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NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE

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A. GRAHAM & CO.

Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg,

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where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

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On hand, a large consignment of capital potatoes, which we will sell at the lowest possible price. Give us a call.

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Guelph, Nov. 25. d1m

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OF

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c., in the Village of Acton.

Public notice is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, I will offer for sale by public auction, on the premises, in the village of Acton, in one lot, at so much in the $, the Stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton, Insolvents, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, which, with certain Household Furniture and Book Debts, are valued at $2,900.

The Store is large and convenient, with a Dwelling House above, and a large garden in the rear. The rent, which is paid up to March next, is only $120 per annum. The Stock and Stock Book may be viewed on the premises up to the day of sale, by application to Malcolm or Donald Kennedy, residents of the village, and a copy o the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned.

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Guelph, November 18th. dwy

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF,

SADDLER,

Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

IN THE NEW BUILDING,

Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and Cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Bells,

Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of **HORSE CLOTHING,** Blankets, Sursingles A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.

H. METCALF.

Guelph, December 4. dw

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Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.

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Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

SATURDAY EV'NG, DEC. 19TH, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

A Mutual Improvement Association has been organized at Rothsay.

It is said that a number of counterfeit Royal Canadian Bank bills are in circulation. They are principally *ones*.

The Fergus Drill Shed will be opened on Wednesday night. We have already alluded at some length to the preparations for the occasion.

HURRAH FOR THE HOLIDAYS. — Call and inspect the large stock of NEW BOOKS for Christmas gifts at Day's Bookstore opposite the Market.

Mr. Wallis, M. P. P., for Toronto, has in a great measure recovered from his attack of blindness, and was in his place in the Legislature a few evenings ago.

Baron Rothschild left his eldest son four chateaux and a little capital of $100,000,000 to begin the world with. The other Rothschilds divide the trifling remainder between them.

It is said that the work on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway will be commenced near Elora in a few days, by clearing the roadway and taking out sleepers and other necessary timbers.

The Trustees of the Elora Grammar School have sent in their resignation, because of the refusal of the county and village council to grant additional aid towards the maintenance of the school.

A London Roman Catholic journal says that only one Catholic had been returned by an English constituency; that three have been rejected, viz., at Preston, Beverley and Bridgewater; and that the number of Roman Catholics in the new Parliament will be 26.

Brampton thinks itself terribly grand, and wants to be called the "porkopolis" of the Dominion because one firm has packed $10,000 worth of pork this season. What will it think when told that the Wellington Packing House, Guelph, accomplishes as much every three or four days?

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—The nomination of candidates for the offices of Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeves, for Guelph, for the ensuing year, will take place at the Town Hall, at 10 a.m., on Monday. The nomination of councillors will take place in the various wards at noon the same day.

Mr. Michael Kastner, Deputy Reeve of Downie, expired suddenly on Saturday evening last. He had been from home during the day, and on his return had eaten a hearty supper. Shortly after he complained of a severe pain in his breast, and in a few minutes he dropped from his chair and expired.

The Galt *Reporter* is pleased to mention that Mr. Alex. Dickie, who was lately taken to Berlin, for safe keeping, in an unsound state of mind, is rapidly improving, and bids fair at no distant day to again take his place in public. His many friends will be heartily gratified at learning of his convalescence.

HAPPY RESULT OF EARLY FRIENDSHIP.—At one of the booths in Brechin, a stalwart voter having given his name and address to the polling Sheriff, was asked for whom he voted, when he shouted his reply in stentorian tones. "Cornal Macdonal', of course, I kent him when he was sookin' his mither!"—*Brechin Advertiser.*

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—The examination of the Senior Girls' School, taught by Miss Walker, will be held next Tuesday. Singing will form an addition to the usual exercises. Four pupils from this School obtained second class certificates at the last meeting of the Board of Public Instruction. Mr. Hutton's school will be examined on the forenoon of Monday, and Mr. Hunter's on the afternoon of the same day.

I believe that in politics, as in love, there is nothing like the parties meeting face to face. When I started on my canvass, I met an old friend who told me I was quite right not to hold meetings, for, said he, "I agree with an old lady, a friend of mine, who said that politics were like love-making. She did not believe in love-letters, and thought there was nothing like mou' to mou'."—*Lord Elcho.*

A new story of Robert Hall is going the rounds of the English papers, to the effect that one of his congregation took him to task for not preaching more frequently on predestination. Hall was very indignant. He looked steadily at his censor for a moment and replied: "Sir, I perceive you are predestined to be an ass, and what is more, I see you are determined to make your calling and election sure."

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—REDUCTION IN RATES.—On and after the first of January the Montreal Telegraph are to make another large reduction in their tariffs. Messages after that date will be sent from Toronto to any point in Ontario on the company's lines for twenty-five cents. This rate will also be extended to Montreal. The charge for additional words is to be one cent each.—Large reductions are to be made to more distant points.

NEARLY POISONED—A CAUTION TO PARENTS.—The London *Free Press* has the following: On Wednesday evening, a little boy, the son of a legal gentleman of this city, took sick, suddenly, and on medical aid being summoned, was found to exhibit violent symptoms of poisoning by arsenic. Restoratives were speedily applied, and after a time the little fellow recovered so as to be out of danger. Upon investigation it was found that he had chewed the covers of a story book, which were of a deep green color; and contained, no doubt, a large quantity of the poison. Parents generally would do well to guard their children from using such books in future.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway.

DEPUTATION TO WALKERTON.

Special Dispatch to Guelph MERCURY.

WALKERTON, Dec. 19th, 2.30 p.m.

The Railway deputations from Hamilton and Toronto respectively addressed the County Council last evening, Messrs. Adam Brown and W. McGivern representing the W., G. & B. R., and Messrs. Laidlaw, and W. F. McMasters on behalf of the Narrow Gauge. Mr. Brown explained the present state of the W G. & B. R., the unforeseen delays of the chancery suit, &c., and showed the steady and successful accomplishment of the object of the company in spite of the many and great difficulties encountered and now happily overcome. The Narrow Gauge men could say nothing for themselves, could not give the people of Bruce the least encouragement to hope that they would in anything like a reasonable time be able to build the road. They called in question many of the statements made by the President of the W., G. & B. R., and went over the stale and oft refuted stories of no change of route transhipment, Grand Trunk bugbear, amalgamation and consequent raise of tariff. These were most ably refuted by Mr. McGivern and Mr. Brown, and the reading of letters from responsible officials, &c., in corroboration of their statements was received with loud applause from the Council and the large number of influential gentlemen assembled in the Court Room. There is not the slightest doubt but that a most favourable impression regarding the W., G. & B. R. has been made, not only on the County Council, but on all who heard the statements made. The Council entertained the delegates to dinner in the evening.

The Newsboys of New York.

The industry and activity of the newsboys of New York by no means goes unrewarded. Though their earnings vary a good deal, they having their good and bad days like the rest of the world, they can generally realize from 50 cents to $3 a day, according to their age, activity, and capital. On the arrival of important news, however, when what are called "extras" are issued, some of them make considerable sums. During the late elections in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, when despatches were constantly arriving till a very late hour, one boy sold 560 papers between 11 and 12½ o'clock at night, realizing $11 net profit in one hour and a half; his mate sold 510 in the same time. These same boys, each about 15 years of age, sold 2,000 papers between them when the telegraph announced the capture of Jefferson Davis; and, on the evening that Mr. Lincoln was assassinated, they sold the enormous number of 2,400.

His last batch of papers disposed of, the newsboy trudges down to Park-place, and merrily bounding up the wide staircase of one of the largest buildings of the street, finds himself at home. This is the "Newsboys' Lodging-house."

Here, every evening, about 6½ o'clock, are congregated nearly 200 representatives of humanity, in mud, rags, and tatters, from 7 to 17 years old. On entering, each boy gives in his name to the Superintendent, at the same time paying 15 cents, in return for which he receives a ticket for his supper, bed, and breakfast, and the key of a locker, which is his for the night. Having placed what money he wishes to save in the Home money-box, he goes to the lavatories, where there are baths, hot and cold water, and every appliance for washing in abundance. It does one good to see the heartiness way in which these youngsters go in for a scrub, with a piece of yellow soap and a rough towel. Some of them must have taken a lesson from that chapter in Pickwick where Mr. Meller "has a rinse." Every boy is compelled to take a bath. One by one they tumble in the large hall and although very orderly and well behaved, commence a series of antics and chaff with one another; the practice of the Grapevine Bend is just now very much in vogue, and causes much amusement. They appear to have a peculiar slang language of their own and most of them rejoice in some whimsical soubriquet, such as:—"Mickety," "Round Hearts," "Horace Greeley," "Wandering Jew," "Fat Jack," "Pickle Nose," "Creaky Jim," "Dodge-me-John," "Tickle-me-Foot" "Know-Nothing-Mike," "O'Neill the Great," "Professor," and many others equally ridiculous. At seven supper is served, consisting of bread and butter or syrup, coffee or soup, and sometimes stewed meat and plenty of it. After supper some attend the night school, generally about 80; some go to the gymnasium, a large lofty room adjoining the hall, with every appliance for amusing the boys; again, others go into the streets either for amusement or to sell extras. On Saturday night a great many of them attend the theatres. At nine all those who are then in the home go to bed; those who are out after nine are fined one cent for every hour they remain out, and no boy is admitted after 12 o'clock, under any pretext whatever. They sleep in two magnificent dormitories, each 100 feet by 50, lofty, well ventilated, and scrupulously clean. The boys not boasting any particular night clothes generally go to bed as nature made them, as it would be quite impossible to keep the beds clean if they were allowed to sleep in the clothes they run about the streets in. They all have a good wash in the morning, one of the boys acting as barber for the whole establishment, and, judging from the short hair of many of the boys, he plies the scissors well. They have a substantial breakfast, and start once more upon their Bohemian career. Every alternate Tuesday the Home forwards a batch of those boys who are anxious to do well to the Western farming districts, under the charge of an agent, by whom the boys are placed with the more respectable farmers, who undertake to feed, clothe, and educate them, and are obliged to give satisfactory references as to character, &c. Seven hundred and nine boys were started in life in this way during last year, and are all well cared for, happy, and contented. Lads who left the Home ten or twelve years ago for the West are now well-to-do farmers or prosperous shopkeepers, some of them actually independent; and it is a common occurrence for applications for boys to be made by young men who commenced their own career in this way. The Home is supported by the payments of the boys and by voluntary contributions.—*New York Tribune.*

Legislature of Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.

Mr. Gow presented a petition from the Board of Public Instruction for the South Riding of the County of Wellington praying the House not to pass the new School bill until its provisions had been discussed throughout the country.

Attorney-General Macdonald moved to repeal certain Acts and Enactments therein mentioned, and to abolish the Court of Impeachment for the trial of County Judges.—Carried.

Atorney-General Macdonald moved the third reading of the bill respecting County Courts. Mr. Cumberland moved seconded by Dr. Boulter, that the Bill be not now read a third time, but be referred back to committee, with instructions to amend the second clause by striking out the word "pleasure" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "ability, capacity and good behaviour.' The amendment was lost, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The House then went into committee of supply, when a number of bills were passed.

Hon. Mr. Cameron introduced a Bill to amend the Grammar School Act.

Attorney- General Macdonald stated that, much to his regret, he found that the state of business before the House was such, that the prorogation could not take place before Christmas. His Excellency would come down to-morrow at two o'clock, to give his assent to some Bills, after which he would propose that the House adjourn till Wednesday, 6th of January, when he hoped the work would be prosecuted vigorously, with a view to the Legislature bring prorogued on as early a day as possible.

Mr. Currie moved an address to his Excellency the lietenant-Governor, for copies of all correspondence between the Commissioner of Agriculture of this Province and the Board of Agriculture and the Agricultural Association, or with any other person, in relation to the accounts of the said Board of Agriculture and Agricultural Association, together with the receipts and expenditure for the year 1866 to 1868 inclusive. Carried.

Too Many Licenses.

The *Globe* of Wednesday contained a very sensible and timely letter, from Mr. James O'Neil, of this town, in which he points out in a clear and forcible manner the evils which would invitably follow the working of Mr. Wood's new Tavern and License Bill, now before the House. The letter is all the more valuable from the fact that the writer has been for a number of years a hotel-keeper, whose statements are, therefore, the result of long and careful observation; and it is all the more creditable to Mr. O'Neil for the manly way in which he exposses the evils of the license system as now in operation, and the worse evils that would inevitably follow, were Mr. Wood's bill to become law.

Mr. O'Neil says: I will therefore endeavour to point out to the hon. gentleman and his colleagues, why every man who wishes sobriety to advance with education, must pronounce the Bill a moral disgrace to legislation in this age of progress. Well may the Christian deplore the frightful progress of immorality and crime stimulated by intemperance. The plea advanced, viz., that of increasing the revenue, is unworthy the guardians of the country's honour. Granting municipalities unlimited power to issue licenses will have a most baneful effect, as many hon. gentlemen in the present House owe their seats to its influence.

The frightful effect of intemperance can be easily discerned in the police reports, and not only amongst the humbler, but even in the educated classes of society and in the learned profession; but if this Bill becomes law, the evil will increase a hundred fold. These remarks may seem harsh to these addicted to the debasing vice of intemperance, but the Christian who desires to see his fellow-man occupy that position for which God has destined him, namely his honour and glory, cannot think so.

I have had long experience of hotel life, being connected with it for twenty-five years, and cannot call to mind twenty men in that period, who retired from the business as temperate as when they entered it. If the suggestions which I had the honour of submitting to the worthy member for South Wellington, during last session, were invested with legal authority, the abuse of intoxicating liquors would be restrained. I hope that there is a sufficient number of gentlemen in the present House animated by a due regard for morality and the public welfare to prevent the Hon Mr. Wood's Bill becoming law.

I would ask what good can result from licensing saloons in cities, town and village, these being the source from which vice springs. Raise the standard of licenses, say fifty dollars to the Government in all cases, instead of ten or twelve as at present, and diminish the number of licensed houses one-half or more.

This would have the effect of driving those men out of the business who care not what ruin they cause if they only receive the money of the unfortunate. And, instead of these men of honour and principle will engage in the business; men who will not desire, for sordid gain, to see their fellow man ruined. The law now in force, as well as the Bill before the House at present, is far from being in keeping with the requirements of the country and the standard of education.

Cuthbert's gift sale a perfect success. Sale again to-night.

Don't forget the auction sale of books to-night at Shewan's old stand. We advise all our readers to attend.

IN TOWN FOR CHISTMAS the bound volumes of the "Sunday at Home," and "Leisure Hour" for 1868, both good books for presents at Day's Bookstore opposite the Market.

EFFECTS OF A SPREE.—About a week ago three fellow-workmen got on a spree at Clinton. Two of them conceived the idea of saturating with coal oil the hair of the third who was more drunken than they, and then setting fire to. This was done, and from the effects it appears the poor fellow has since died. One of the men who committed the foolish act was Thos. Hutchinson, a plasterer, a resident of Guelph, but who at the time was working at Clinton. On Thursday a constable from that village appeared in Guelph, and, aided by Chief Constable Kelly, found out Hutchinson whom he arrested and took away with him.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 18.—The steamer *Columbia*, which sailed from New York, November 28th, for Glasgow, has not yet arrived and apprehensions are entertained for her safety. Heavy premiums are demanded for insurance risks on the vessel. [NOTE.—the steamer *Palmyra*, which arrived at Boston, Dec. 16, reports, Dec. 9, saw steamer *Columbia* partially disabled by loss of her screw, but she required no assistance, and was proceeding to Queenstown under sail.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The following despatch dated Corfu, Dec. 16, has been received here: The Government at Athens has called out the Military reserves of the country, and the mobilization of the national militia has been ordered. A battalion of students are forming at Athens, and ten battalions, composed of Greek subjects of the Sultan, are to be enrolled. It is said that a command has been offered to Garibaldi. The instant invasion of Epirus is loudly demanded.

The *Times* in an article on the impend war in the East, holds that Greece is the aggresive party, because she ordered her vessels to fire upon Turkish men-of-war who might attempt to overhaul them.

A despatch from Constantinople charges the Greeks with commencing hostilities. It asserts that, in the recent naval engagement at the Archipelago, the *Erosis* fired the first shot. The Turkish man-of-war returned the fire with effect, and the *Erosis* put on all steam and ran into the harbour of Syra. The despatch adds that the *Erosis* was struck several times, and her mast and smokstack were badly damaged.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced that the Sultan has resolved to enforce his demands on Greece. A fleet of frigates sailed yesterday for the Archipelago.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—It is rumoured that the Turkish Admiral Hobart Pasha followed the Greek steamer *Erosis* into the port of Syra, and sunk her.

MADRID, Dec. 10.—The Progressionists at Carthagena have declared for Espartero for the throne. It is said that Marshal Zernano has resigned the Presidency of the Ministry. The provincial Governor reports to the Government, that the public peace is not likely to be disturbed. Government will remain neutral in the elections. There was a slight demonstration at Miranda yesterday in favour of the Carlists, but it was soon suppressed and two of the leaders arrested. Miramon, the bearer of the Republican proclamation, was arrested yesterday at Madeira.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 19—There was a heavy shock of an earthquake here today, but it caused no damage to life or property.

LONDON, 18th, midnight.—The following is the latest news from the East:—The Greek Government has despatched two men of war to Syra to demand of Hobart Pasha that he shall not obstruct the front entrance of the harbor. Three foreign war vessels were at Syra belonging respectively to the French, British and Russian navy. Hobart Pasha does not attempt to blockade Syra. He has already allowed twenty ships to enter the harbor. Letters from Athens dated Dec. 10th represent that the city was the scene of great animation. Bands of men were flocking from the interior and patrolled round. In the city considerable bitterness of feeling was shown against the Admiral of the French fleet in the Piræus, who had become unpopular on account of the energetic demand he had made on the Greek government to preserve

PARIS, 18th.—The *Patrie* has special despatches repeating that Turkish ships have been sent to Greek waters to establish a blockade, and that Turkish troops are massing on the Greek frontier to prevent volunteers from making eruption into Thessaly and Macedonia.

LONDON, 18th. — French official journals say that the changes in the Ministry are a concession of the Emperor's programme of policy, which is liberal at home and pacific abroad.

MADRID, 18.—A Carlist conspiracy has been discovered in Navarri. Several persons implicated in the affair have been arrested.

CADIZ, 19.—Notwithstanding the proclamation of clemency recently issued to the leaders in the late insurrection, some of the prominent ones have been imprisoned here. About 75 altogether have been arrested and committed to trial by court-martial. Business has resumed its natural sway, and the people are returning to their homes. Gen. Dulce sailed with his fleet for Cuba to-day.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 19.—The news is confirmed that the ultimatum of the Sultan is rejected by Greece. The *Erosis* had an encounter with a cruiser belonging to Hobart Pacha's fleet near Syra. The *Erosis* ran into Syra damaged. Later despatches says a rumor to the effect that the Turkish Admiral Hobart Pacha followed the Greek steamer *Erosis* into the harbor of Syra, and sunk her, lacks confirmation. It is reported that the commander of the French war ship *Tabien* requested the Turkish Admiral not to adopt any coercive measures until he heard from Constantinople. The Admiral agreed to do so and now awaits orders.

COLONIZING THE SOUTH.—The Georgia *Nationalist* appeals to the loyal men of the North to organize four societies to promote immigration of Northern men into the South in communities able to protect themselves. It proposes that the first societies shall comprise the New-England States, and itself to settling South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The second may include New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and operate in colonizing Virginia and North Carolina. The third may compose Ohio Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois, and should work in settling Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana. The fourth society should labor in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas, for the settlement of Kansas and Texas. The purpose of these organizations would be to send trusted agents into the South to ascertain the opportunities for business which are now open there by reason of the low prices of land and the abundance of labor Much of the land, it is said, can be had for a dollar or two an acre, which would have sold for twenty dollars before the rebellion, and will be worth that price again as soon as industry shall revive and the country become productive and peaceful.