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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 22, 1868.

The Charges of the Clergy.

(Dedicated to those ecclesiastical societies who pay salaries of about \$600, more or less.)

Ho! ho! good Clergyman! Come, let us onward! We, for your livelihood, Promise six hundred...

On march the Ministers:— Scarce a remonstrance stir; Although full well they know...

Charges to right of them; Charges to left of them; Charges confronting them; Income outnumbered...

Well earned the benison Scourged by thee, Terson, On Balclava's heroes. Who faltered not, my son...

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENKLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

'Ha! I am right!' It is Helen Cringan, exclaimed Charlie, his face glowing with pleasure and wearing an expression of undisguised admiration.

'No,' he replied, 'Sir Gilbert and I have not been friendly since I came in, or Birkenkcleuch. Walter Elliot, you know, was a favourite of his, and the Baronet has taken a dislike to me for getting the estate which Elliot so foolishly forfeited.'

'You are very good to say so, Captain Allan, though I cannot understand why you should think of, or have any desire to see me.'

'No, on my soul, I don't,' he answered, earnestly. 'I am perfectly sincere in what I say—never was more sincere in my life, always thought very highly of you, and used to observe you when you did not think you were under my notice.'

Helen had started, blushed, and become confused, but not from the cause Allan imagined. Some distance in front, at the corner of a wood which the road skirted, the figure of a young man had come into view, and it was the sight of him which suddenly sent the blood to Helen's face and produced the signs of distress which her companion had noticed.

'My presence is annoying to you then? Tell me how I have incurred your aversion?'

'You—you mistake—sir, but—but yonder is a friend who has come to meet me, and don't be offended Captain Allan, but your company may produce a misunderstanding, and—'

'Oh, ho, lies the wind that way?' interrupted Allan, 'looking along the road with no pleasant expression of countenance. 'And who is this particular friend of yours? Let me see, I think I should know him. Yes, even at this distance I make him out to be Richard Wayland, Sir Gilbert's forger, do you not?'

'Richard is everything that I can wish,' said Helen, with dignity. 'Good evening, Captain Allan.' And she tripped away at a pace which, as he was leading his horse, he could not emulate.

'She must, she shall be mine!' he muttered, in a tone of settled determination. 'I was baffled once in a matter of this kind, but this time I shall take care to succeed. The girl is prettier than ever, and this chance encounter intensifies my former fancy into a settled purpose. But there's a difficulty, and, egad! I am lucky in having discovered it. This rock-a-head in the person of Wayland must be cleared, but how that is to be done is not so easily seen.'

'To BE CONTINUED.'

BIRTHS.

THORP—At Guelph, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. Thorp, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CUMMINGS—BEATTIE—At Fergus, on the 20th inst., at the residence of George Melina, Esq., by the Rev. G. Snellic, Mr. T. H. Cummings, carriage maker, to Miss Elizabeth Beattie, both of that village.

DIED.

McALPIN—In Islay, on the 13th of December last, Neil McAlpin, author of the 'Argyle's Pronouncing Gaelic Dictionary,' and for many years teacher in the Parish of Kilmurray, Islay, Scotland.

COMMERCIAL.

Table with columns for 'The Guelph Markets' and 'MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 22, 1868.' Lists prices for flour, wheat, and other goods.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelph, February 22, 1868. Gold, 140. Greenbacks 70 to 75; sold at 71 to 74...

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.' MONTREAL, February 22, 1868.

TORONTO, February 21, 1868.

Flour—Biscuits, 100 lbs.; No. 1, at \$7 00 or \$7 10; Fall Wheat—\$1 70; Spring Wheat—\$1 60 or \$1 62; Oats—50c; Barley—\$1 24 or \$1 25.

HAMILTON, February 21, 1868.

Fall wheat—\$1 70 or \$1 77; spring do—\$1 55 or \$1 60; bushel; Barley—\$1 15; Oats—\$2 10 to 15; Peas—\$2 00; Pork—\$6 00 to \$6 50.

GUELPH LUMBER MARKET.

Table with columns for 'GUELPH LUMBER MARKET' and 'CORRECTED BY MESSRS GOWDY & STEWART, WILMINGTON LUMBER YARD.' Lists prices for various lumber types.

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GREAT CLEARING SALE

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W.M. STEWART'S,

IS STILL GOING ON AT

Guelph 11th December, 1867.

Commercial Union Assurance Co'y.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 23rd Vict., Cap. 33, Section 11.

THE Capital of this Company is £2,500,000 sterling, divided into 50,000 shares of £50 each. The number of shares issued is 50,000. Calls to the amount of £5 per share have been made, under which the sum of £250,000 have been received.

THE LIABILITIES of the Company on the 1st day of July, 1867, were: On Notes and Bills, £ 25 148 5d. On Estimated Liabilities, including Duty, Fire, Life, and Marine Losses, £ 30,000 0s 0d. £30,122 148 5d.

Table showing ASSETS of the Company on that day were: Government Securities, £ 254,652 0 6; Consols, £ 21,560 17 11; New 3 per cents, £ 86,212 18 5; Bills (drafts not matured), £ 13,108 8 3; Cash at bankers and office, £ 482 15 9; On deposit at bankers, £ 41,482 8 6; Other Securities, £ 9,000 0 0; Madras Railway Debentures, £ 2,786 8 3; Lancashire and Yorkshire Debentures, £ 15,568 1 9; Ceylon Company's Debentures, £ 10,000 0 0; Great Southern of India Railway Shares, £ 29,876 5 7; Canada 5 per cent Stock (dis-ripled), £ 10,000 0 0; Freehold Offices in Cornwall, £ 65,803 0 0; Due from Agents, £ 28,729 14 8; Loans on Mortgage, Ac., £ 174,576 0 0; £487,914 12 2.

FIRE BRANCH.

Table showing Amount of Losses due and unpaid, £12,895 0 0; do do on suspense, £ 800 0 0; Payment received, £ 13,695 0 0; Amount of Premiums—Earned during the Year, £12,755 8 1; Unearned, £ 50,000 0 0; £7,755 17 7.

J. JAMES ROSE, of the City of Montreal, merchant, one of the General Agents for Canada of the Commercial Union Assurance Company do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statement is correct and true.

Sworn before me, at the City of Montreal, this 20th day of January, 1868. JAMES ROSE.

A. M. DELISLE, J. P. Agents for Guelph, McLAGAN & INNES.

Guelph, Feb. 12th, 1868.

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