

SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNTS.

We are now sending out our accounts to all subscribers in arrears. We want them to settle forthwith, without any more delay.

NOTICE.

Frederick Garrod is no longer authorized to act as Agent for THE MERCURY, or to collect any accounts whatsoever due to this Office.

EDITORIAL NEWS.

PROCLAMATION is made in the Gazette of Saturday, that Parliament will meet for despatch of business on the 11th of April.

The general Thanksgiving in Canada for the recovery of the Prince of Wales is appointed for the 15th April next.

An Imperial edict just issued places a further barrier in the way of the recognition of Papal infallibility in Austria.

It is reported that Riel and Lepine are on their way to France. They had better retire to the Sandwich Islands.

The Ottawa Valley Immigration Society have sent to England \$1,835, to assist emigrants out to that section of the Dominion.

The Hon Joseph Howe's speech at Ottawa, advocating separation from Great Britain, is causing wide comment. What will our super-loyal Conservative brethren say now?

The Mormons are, according to our despatches, determined to adopt the most desperate and unscrupulous measures to ensure the admission of Utah as a State.

THE LATEST name for the Tory remnant has been invented by the intelligent supporters of Mr Lachlin McCallum, in Monck—"Moderate-Constitutional Party." The title is appropriate, for they are only moderately constitutional after all; but it seems altogether too much name for such a little party.

ADVICE from France are not of a hopeful character. The probability of another Ministerial crisis is daily becoming more threatening; and in this instance the causes of difficulty are personal and religious as well as financial.

MR. ROBINSON, M. P. P. for Kingston, arrived home on Saturday morning. Much excitement and satisfaction was manifested by the large number of country people who had come into market at the bonus which has been granted by the Government to the Kingston and Pembroke Railroad.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The report of the births, deaths and marriages registered in Ontario during the year 1870, lately presented to the House by Hon Mr Gow, Provincial Secretary, shows that very grave deficiencies still exist in our registration. It seems to be very difficult indeed to get the people to recognize the value of registration, and in consequence there are scarcely one third of the births, and not many more of the marriages or deaths, registered as required by law.

Speaking of these returns for 1870, Globe says:—"The six best returns from towns are those of Berlin, Brant, Guelph, Milton, Simcoe and Wood. The six worst are those of Barrie, Belleville, Cayuga, Ottawa, Perth and Thomas.

"The best registered county is Waterloo, and the worst Lanark. In places not the slightest effort has been made by local officials, while others wrought very zealously."

From the tables supplied in the report it appears that there were, during the year 1870, 19,536 births recorded in the Province of Ontario; but at the rate of 35 births to every thousand of the population, the estimated number for the year was 56,596, showing that only one third of the births are registered. This is a great neglect on the part of doctors, ministers and others. The marriage register for the Province number 34, at the usual ratio of marriages to every thousand of the population is equal to the estimated number for the year 12,957. Of the 8,668 marriages, 2,247 were what are called "secret marriages"—that is to say, performed in secret, and not in the presence of a minister of the Gospel.

There were 6,905 returns of deaths during the year; but at the ratio of 21 deaths to every thousand of the population, the number reported should have been 33,963; but only one-fifth of that number was reported. Of the deaths between sixty and seventy, 103 were English by birth; 87 were Scotch; 151 Irish; 20 German; 3 French; 1 West Indian; 34 United States; 92 Canadians; and 21 natively unknown.

Of the deaths between seventy and eighty, 112 were English; 122 Scotch; 131 Irish; 19 German; 5 French; 1 Swiss; 56 United States of America; 95 Canadians; and 25 whose nationalities were unknown.

Of the deaths between eighty and ninety, 53 were English; 87 Scotch; 76

Irish; 3 German; 1 West Indian; 42 United States of America; 37 Canadians, and 14 whose nationalities were unknown. Of these ninety and upwards, 10 were English; 15 Scotch; 22 Irish; 13 United States of America; 5 Canadian, and 8 whose nationalities were unknown. Two are returned as having attained the age of 100 years; one, 101 years; two, 102 years; two, 103 years; one, 106 years; and one 108 years.

The Gold Fever in Manitoba. A correspondent, writing from Fort Garry says:—"A gold fever, of a most serious type, has broken out in our midst. The epidemic was introduced by information touching the golden riches of the Peace River country. Those who will take the trouble of referring to the map of British North America will find Peace River about one thousand five hundred, or two thousand miles to the north-west of this Province; flowing from the west into Lake Athabasca, and having its head in the Rocky mountains. Recently a private letter, was received here from Fort Edmonton. From this letter I make the following extract:—"Great gold diggings have been discovered on the head waters of Peace River. The report is that from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per day is being taken out. It is said that twenty thousand men from Montana and British Columbia, are on their way to that place. Eight miners, from Montana, on their road to Peace River, arrived here last week; but they cannot proceed on their journey till spring."

This glowing report is fully corroborated by a letter in this week's Liberal, dated Fort Edmonton, November 29th, 1871, from a most reliable source. An extract from this letter reads as follows:—"Two parties of American miners, from Helen, Montana, en route for the waters of Peace River, where rich diggings are reported to have been discovered, arrived last week. They report that Helen, Benton, and other mining towns, are nearly depopulated by the rush for the new Eldorado, and that almost all of the mining population of the Central and Pacific States are on the move, via British Columbia for the seat of this long looked for and expected discovery."

CHICAGO MERCHANTS AND THE INSOLVENT INSURANCE COMPANIES.—The merchants of Chicago, after waiting patiently for four months, trusting in the promises of the insolvent insurance companies that they should have a dividend on their policies, met last Friday in council, to determine upon some energetic course of action. The total liabilities of the fifteen insolvent insurance companies of New York are \$11,000,000, a considerable portion of which is due to Chicago merchants. The total assets of these companies are about \$6,000,000, showing that they should be able to pay on the average about sixty cents on a dollar. These fifteen companies are in the hands of receivers, whose efforts, it appears, instead of being directed to an honorable settlement of the affairs of the companies, are mainly exercised in paying out unearned premiums. This is done in some cases to build up the business of new companies started by the same men who managed the affairs of the insolvent companies.

FIRE IN TORONTO.—On Saturday morning a fire broke out in Finch's clothing store, King st. The engines were quickly on the ground, and playing on the flames, which were confined to the roof and floor on which they originated. The fire spread to the store of Messrs. Bidout & Co through the party wall by the floor joists, but was quickly extinguished, doing but slight injury in this direction.

THE REVENUE officers seized a whiskey still in full operation in a swamp in Adjala on Friday, and destroyed the mash-tubs and brought the boiler to Angus.

BIRTHS.

WILKIE.—In Wm Garrafraxa, on the 27th ult., the wife of Mr. James Wilkie, junr., of a son.

MARRIED.

JOHNSTON.—Collon.—In Arthur, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Samuel Johnston, to Miss Jane Collon, both of Peel.

BUTLER.—Bent.—At Guelph, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. Jas. Butler, Acton, to Miss Martha Bent, of Guelph.

DIED.

EVANS.—At Guelph, on the 3rd inst., Coningsby, William Evans, aged 67 years, from affection of the brain.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his son, Mr. Wm. R. Evans, Northumberland street, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

DICKSON.—At his father's residence, Flora Road, on the 19th inst., Robert John, only son of Mr. David Dickson, Produce Merchant, aged 7 years and 4 months.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, 6th inst., at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to accompany him to the Pashinch Cemetery without further notice.

MCPHERSON.—At Puslinch, 1st con., on the 22nd February, by a tree falling on him, Duncan McPherson, Jr., aged 29 years, deeply regretted.

MCTAGUE.—In Guelph, on the 2nd inst., John McTague, aged 47 years.

PERRY.—In Luther, on the 27th Jan., Catharine, wife of John T. Perry, aged 50 years.

FANFETT.—In Maryborough, on the 22nd ult., John Fawcett, aged 62 years.

HALL.—At Detroit, on the 24th ult., of consumption, Mr. Chas. Hall, aged 22 years—formerly of Elora.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1847. Cash Income over \$1,000 per day. Investments over \$1,250,000. Affording with the uncalled capital of \$875,000 a Security of Over \$2,000,000.

For the exclusive protection of Assurers. Claims paid for Deaths since commencement \$800,000. Annual Income over \$400,000. Sums Assured nearly \$10,000,000.

The strong financial position of this Company and its MODERATE RATES. Render it one whose advantages are not surpassed by any other, and explain the fact that it stands at the head of all the Life Companies in Canada.

Detailed Reports and Table of Rates may be obtained at any of the Company's offices or agencies. A. C. RAMSAY, Manager, 2nd March, 1872.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, of Guelph, An Insolvent. J. the undersigned, John Garrett, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before us within one month. JOHN GARRETT, dtf Hamilton, 24th Feb., 1872.

WE beg to call attention to Mr Horsman's advertisement about Ploughs. The Plough referred to is having a large demand, so great has it become that three car loads have been forwarded to Mr. Horsman to supply the farmers in this neighborhood this Spring. All pronounce them the best general purpose Plough made; as a guarantee of this we need only say that they are manufactured at the celebrated Agricultural Works of F. W. Glen, Oshawa. The price it will be observed will be kept at \$18, the old figure, until the 1st of April, when it will be raised to \$15 in consequence of the advance in Iron and Steel. We should therefore recommend our farmer friends to lose no time in procuring one at Mr. John Horsman's, Hardware Merchant of this town.

1872 STATIONERY GO TO STATIONERS AND PRINTERS ANDERSON'S

Has a complete and cheap assortment of BUFF, AMBER, BLUE, SALMON, CANARY and CREAM LAID

ENVELOPES

Note, Letter, and Foolscap

WRITING PAPER

RULED AND PLAIN.

BLANK BOOKS

A large stock on hand, consisting of Day Books, Ledgers, Journals, Cash Books, Bill Books, and Letter Books.

LAW STATIONERY

A FULL SUPPLY ON HAND.

As the above was bought cheap for cash, I cannot be understood to call and examine goods and prices

AT ANDERSON'S

Cheap Book, Stationery, and News Depot, Opposite the Market,

GUELPH

AUCTION SALE.

Insolvent Act of 1869.

In the matter of THOS. W. HUGHES, An Insolvent.

The Subscriber has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on the premises known as THE WELLINGTON HOTEL,

On Tuesday, 12th of March, 1872

—THE WHOLE OF—

THE FURNITURE

In said Hotel, consisting of Bar-Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Parlor, Sitting, and Reading Rooms, and the Contents of 42 Bed Rooms.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES will be issued in a few days, and can be had on application to the Auctioneer at his office opposite the market.

The Subscriber would respectfully call the attention of intending purchasers to this sale, as the furniture is ALL NEW, not having been in use more than two months, and as he has received strict orders from the assignee to sell without reserve, in order to close the estate, great bargains may be expected.

Terms, - - - Cash.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a.m., and continue until the whole is disposed of. Feb 28 dtwtd THOS. H. TAYLOR, Auctioneer.

DIRECT FROM ENGLAND.

STATIONERY

—AT—

Day's Bookstore.

500 Reams Note Paper 400 Reams of Foolscap 100,000 White Envelopes

A large stock of Office Stationery, and a full supply of

FANCY STATIONERY

Bought for Cash from the English Paper Mills, thereby saving the profits paid to Toronto houses.

If you buy by the package or ream I will astonish you with low prices.

See for yourselves, where you can get the best value for your money. Examine my Goods and prices before buying elsewhere. No matter whether you buy or not.

DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS.

MISS ELLIS

Reqs to inform the public that she has just received a fresh lot of

MILLINERY GOODS

In all the latest styles, and respectfully solicited. One door east of the Royal Hotel. Guelph, Oct. 5, 1871. do

New Advertisements. GREAT CLEARING SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES

THE Subscriber having decided to remove from Guelph, begs to intimate to the public that before closing his business here, he will sell off the balance of his Stock of BOOTS AND SHOES AT COST PRICE!

The Great Sale will commence on THURSDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY, and CONTINUE FOR 30 DAYS

During which time the whole of his stock which comprises a good assortment of New and Fresh Goods, will be offered at actual cost price for cash, and cash only. This is a Genuine Clearing Sale, and the public may depend upon getting FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS!

N. B.—All parties indebted to the Subscriber, either by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle them at once, as after the 28th inst., all accounts unsettled will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

F. PREST, Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872. dwlm West side Wyndham Street.

For Clover and Timothy Seed

CHEAP AND GOOD GO TO

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE.

IN TEAS AND SUGARS

Great Bargains are to be had.

FISH, FISH, FISH, FISH,

Quite a variety suitable for the Season.

SALT, SALT, SALT!

FOR SALE AT

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE!

REMNANTS, REMNANTS

CLEARING SALE OF REMNANTS

COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

Remnants of Dress Goods of all kinds Remnants of Silks, black and colored Remnants of French Merinos Remnants of Lustres, black and colored Remnants of Wool Plaids Remnants of Flannels Remnants of Hollands Remnants of Towellings Remnants of Shirtings Remnants of Prints Remnants of Tweeds and Fulled Cloths Remnants of Overcoatings, &c.

NOW IS THE TIME, LADIES! Every Remnant in the Store must be cleared out previous to stock-taking at the end of the month.

Come direct to the Alma Block. Come early.

Guelph 9th February. A. O. BUCHANAN, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store.

THE STOCK OF PRESERVES, JELLIES,

—AND—

CANNED FRUITS,

Generally runs low in every household at this season of the year.

JOHN A. WOOD,

Is prepared to supply the deficiency, having in stock the largest and best assortment ever shown in Guelph.

CANNED GOODS

JAMS

Strawberries Raspberries Blackberries White Cherries Red Cherries Pears Plums Peaches Pine Apples Quinces Rhubarb Pippins String Beans Sweet Corn Tomatoes Green Peas

Green Gage Apricot Strawberry Raspberry Red Currant Black Currant Damson Gooseberry Orange Marmalade Lemon do

JELLIES

Red Currant Black " Calves Foot Lemon and Orange

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Fire, Marine and Life INSURANCE

Provincial, Lancashire and Phoenix.

Canada Landed Credit Com'ry

Lower rates than any Loan Co. in Ontario.

JOHN MCCREA, Agent, Office over Bank of Commerce Buildings, Guelph, Nov 28th, 1871

THE Lancashire Insurance Company

Capital £2,000,000 Sterling Head office for Ontario Northwest Corner of a big and Church Streets, Toronto.

General Agents, S. C. DUNCAN-CLARK & Co.

Manager, WM CAMPBELL Agent at Guelph, Nov 27th, 1871

FAIRM FOR SALE.

The east half of Lot 4, Con. 13, Township of Peel, containing 100 acres, more or less, 40 acres cleared, the remainder excellent timber land. The property fronts on the Elora and Sauguenay Gravel Road, half a mile from Drayton Station, and 1 mile from the track of the W. & G. & Bruce Railway. This farm requires no praise—intending purchasers can see it for themselves. Terms: the greater part of the money will be required down, and time will be given for the remainder, secured by the clear Crown Patent given. Apply to the proprietor on the premises, or if by letter, prepaid, to J. Hart, Bosworth P. O. 220wju

JOHN KIRKHAM, dtf Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872

IMPORTANT TO THE SICK.

DR. McCULLOCH,

The Coloured European and American Physician, itinerant of the Hospitals of the chief cities of England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, the United States of America, and Dominion of Canada, Will PERSONALLY VISIT GUELPH

And may be Consulted At the Royal Hotel, From Monday, March 4th, to Tuesday, March 12th, 1872.

By all who are suffering from Chronic Languishing Diseases, such as Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh, and all affections of the Chest, Throat, Heart, Nervous Debility, Scrofula, Ulcers, Liver Complaint, Rheumatism, Skin Diseases of all kinds, no matter how long standing, Dropsy, Chlorosis, and Cancers of the worst stage, without the use of the knife.

And all Blood Diseases, Salt Rheum, Dyspepsia, Epileptic Fits, or Falling Sickness, Apoplectic Fits, or loss of Sense and Motion, Paralysis, Neuralgia, Chorea or St. Vitus Dance, Scurvy, Gout, or Thick Neck, Abscesses, Tumors.

All Diseases of the Eye and Ear treated successfully. The Diseases of Children, from infancy to adult age, treated successfully. Female Complaints of all kinds and descriptions, whether Acute or Chronic, will be treated successfully.

N.B.—If you are suffering from any of the above Diseases, do not delay, but visit the Doctor at once, so that you may have the benefit of his cure and treatment, and may be restored to health the sooner. See testimonials in posted bills. Guelph, Feb. 23, 1871 dw2w

R. CRAWFORD,

MANUFACTURING

WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Next the Post Office.

Having resolved to go into the manufacture of

WATCHES AND JEWELLERY

Exclusively, I will sell you cast the present stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, &c.

BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN

Until the whole stock is sold off.

The Jobbing Business will be carried on to a fuller extent than ever.

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NEXT THE POST OFFICE, GUELPH, ONT.

Guelph, Feb. 13, 1872 dw

DAMAGED RAISINS.

Special to the Trade.

We have another consignment of the Damaged Valencia coming in, which we expect to arrive about the 28th.

Some of our friends having been disappointed in not having their orders filled from the former lot, and this being the last lot we will receive, we would intimate that all orders will be filled in the order in which they are received, no precedence being given to any. All therefore who are desirous of securing any would do well to send in their orders early.

PATERSON & Co.

Guelph, Feb. 24th, 1872. dw

ICE CREEPERS

For Heels of Shoes!

JUST THE THING FOR SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS.

Price Very Low

—AT—

JOHN M. BOND & CO'S,

GUELPH.

Guelph, Feb. 19, 1871. do

GROS GRAIN

—AND—

VELVET RIBBONS

IN STOCK

SIX HUNDRED BOXES

Also large quantities

EX STEAMERS QUEEN AND EGYPT.

John Macdonald & Co.

TORONTO.

ELECTRO AND CARTRIDGE-PLATING SHOP.

The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles ordered from 15 cents and upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his

New Machine & Repairing Shop

To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.

JOHN KIRKHAM, dtf Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872