talk is, of course, in answer to the Subscriber's advertisement that the European continent, he is willing to sell off his present stock at cost prices, an advertisement which he gravely reminds readers is not an old stock.

While people are very young and rather excitable, they are apt to talk and vapour to they would find terribly embarrassing. Common sense and calmness often come with age.

Business experience and mature judgment are required to enable merchants to buy and business should strive to get along quietly so as not to attract too much notice to themselves.

How would this very young business man feel if taken at his word by a few clever and demand on his business honor that he will supply them with the same goods at a price which he would not have given for them?

The Subscriber hopes that this mild rebuke will prove sufficient, and that in future the wisdom and reason will take the place of foolish excitement, and dignity replace impudence in the style of business advertisements.

Remember JOHN HORSMAN is selling off his vast Stock of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, at COST, so that there may be room made for the immense stock now on its way from the European markets. Do not neglect this great opportunity of laying in Cheap Bargains of Hardware.

Guelph, 6th February, 1868.

per than any one else, and calls attention to his New Stock,

immense supply of goods shortly to arrive from Britain and

foolish proclamations that if seriously called upon to act up

erely trust it may prove so.

red there may be room for boasting. People young in years

knowledge.

a note of our prices, should quietly step up to Cork street

establishment.

JOHN HORSMAN.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

FRIDAY EV'NG, FEB. 7, 1868.

THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

Guelph, by municipal representatives, has taken up the advocacy of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway with earnestness. The calling of a special meeting on short notice, the framing of a petition for legislative favor to the enterprise, and the investing of the Railway Committee with power to appear before the Railway Committee of the Legislature as special pleaders for the road, speaking the opinions of the corporation, are strong indications that there has been lately a revolution of feeling with regard to this particular project. A short time ago, and to give countenance to the construction of this railway was to be unpopular; now those who were a few years since its most uncompromising opponents may without charge of inconsistency stand up as its warmest advocates. The wheel on which local events are registered has taken a turn and carried us to a point in diametrical opposition to our former position. Progress has marched northward with hasty strides; our neighbors have been rapidly assimilating their circumstances to our own; new conditions beget new ideas and aspirations, and the period is not distant when they will demand the same facilities for intercourse with the world beyond them, the same benefits from the labors of the highest of human ingenuity that we ourselves enjoy—will demand them and listen to no refusal. All this is only a recurrence of what has taken place frequently before, and although it would have conduced to the interests of Guelph had the northern townships been longer in asserting that they were prepared for the enjoyment of the highest advantage which man can enjoy for personal intercourse with his fellows, yet we have no right to chain the minds of our friends, or attempt to fetter those high resolves by which they are endeavoring to demonstrate their advancement and their capabilities. They have been subservient to us as we have been to others, and no one can afford that his life should be a continuous apprenticeship.

When it has come to this, when the North has become so important that even Toronto wants to trade and be friendly with it, when it has served its probation and asserted its arrival at years of maturity, and its right to choose its own friends; and when its good-will is desirable, it is evident that it will be to our advantage to maintain a connection with it, even under the altered circumstances. The question is no longer whether these people are to have railway facilities—that is settled in the affirmative—and the next point to be solved is, where the southern terminus of that railway is to be. We observe that the County Council of Grey at its last sitting resolved not to petition the Legislature to grant a charter to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, and we trust we may accept this as an indication of their belief that it would be for their benefit to open up communication with

Guelph. It is pleasing to record the expressed intention of the Premier of Ontario with regard to these railways, and it is to be hoped that he will be vigorously aided in carrying out his resolve to grant no charter to a narrow gauge railway, but to insist on a uniform width. This will deprive one of its chief recommendations that line of road which Guelph has now set itself so vigorously to oppose, and set the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway on fair grounds of competition.

It may be said, and it has been said, that it is extremely selfish on the part of Guelph to champion a project now to which it was so unrelentingly hostile a few years ago. Do those who make these assertions ever consider the motives which prompt their own actions, or the actions of communities or of mankind at large? What constitutes progress only a desire for self-aggrandisement, and how slow would be the march of improvement if men worked with an eye to their neighbors' interest more than to their own? We doubt very much if there is such a thing in nature as a voluntary unselfish deed, for even such a one as merits most the approval of the world contributes most to the happiness of the actor, and while a man feels happy in making others so, he cannot be said to be devoid of selfishness. We say, then, that Guelph had a perfect right to oppose the railway while she could, same as every person has a duty to perform in making the most of his circumstances; but its power for opposition has departed and it does the next best thing for itself, and by all means the best for the people of the North, come out as a strong supporter of the railway which is to have its southern terminus at Guelph in preference to that which is to run from Toronto. All this we say is perfectly legitimate on the part of Guelph. Nor is it what other places would not do, and we trust it may be abundantly successful.

The Narrow Gauge Railway.

A public meeting was held in Toronto last (Thursday) night to consider the best means of promoting the immediate construction of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. The meeting was divided in regard to the project, some being in favour of the narrow gauge, and others of the gauge now employed by the other railways in Canada.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. J. G. Worts, seconded by Mr. A. R. McMaster:—

"That this meeting believes that the general interests of the country, and of this city, will be best promoted by the construction of independent lines of railway, leading direct from the country to the Toronto harbour."

Mr. J. H. Cameron, who advocated the broad gauge, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Spratt:

"That while this meeting is unanimously in favour of railway communication between Toronto, Grey and Bruce, the great interests involved in the railway service of this city requires that hostility should be avoided, and an endeavour should be made to reconcile all existing difficulties before the project is submitted to the Legislature."

The amendment of Hon. J. H. Cameron being put from the chair, was voted down unanimously, and the original resolution put and carried amidst enthusiastic applause.

New Advertisements.

ALLAN'S Barber SHOP.

IN THE BASEMENT OF Castle Garden SALOON, West Market Square.

SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING, SHAMPOONING, and HAIR COLOURING, Done in First-Class Style. Making and doing up Curls for Ladies. Guelph, February 6th. dtm

Good READING

CHEAP AT Day's Bookstore.

Pickwick Papers, Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Nicholas Nickleby, Domby and Son, Great Expectations, Christmas Stories, Sketches by Boz, Hard Times.

Each complete in one Volume.—Price 25 cents each, by mail, post-paid for 30 cents.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Guelph, 6th February, 1868. dw

SPEED LODGE NO. 180. A. F. & A. M.



THE next regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the old Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, February 11th, at half-past seven. By order. JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, 7th February, 1868.

WANTED. TWO young men of steady habits. Apply at the Mercury office. Guelph, 5th February, 1868. dtf

Cow Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the Fair Ground yesterday, a red cow, giving a little milk, in good order, was bought of a man near Morrison. Any one returning her, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be rewarded. JOHN ROBERTS, Butcher. Guelph, 5th Feb, 1868. dtf

Heifer Strayed.

CALVE on the premises of the subscriber about the last of November last, a red and white heifer. The owner can have her by proving property and paying expenses. ANGUS McLEAN, Lot 4, 6th Con, Township of Erin. Guelph, 5th Feb, 1868. dw

Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the premises of the subscriber, a white cow, medium size, 4 years old, with horns turned in at the top. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be handsomely rewarded. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG. Guelph, 5th Feb, 1868. dtf

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT, No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 31, 1867. dtw D. MOLTUN

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY. (From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.) TORONTO, 13th September, 1866.

Messrs MUGROVE & WRIGHT, B. A. Commercial College, Toronto. DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the value of training for commercial pursuits obtained by the young men educated at your College.

We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he never had any previous experience, has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient Book-keeper. We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, we gave a decided preference to one of your graduates. In short, we have no hesitation in saying, that as far as our experience goes, your course of training is eminently adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man. Yours truly, LYMAN & MACNAB.

(From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.) TORONTO, May 21, 1867.

Messrs MUGROVE & WRIGHT, B. A. Com. College, Toronto. DEAR SIRS,—We can eminently recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers. The young man in our employ bears testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different houses pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated by your system of tuition as to render the knowledge applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.

Your efforts are worthy of every appreciation in founding a sound Commercial Emporium of the intelligent youth of Canada, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part and not the incapacity of the tutor. We shall ever give and advise preference to your pupils for an office, and feel glad to thus attest our experience of the same. We remain, Gentlemen, yours, &c., MORRISON, TAYLOR, & CO., Wholesale Provision Dealers.

For Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c., address MUGROVE & WRIGHT, Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. (dw) Toronto.

FRENCH'S

Condition POWDER,

AND HEAVE REMEDY.



FOR THE CURE OF HEAVES

Thick and Broken Wind, Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,

And all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.

It is the best medicine known for removing Impurities of the Blood and producing a Soft and Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiar effect in Cleansing the Skin. As a Diuretic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made. Prepared by

A. B. PETRIE

Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, 29th Jan, 1868. dw

G. A. D. C.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club in giving another of their popular entertainments in the TOWN HALL,

On Wednesday, 19th Feb

entitled BARBAROSSA

By John Brown, D. D., will be produced for the first time in Canada. To conclude with the King Farce of

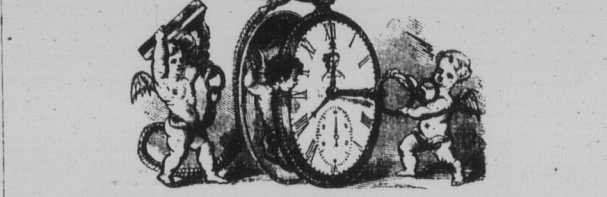
THE HAPPY MA

Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 50c. M. ARMOUR, Manager. M. VALE, Leader of Orchestra. Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. dtf

New Advertisements.

Where do you get your Watches,

CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?



AT SAVAGE'S.

Guelph, February 6, 1868. dw

NATIONAL SERIES OF

SCHOOL BOOKS

ANOTHER LOT OF THE

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JUST RECEIVED

AT R. CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 6th February, 1868. dw

NEARLY GONE.

received a few days since

the demand has been im-

posed a discerning public.

White COTTONS.

These Cottons, in the various widths and qualities, at the

of O. BUCHAM.

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

WITHOUT any exception, the Barclay Sewing Machine, manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Company,

AT PARIS, ONTARIO,

is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination is merely requested, which will be to the advantage of those intending to purchase. All machines warranted.

Also, agent for the DALTON KNITTING MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market.

Apply to MOSES BECHTEL, General Agent for the County of Wellington, Blair Post Office.

Agent for Guelph: MRS. HUNTER, Fancy Store, Market Square. Guelph, Jan 22, 1868. dw