

OFFICE...MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'G, MARCH 28, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLUECH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

Besides, were there not other things made it likely enough that he had done the atrocious deed? In the first place, the youth had abandoned, and no one knew whether he had fled. Was this not of itself a strong confirmation of his guilt? Then, was it not natural for him to cherish a bitter animosity against Jabez Cringan? He was Helen's father, and it was well known that he had used all his influence and authority to induce her to break her troth to Richard, and marry the rich owner of Birkencluech. Judging him to be the chief author of his great wrong, might not hatred and revenge have instigated him to the commission of the deed—a deed which would gratify not only his passion, but by which he could at the same time secure a heavy body? All the district knew that Jabez Cringan hoarded gold in an iron coffer, and from his position in the belfry stair, Wayland had seen him receive and count over the hundred pounds—Helen's legacy from Lady Barton. Here was a temptation of itself to commit the murder. The youth knew that this large sum would be deposited in the miser's coffer beside his other hoardings, and the rifled box showed that the murderer had secured the whole of the treasure.

Thus it was universally considered that Richard Wayland was Jabez Cringan's murderer, and the conviction was freely and generally expressed by Greystones within half-an-hour after Sir Gilbert Barton had left. The Baronet did not tarry a minute after giving information to the authorities, and he therefore heard nothing of the dreadful suspicions so freely expressed; but another horseman, who rode through the village about twenty minutes after Sir Gilbert had left it, had full opportunity of listening to these, and he did so with a secret but intense delight. This horseman was Charlie Allan, who was on his way to Birkencluech, and pulled up his horse by the side of the crowd gathered in the street to know the cause of the sensation manifested. The villagers were only too eager to acquaint him with the murder which had been discovered, and the surmises which the discovery had produced, and Charlie, nodding his emphatic acquiescence in the opinion as to the author of the deed, rode on.

"At last," he muttered, "at last; who would have thought it would have been so long in coming to light? I expected to hear of the discovery every day for the last six weeks; and now it is at last made by Sir Gilbert Barton. What could have been his business at Cringan's Cottage? Something, I am sure, connected with Helen, no doubt. Ah! I have also looked every day for some movement on his side, and he meant this was the first of his motions. He doubt, of course, to frighten or bribe Cringan into making revelations, but has found himself balked in that quarter. He will probably come to me next. Let him. I am ready to meet him; and all the more that suspicion points to this mysterious son of his as the murderer. Oh, what a rare revenge to get him convicted of the crime! Gad, that would go far to repay the obligations I owe the meddlesome fool. This is a weapon to fight him with that will cut keen into his heart; and won't I drive it home—aye, to the very hilt."

These thoughts occupied him during the few brief minutes of the ride between Greystone and Birkencluech. When he dismounted from the saddle at the front entrance to the latter, a thick-set, heavy countenanced trooper who was lounging there came forward to take his horse. He was a most ferocious, brutal-looking fellow, with a bloated face, shaggy eyebrows, eyes of a sinister cast, and an immense mouth, with thick, flat lips.

"There's a visitor waiting in the house for you, Captain," said the man, in a deep, bulldog tone.

"A visitor, Sloggan. Who is it?"

"Sir Gilbert Barton," was the gruff, laconic answer.

"Ha!"

"Yes. You have been expecting him for some time, I suppose?"

"True, and my wonder is that he has been so long. But I'm ready for him, Sloggan—quite ready for him. If he thinks to have any advantage from me he is mistaken."

"Better go to him at once, then," growled the trooper, as he took the horse to lead it to the stable.

"Harkye, Sloggan, I've news for you," said Allan, as the man moved away.

Sloggan stopped at once, and looked back with a silent stare.

"All Greystone is astir, and excited by the discovery of a murder."

"The trooper turned pale, but spoke not."

"The murder of Jabez Cringan," added Allan.

Sloggan turned paler still.

"Why man how white you have grown. One would think 'you' had murdered the man."

"M—me, Captain. How—how can you talk like that?"

"Because that pale face of yours is apt to breed suspicion. Only the scent is strong in another direction."

"It is?" gasped Sloggan.

"Yes, everybody believes that Richard Wayland is the murderer. Don't you think it very likely he is?"

"In course I do, Captain," answered the trooper, with a glum smile.

"Ha! ha! ha!" laughed Charlie.

"Ho! ho! ho!" sounded harshly from the deep chest of Sloggan.

"Better go to the kitchen, Sloggan, and have a cup of brandy," said Allan. "You look as if you needed it. And drink it to the speedy capture and conviction of the suspected murderer of Jabez Cringan."

"I will," answered the trooper, with a horrible leer, and another ferocious oath.

"Now for a fencing with the Baronet," muttered Charlie, as with a bold insolent tread he traversed the long passage which led to the room in which he was waited for by Sir Gilbert Barton.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company appear as claimants on the estate of Sir Morton Peto and his partners for the large sum of \$33,000,000. An English paper thinks "there never was such an account filed in any bankruptcy of a private firm since the world began." Let us hope there never will again.

To Thinking Invalids!

A few plain, earnest words, with such of you as suffer from indigestion, and its usual accompaniment Habitual Constipation. The means of obtaining relief, of accomplishing a cure, is tendered to you in Bristol's Sugar Coated Pills, the only cathartic and alternative in existence which respects the obstructed passages of the bowels without a pain, and restores to the stomach and liver the vigor stolen from them by disease. This genial aperient never enfeebles any organ, or reduces the general strength. On the contrary, it infallibly renews the natural health of the digestive and secretive functions. Rarely will it be necessary to call in a physician, where this family medicine is kept in the house. In all cases arising from, or aggravated by impure blood, or humors, Bristol's Sarsaparilla should be used in connection with the Pills.

APRIL.

A PLACE for everything and everything in its place. A time for all things and everything in its season. This is true, for the Spring of the year is the time to remove exuberant, cloying accretions from the body by purifying the blood, and thereby scatter the dormant seeds of Dyspepsia, Consumption, Liver Complaint, &c., from the system, and it is now an established fact that for this purpose the Great Shoolmans Remedy has never been equalled.

THE CONFESSIONS & EXPERIENCE OF AN INVALID.

PUBLISHED for the benefit and as a CAUTION to YOUNG MEN and others, who suffer from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay of Manhood, &c., supplying at the same time the Means of Self-cure, by one who has cured himself after undergoing considerable quackery. The applicant, by paying postage on his order, will receive a copy free of charge, from the author.

NATHANIEL MAYFAIR, Esq.,
726-3m Brooklyn, Kings Co., N. Y.

A few days ago it was mentioned in the Dominion Parliament that a number of the settlers at Red River had revolted against the government of the Hudson's Bay Company, and had formed themselves into an independent republic. The truth of the story was then doubted, but has received the amplest verification from a despatch sent by the President elect to the Duke of Buckingham. The following is a copy of the document:

LA PRAIRIE, MONITOBA, *via* Red River Settlement, 19th Feb., 1868.

MY LORD.—As President elect by the people of the newly organized government and council of Manitoba, in British territory, I have the dutiful honor of laying before Your Lordship, for the consideration of Her Most Gracious Majesty, our beloved Queen, the circumstances attending the creation of this self-supporting petty government in this isolated portion of her Majesty's Dominions, and as loyal British subjects we humbly and sincerely trust that Her Most Gracious Majesty and her advisers will be pleased forthwith to give this government favorable recognition, it being simply our aim to develop our resources, improve the condition of the people, and generally advance and preserve British interests in this rising far west.

An humble address from the people of this settlement to Her Majesty the Queen was forwarded through the Governor General of Canada in June last, briefly setting forth the superior attractions of this portion of the British Dominions, the growing population, and gradual influx of emigrants, and humbly praying for recognition, law and protection; to which no reply or acknowledgment has yet reached this people.

Early in January last, at a public meeting of settlers, who number over one hundred it was unanimously declared to be at once proceed to the election and construction of a government, which has accordingly and duly been carried out. A revenue imposed, public buildings commenced to carry out the laws, provision made for Indian treaties, construction of roads, and other public works tending to promote the interests and welfare of the people. The boundaries of the jurisdiction being for the time proclaimed as follows:

North.—From a point running due north, from the boundary line of Assiniboia, till it strikes lake Manitoba; thence from the point struck, a straight line across the said Lake to Manitoba Port; thence by longitudinal line 51, till it intersects line of latitude 100.

West.—By line of latitude 100, to the boundary line of the United States and British America.

East.—The boundary line of the jurisdiction of the Council of Assiniboia.

South.—The boundary line between British North America and the United States.

I have the honor to remain, My lord, Your Lordship's obedient servant, T. SPENCE, Pres. of the Council.

To the Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, London, England.

Insure before Fifth April
With the Life Association of Scotland.
Agent for Guelph,
WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the Guelph Packing Company are requested to send them to the undersigned by mail for adjustment.

EDWARD HARRISON,
Box 131, Guelph P. O.
Guelph, 26th March, 1868. d3

Select Boarding and Day School.

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH proposes (D.V.) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 29th April.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw3

School Teacher Wanted.

WANTED for School Section No. 1, Township of Erin, a 1st class male teacher, to commence immediately.

ALEX. SCOTT,
DONALD MCKECHNIE,
MALCOLM MCLAUCHLAN, Trustees.
Erin, 9th March, 1868. 4dw

Law Clerk Wanted.

WANTED, a steady intelligent Lad as Clerk in a Law Office. Apply to PALMER & LILLIE, Guelph, March 25, 1868. dwtr

TRADE SALE.

JOHN BOYD & CO.

WILL offer for sale at Public Auction

On Wednesday, April 8,

1868.

a large and well assorted stock of

GROCERIES,

WINES and LIQUORS,

SUGARS, TOBACCOES,

TEAS, RICE,

COFFEES, FRUIT

And general Goods required by the Trade.

LIQUORS:

PORT and SHERRY WINES, CHAMPAGNE, Cases BRANDY, DUKUPPER'S GIN, BERNARD'S OLD TOM, JAMAICA RUM, BLOOD'S DUBLIN PORTER, Pints and Quarts.

CIGARS:

HAVANNA, GERMAN and DOMESTIC, various brands and qualities.

FISH:

CODFISH, HERRINGS, MACKEREL, LOBSTERS, SARINCES, &c.

Sale at half-past Ten A. M.

Toronto, March 20, 1868. daw 2

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUOR, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawly

TEA COMPANY

A LARGE SUPPLY

OF THIS

CELEBRATED TEA

FOR FAMILY USE,

Just received at the

MEDICAL HALL.

N. HIGINBOTHAM,

Sole Agent for Guelph.

Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

FOR SALE.

200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb.

500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches

200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade.

50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly.

100 bushels Dried Apples.

French Plums and Prunes.

Anchovy Paste.

Bloater Paste.

Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, March 24th, 1868 dw

REMOVAL.

STEPHEN BOULT,

Architect and Builder,

Has removed his Workshop and Planing Factory to QUEEN STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church,) a short distance east of Wyndham Street.

Plans, Specifications & Estimates, Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.

STEPHEN BOULT having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCrae, Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber on hand. Prompt attention given to all orders.

Guelph, March 10th, 1868. d3mwy

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England,

(Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph 1863.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER

AND JEWELER,

DAYS BLOCK,

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

FOR sale cheap, SETH THOMAS' CLOCKS, by the best maker in America. Also, Perspective Painted SPECTACLES.

Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

POTATOES!

Potatoes of all Kinds

Wholesale and Retail.

AT WEBSTER'S

Grain and Flour Store,

West Market Square, Guelph.

Guelph, March 20, 1868. do tr

Toronto Advertisement

W. & D. DINEEN

BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of

HATS, CAPS and FURS

Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st.

Wholesale and Retail. TORONTO.

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dwet

DOMINION HOTEL

GEORGE BLACK

BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the

BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST.

A few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience.

Guelph, March 6, 1868. daw 3m

Newsboys Wanted.

TO SELL the "Evening Mercury." Boys always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

Guelph, March 10th, 1868. dtr

Try those Splendid New Figs

AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX.

Oranges and Lemons?

Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.

Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

SELLING OFF!

NO HUMBUG.

All the DRY GOODS unsold at the

RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

WILL BE SOLD AT COST PRICES.

Those wishing great bargains will find it to their advantage to buy from R. RUTHERFORD, as he is going out of the Dry Goods trade.

CHOICE GROCERIES!

His Groceries are super-excellent in quality, and he is determined not to be undersold. Just arrived a fine lot of DRIED APPLES, which he is prepared to sell very cheap. Also, a large lot of CLOVER, TIMOTHY and TURNIP SEEDS.

Guelph 21st March, 1868 daw

NEW ARRIVALS

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

1868.

Those wishing great bargains will find it to their advantage to buy from R. RUTHERFORD, as he is going out of the Dry Goods trade.

Guelph 21st March, 1868 daw

FINNAN HADDIES,

YARMOUTH BLOATERS,

FRESH HADDOCK,

FRESH COD.

FRESH OYSTERS.

At a great reduction from regular prices. FOR CASH ONLY.

HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit and Oyster-dealer, Wyndham-St., Guelph.

Guelph, March 17, 1868. daw y

The Cheapest Spot in Guelph

FOR EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

CLOTHS, CLOTHING

HATS AND CAPS,

IS AT THE

THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, March 17, 1868. daw y

STEWART'S PLANING MILL

ERAMOSA BRIDGE.

THE subscribers beg to thank their numerous friends and customers for past favors, and beg to inform them that they will continue the business in all its branches. Having re-fitted their machinery, which is the best in the Dominion, they are prepared to do work better and cheaper than any other establishment in the Province. They keep constantly on hand all kinds of

Mouldings, Dressed Flooring, Sheeting and Shelves.

ALL KINDS OF LUMBER

DRESSED AND UNDRESSED.

constantly on hand. Parties furnishing their own lumber can have it prepared on shorter notice and in better style than at any other establishment in Guelph.

R. J. & J. S. being practical men of considerable experience, hope by strict attention to business to be able to give the fullest satisfaction to all who may favor them with a call.

Guelph, 10th March, 1868. wdm—dW&S

NEW Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WALD

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.

The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. R. McCracken, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.

Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.

Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dw6m

the Surrogate Court

of the County of Wellington.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, on the SIXTEENTH day of APRIL, next, for the appointment of ALEXANDER THOMSON, of the Town of Guelph, Merchant, to be Guardian of Jessie Andrew, William Andrew, George Andrew, Margaret Andrew, Mary Andrew, and James Andrew, infant children of Jane Andrew, late of the said town of Guelph, widow, deceased.

J. WENSTER, Jr., Solicitor.
Guelph, 19th March, 1868.

TEACHER

FOR THE

Senior Girls' School.

APPLICATIONS for the office of Teacher of the Senior Girls' School, under the management of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the Town of Guelph, will be received by the subscriber up to 11th April. The salary is \$400 per annum. Applicants must hold first class certificates, and be competent to teach French.

JOHN T. SPAFFORD, Secretary.
Guelph, 21st March, 1868.

SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. It is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.

Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample or work, or terms, address

J. E. SPAFFORD, P.O. Box 450, Toronto.

Reference—Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O.

NOTICE.

HAVING sold out my stock at "Bradford House" and Book-accounts to Mr. Philip Bish, all parties indebted to me on book account will pay the amount to Mr. Bish.

GEORGE JEFFREY,
Guelph, 5th March, 1867.

W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Acupuncturist. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street.

Guelph, 27th Jan. 1868.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR