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Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.) JUST RECEIVED, a large assortment of Em...

Some of the Finest Patterns ever seen Call and see them, they are for sale singly...

New Oranges and Lemons. For sale GATE'S & CO'S VICTORIA SEWING Machines...

MRS. ROBINSON, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph, Guelph Feb. 10th, 1868.

NEW Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WILD BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel...

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

The Town of Guelph. TENDERS WANTED.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till MONDAY, 4th MAY, for removing the Weigh House, Scales and Market Clerk's Office...

Plans and Specifications can be seen and full information obtained, by applying at the Town Clerk's Office.

GEORGE S. HEROD, Chairman, Market House Committee. Guelph, April 27, 1868.

FRUITS

FRESH ARRIVALS AT No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

Canned Peaches, Pears, Plums, Cherries, Apples, &c.

BOTTLED JAMS

Strawberry, Gooseberry, Damson, Currants, &c. A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

E. CARROLL & CO., No. 2, Wyndham Street. Guelph, April 20, 1868.

Insolvent Act of 1864

FOR SALE BY ASSIGNEE.

THE Stock-in-trade of ROBERT RUTH-ERFORD of Guelph, Ont., at so much as the Dollar, of the Invented Prices, Goods and Inventory to be seen on the premises.

Tenders will be seen by D. GUTHRIE, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Guelph, or by the Assignee.

Up to Saturday, 2nd May, and may be made either in bulk or separately for Dry Goods or Groceries.

Terms cash, or approved credit. PHILIP S. ROSS, Assignee of Estate of R. Rutherford. Montreal, 20th April, 1868.

TROTTER & GRAHAM,



DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

(Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.) OFFICE:

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store

REFERENCES.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattullo, M. M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton. Dr. Barnhart, Warden of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

The new anaesthetics used for extracting teeth without pain. W. K. GRAHAM (dw-1y) Guelph, 2nd August, 1867.

MRS. DAVIS'S Eating House & Grocery

MRS. DAVIS begs to inform the public of Guelph and vicinity that at her Eating House meals can be had at reasonable prices—Also for sale OYSTERS, Fruits of all kinds, Confectionery, &c.

FRESH GROCERIES Always in stock an excellent stock of Groceries, comprising Teas, Sugars, Coffees, Tobacco, &c., at prices as low as they can be bought for in any store in Guelph.

Remember the place—Upper Wyndham Street, nearly opposite Hazelton's Furniture Warehouse. MRS. C. H. DAVIS. Guelph, March 19, 1868.

CLOSING NOTICE.

DURING the summer months, commencing on 1st of May, the Drug Establishments of the undersigned will be open till eight o'clock, p. m.

N. HIGINBOTHAM, E. HARVEY. April 29, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having purchased the entire Stock and Business of M. SHEWAN, Guelph will continue to carry on the business in the same premises.

W. J. McCURRY, Guelph, April 29, 1868.

NOTICE.

IN consequence of building an addition to my Brewery, I have opened a depot on Norfolk Street, for the sale of my XXX ALE in bottles, and appointed Mr. John Nicholson my agent.

THOMAS HOLLIDAY, Guelph 15th April, 1868.

WANTED

TWO hands in the Blacksmith's Shop that have worked at the business some time, also a boy as an apprentice. None but steady persons need apply to J. B. ARMSTRONG'S, I. X. L. Works, Guelph.

April 29th, 1868.

Notice to Builders.

ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered. WILLIAM CHIPCHASE, Guelph, April 24, 1868.

FARM LOTS

FOR SALE CHEAP, in good settlement with every convenience. Apply to C. J. BLOMFIELD, Sec., Canadian Land and Emigration Company, Toronto and Bank Buildings, Toronto.

April 17, 1868.

STEER STRAYED.

STRAYED from the yard of the Subscriber, on or about the 18th inst., a Steer, red colour, with the exception of a few white spots, 4 years old, good size, and horns rather long. Any person giving such information as will lead to his recovery will be suitably rewarded.

JOHN WEST, Guelph, April 29.

PAINTING, CLAZING, &c.

THOMAS BREADON DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH, Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c.

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he is prepared to execute all manner of work in connection with his business at rates as low as

GOOD WORKMANSHIP

And MATERIAL will allow. Shop, - - Douglas Street, Next door north of Wm. Hoover's Livery Stable, and directly opposite Wm. Brownlow's Undertaking Establishment.

When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's. THOS. BREADON, Guelph 1st April, 1868.

Medical Dispensary

HARVEY'S PATENT BENZOLINE

For instantly removing Grease, Oil, Wax, Paint, Tar and other Spots from Silk, Velvet, Cloth and Kid Gloves, Carpets,

And all kinds of fabrics, without injuring the most delicate colors. Price 25c per box. Sole Proprietor, E. HARVEY, Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St., Guelph April 16.

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

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

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 D'ALTON 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.

CANADA HOUSE. CALEDONIA SPRINGS,

Near L'Original, on the Ottawa, County of Prescott, Ontario, Canada.

BY A. M. F. CIANELLI.

THIS elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodation of a superior order for over two hundred persons, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 1st of June next. The House is fitted up in the first style, and is replete with every necessary demanded by modern ideas of comfort and convenience. The Halls and Lobbies are spacious, the Public Rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen elegantly finished, the Private Apartments comfortable and convenient, all lofty and well ventilated, and newly furnished in a handsome manner. The Hot and Cold Baths are very numerous, in a wing specially arranged for them, and constantly supplied with the Mineral Waters from the Springs, by costly steam pumping engines. To meet the requirements of all, without interfering with the repose of any, the arrangements for in-door amusements are confined to a separate building, specially erected for the purpose, containing a spacious Ball Room, Billiard Room, Bowling Alley, and other recreations. The Saline, White Sulphur, and Gas Springs are but fifty yards from the house.

A satisfactory explanation was made, and the two gentlemen allowed to depart, "wiser if not better men." Is there any certainty that all the officials are as faithful as the sentinel?

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes for the EVENING MERCURY are had in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET. FRIDAY EV'NG. MAY 1, 1868.

SALT.—The Kincardine Salt Co. lately established have bored to the depth of 55 feet. A second call for 20 per cent upon the subscribed stock has been made.

REV. MR. PUNSHON.—There is said to be a probability that this eminent pulpit orator will pay a visit to Guelph. Every effort will be made to induce him to come.

The corporation of Quebec is certainly possessed of very economic notions at the present moment. At its last meeting it was resolved to discontinue the use of half the public lamps.

A BARGAIN.—On Thursday last the Cunningham farm, situated about a quarter of a mile from the most central part of the town, and containing eighty-seven acres, was sold by the mortgagee, Mr. Buchanan, of Hamilton, for \$2,450. Mr. Hatch was the fortunate purchaser.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.—The total receipts of the Great Western Railway for March, 1868, amount to \$264,207 against \$311,284 for the corresponding month of 1867. The receipts of the Grand Trunk, for March, 1868, were \$502,052, against \$491,261 in March, 1866.

MAN SHOT.—The Brockville Recorder says: Just as we were preparing for press the melancholy intelligence reached us that R. Coleman, Esq., of Lynn, was found in a tool house adjoining his residence dead, with a bullet hole through his head. Whether shot accidentally or otherwise we have not learned.

"THE MEAEORD MONITOR."—Our old confederate, Mr. H. Watt, formerly editor of the Fergus Record, has sent us a copy of the prospectus of a new paper which he is about to establish in the village of Meaford. It will be christened the Meaford Monitor, and the appearance of the first number is announced for the 22nd of May inst. We wish friend Watt success in his venture.

A CAR ON FIRE.—On Monday, the 27th inst., as the through freight going West was approaching Widder, one of the box cars near the engine burst suddenly into flames, which would soon have spread to those adjoining but for the prompt measures adopted by those in charge of the train, assisted by the villagers, who in great numbers assembled, and with the aid of a plentiful supply of water, succeeded in confining the fire to the car in which it originated. In fact the only damage sustained was the transformation of a box car into a flat.

BIGAMY.—The Mount Forest Examiner says: Stephen Boakes, was on Monday last brought before Thos. Smith, Wm. H. Ryan and Jno Robertson, Esqrs., at Cooper's hotel, Egremont, charged with having two wives. The prisoner was arrested on a warrant issued by Thos. Smith, Esq., on the information of Margaret McDonald, who alleged that on the 27th of March, 1866, she was married to the prisoner, and lived with him for some time, when a second woman made her appearance, and claimed that she was the lawful wife of the prisoner. Upon further inquiry, Margaret McDonald found that he had really been married to this woman about five years before, and she therefore gave way to the one who had the first and better claim. Thinking, however, that Boakes should not go unpunished for his disgraceful conduct, she had him arrested. The charge of bigamy being clearly established, their Worships ordered the unlucky prisoner to be sent to Owen Sound jail, to await his trial at the next assizes.

CATCHING A TARTAR.—The Ottawa Times tells the following: A somewhat ludicrous—although it might have proved serious—circumstance occurred on Sunday to two gentlemen while passing the jail in this city. It appears they were conversing between themselves as to the improbability of any prisoner within its walls, successfully attempting an escape. One of them at a particular point inadvertently remarked, "that if he," supposed to refer to Whelan, "got out there, he would give him credit for it." The ever watchful and listening sentinel was at their heels, and overheard their conversation, and thinking it was rather strong for the critical state of the times, quickly called the guard; the officer in charge arriving, commenced his inquiries, when fortunately a merchant in the city, well acquainted with the parties, who, by the way, are residents of Montreal, arrived, and being recognized by the officer, a satisfactory explanation was made, and the two gentlemen allowed to depart, "wiser if not better men." Is there any certainty that all the officials are as faithful as the sentinel?

GUELPH LIME.—We observe that a Mr. Rose of St. Mary's has purchased a car load of lime at Guelph, and it is strongly recommended by the Argus.

The population of the town of Stratford, according to the census just completed, is: males, 2,175; females, 1,899; total 4,074.

UNTRUE.—The New Hamburg Beaver says, that the report which was going round to the effect that the breweries of Messrs. Rau & Sons, of that village, and Mr. Rupp of Baden, had been seized is a mistake.

CULPABLE CARELESSNESS.—A young girl in Quebec was thrown down by two of the volunteer cavalry who were galloping their horses along the street at full speed on Friday last, and so injured that her life is despaired of.

ODD FELLOWS.—The 40th anniversary of the existence of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America was celebrated by different Lodges over the continent. On the night of Monday, the 27th inst., according to the Banner there was a high old time at Chatham.

SUDDEN DEATH IN PICKERING.—A man named Henry Thompson, aged about 25 years, an emigrant, who had just arrived from the old country, died very suddenly at the residence of a friend in Pickering, on Monday the 27th inst. He was quite well on Saturday. The Drs called his disease black fever.

THE CROPS IN WATERLOO.—The Chronicle says:—The Fall Wheat in this county, of which there are large quantities sown, looks far better this spring than it has for many years. There are few who can remember when it was so little winter killed as it is at present. The fine rain which had yesterday will tend immensely to bring forward vegetation. If nothing happens to prevent its future advancement, our farmers are almost certain to reap an abundant harvest of fall wheat.

A YOUNG MAN MISSING.—A young man named Byron Mudge, aged twenty, has been missing since the 22nd of February last. When last heard from he was in Woodstock acting as travelling agent in the County of Oxford for the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company. His parents reside at Sheffield, County of Wentworth, and would be grateful for any intelligence of their son.

FAMINE PRICES.—For almost every article of produce offered for sale in the St. Catharines market, famine prices are demanded at present, and it is really a mystery how working people with small wages, manage to live at all. Butter commands 30 cents per pound; potatoes \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel; meat 12 1/2 cents per pound; white fish 25 to 40 cents each, and every other article of consumption is proportionately high.

MONTREAL ELECTION.—The nomination for Montreal West took place on Thursday. About 400 persons were present. Mr. Michael Patrick Ryan was the only candidate proposed, and was declared duly elected by the Returning Officer. Mr. Ryan after returning thanks for the honour of unanimous election, said he accepted it as proof of the good results of the efforts of the late lamented member to unite the classes of our great and growing metropolis in the bonds of brotherly charity.

ACCIDENT.—Says the Champion: A serious accident occurred at Bronte Station on Saturday morning, caused by a horse taking fright at the cars and throwing his rider, a Hamilton boy, in the employ of Mr. Lyght, a stationer. The boy, who is about twelve years of age, was thrown and kicked in the forehead and face, so that it was at first thought that he was dead. But on being brought into Wray's hotel, and kindly cared for, he rallied, so that on Tuesday he was able to be removed to his home.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday night last some of the members of the Guelph Temperance Society met in the Temperance Hall to give Mr. P. Waterston proof of the respect they entertained for him, previous to his departure for the old country. In the absence of the President the chair was occupied by Mr. D. Kribbs. An address to Mr. Waterston was read by Mrs. Robinson, and in it were expressed the high ideas which the members of the Society entertained of his personal worth, and their appreciation of his efforts for the promotion of the cause in which they were laboring. Their prayers were for his future safety and well being.—Mr. Bish then presented Mr. Waterston with a beautiful pocket Bible, on the fly leaf of which was an appropriate inscription. The latter gentleman acknowledged the address and the gift in suitable terms. Refreshments were served, music at intervals cheered the company, and a very agreeable evening sped quickly.

A HIGH PRICE.—A copy of Elliot's Indian Bible, a work which no living man can read, was sold at auction in New York, on Tuesday, for the extraordinary sum of \$1,180, the highest price ever paid for a printed book in this country.

Parliament of Canada. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, April 30.

Hon. Mr. Rose moved concurrence in the resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means.

The resolutions were taken up "seriatim"—the excise resolutions first.

The first resolution adding three cents per gallon on spirits was agreed to, also that imposing five cents per gallon on all petroleum and coal oil manufactured in Canada.

Then came the customs resolutions. The items horse fifteen dollars per head, hogs ten dollars, swine two dollars, sheep one dollar, having been moved.

Dr. Parker expressed disapproval of the specific principle, as applied to the duties levied on animals. It was not reasonable that the same fixed duty of \$15 should be levied on a horse worth \$300 and one worth \$20. The duty, he thought should be according to the value.

Considerable opposition was manifested to this item, and Mr. Oliver moved in amendment that horses, cattle, swine and sheep imported for the improvement of stock, be admitted free. After a long discussion the amendment was put and lost.

The items under the head of specific duties were agreed to.

On the next item—brandy, gin, rum, whiskey, 80 cents per gallon.

Mr. Jones moved in amendment that the duty be removed to 63 cents, the same to excise duty on whiskey. This would be advantageous to the revenue in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and would do no harm as regarded Ontario and Quebec.

The amendment was negatived, and the item agreed to.

The other items were agreed to down to the duties on sugar and molasses as follows:—Sugar equal to or above No. 9 Dutch standard, also sugar candy and confectionery 25 per cent, and 1 cent on green tea was made.

Mr. D. A. McDonald said that he thought this determination in favour of black tea was because the Lower Provinces used it exclusively. He moved that the specific duty on green tea be reduced to 5 per cent. Lost—yeas, 48; nays, 58.

Mr. MacKenzie moved to reduce the specific duty on green tea to six cents.

The House divided on Mr. MacKenzie's amendment, which was lost. Yeas, 45; nays, 53.

The remaining resolutions passed up to the last, imposing export duties on logs and shingles, staves and bolts.

Mr. MacKenzie moved to strike this out. Lost on a division.

All the resolutions having been concurred, Messrs Howland and Tilley introduced the Excise and Customs Bills founded on the same.

A CURIOUS TRIAL PENDING IN THE COURT OF SESSION.—The Edinburgh correspondent of the Inverness Courier says: The Court of Session is likely soon to be the scene of a jury trial of a very peculiar description. It is a case at the instance of a young lady, residing not far from Edinburgh, against a gentleman in good circumstances, for damages on account of alleged breach of promise of marriage and seduction. There are some peculiar features in the merits of the case but what will probably render it all the more important in a legal aspect is the course which may be adopted in the event of a verdict being given for the pursuer. It is said that a plea will be raised that, in the event of the breach of promise and seduction being proved, it will follow that the parties are husband and wife, according to the law of Scotland. And, on that plea, an attempt will be made to have the case carried, for final decision, to the House of Lords.

EMIGRATION FROM BRITAIN.—A Bremen letter says that emigration from that port has never been witnessed on so large a scale as at present. Between seven and eight thousand persons have passed thro' this city during the last few days, coming chiefly from Saxony and Prussia. Many also arrived from Bohemia.

QUICK PASSAGE.—The steamship City of Paris of the Inman line, which left New York on the 18th March, arrived at Queenstown at an early hour on the 27th, on the way to Liverpool, making the run between the two first mentioned ports in the very quick time of eight days fourteen and a half hours.

SHIP FEVER ON EMIGRANT VESSELS.—It is said that nine of the passengers by the Bremen bark Amaranth, which arrived in New York on Sunday last, were more or less afflicted with ship fever. The disease is sometimes called Asiatic cholera. As a large immigration of poor Germans is expected this year, and as the medical authorities at continental ports are apprehensive of the outbreak of cholera among these immigrants, it is to be hoped that emigrants from Great Britain may not be tempted to take passage in German emigrant vessels.

Some parties in the vicinity of London have been indulging in very absurd practical jokes, sending Ku-Klux-Klan or threatening letters to various parties, especially to toll gate keepers. This sort of thing is exceedingly annoying and reprehensible, and should be stopped ere the perpetrators get into serious difficulty.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, April 30.—Yesterday was the third day's races of the Newmarket spring meeting. The sweepstakes for four-year olds was won by Sir H. Bulkeley's Gowan Glendower. The Prince of Wales' stakes of 150 sovereigns each, 17 subscribers, was won by Mr Bowes' 'Jaroban.' The Newmarket two-year old plate of 200 sovereigns 101 subscribers, was won by Sir E. Johnstone's 'Brigantine.' The free handicaps, two miles, 63 subscribers, was won by 'Hippa.'

London, April 30.—The trial of Burke and Shaw was resumed this morning.—The proceedings against Casey were discontinued, and the prisoner discharged. The jury brought in a verdict against Burke and Shaw, and the Judge then sentenced the former to 15, and the latter to 17 years imprisonment.

London, April 30th.—In the House of Commons to-night the debate on the Irish Church was continued. None of the leading members of either party took part in the discussion.

London, May 1.—In the House of Commons last night, Mr Walpole, member for Cambridge University, opposed the resolutions of Mr Gladstone. In the course of his remarks he acknowledged that it would be unwise at this time to erect an established church in Ireland, but he declared it would be a far more serious event to destroy such an establishment. All the arguments brought to bear in favour of such action were equally valid against the existence of the Established Church of England. He warned the House against the consequences which would follow the destruction of the Irish Church.

London, May 1st.—The 1000 guineas stakes of 100 sovereigns each for three-year old fillies, carrying 132 lbs. each, one mile, 71 subscribers, was won by Jones' 'Formosa.' In the betting, Sir Joseph Hawley's 'Green Sleeve' was the favorite.

Madrid, April 30.—Lieut.-General Juan de la Penuela has been appointed Captain General of the new province of New Castile.

American Despatches.

Havana, April 30.—The mail steamer arrived from Vera Cruz. Two hundred families were rendered homeless by the burning of the town of Jaraton. Some lives were lost in the conflagration.

St. Louis, May 1st.—An Omaha special says the Indians killed four men on Rum Creek, and two others near Sidney Station.

New York, May 1.—Advices from Mexico state that the proposed concession to an English Company for the building of the Vera Cruz Railroad had been condemned by Congress.

Manufacture of Beet-root Sugar in England.

The feasibility of manufacturing sugar from the beet in England, is likely to be put to the test very shortly. An enterprising London sugar refiner, Mr James Duncan, has engaged to put up a factory on condition that the adjacent farmers grow a certain quantity of the beets. The condition has been complied with, the Lavenham Farmers' Club having engaged to cultivate 200 acres. The Mark Lane Express appears to be sanguine as to the result. In reporting the action of the above-mentioned club, that respectable journal shows that in France the yield of beet root sugar has increased from 4,800 tons in 1827, to 132,000 tons in 1860, with a further increase since; that large quantities of this product are sent to England, and compete in the market with the West India article; that the climate of England is every way favorable to beet culture; that twenty tons of sugar beet, a moderate average yield, will bring £18, while thirty tons of mangolds, also a fair average yield, are only worth from ten to thirteen guineas, and that in addition to this gain there is considerable value about the refuse after it has gone through the press, for feeding purposes. On these and like grounds, our able contemporary argues the success of the experiment.

One fact stated in connection with the matter, would seem to encourage the belief that the Canadian climate is eminently adapted to the cultivation of the sugar beet, and that in this country a large per centage of saccharine substance would be contained in the crop; it is, that below forty-five degrees of latitude the plant does not yield enough saccharine to answer the purpose of sugar-making, and that the higher the latitude above forty-five, the larger the proportion of saccharine, so that in Russia as high an average as fourteen per cent is obtained. We have had our doubts as to beet-sugar being a profitable manufacture in this country, but various facts have led us to look somewhat more hopefully upon it, and we should very much like to see the question subjected to the ordeal of thorough experiment.

To Sportsmen.

Now opening my Spring Supply of Fish Hooks, Rods and Tackle, consisting of Reels, Nets, Fly Books, Pannier's Landing Rings, Winches, multiplying and plain, Silkworm Gut, Artificial Flies, mounted and plain Hooks, Steel and Brass Swivels, Bait Boxes, Floats, Peble Braided Hooks, and a variety of Fish Lines—linen, silk, horse hair, &c., JOHN HORSMAN.

STATE OF MRS. MCGEE'S HEALTH.—It is reported that Mrs. McGee is in a very precarious state of health. The sad bereavement which she has experienced has induced a state of nervous prostration, which her physicians regard as very serious. So greatly is she affected that she is never left alone, and for some days it was feared that her reason could hardly bear up against the calamity which had befallen her. We are glad to hear that, though still far from well, Mrs. McGee is gradually becoming convalescent.

A Florence letter states that Ricciotti Garibaldi, who had been in that city for some time, has left for Leghorn, where he would join his brother Menotti, and then embark with him for England. The rumor current a few days ago, that General Garibaldi had left the island of Capraia for Rome, is now contradicted.

The effect of the great demand for silk in the manufacture of the Chassepot cartridges, has been to create a rise of 25 per cent in the price of silk. This indicates the extensive preparation of the war article that is going on.