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McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers,
Office: Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Era, Guelph, Ontario.
October 29, 1867. d.w.f.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON
MARKET SQUARE,
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
will be supplied with the
Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars
And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!
Every day from 1 to 2 o'clock.
OYSTERS AND GAME,
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor,
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do if

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(LATE GRANT'S SHOPS SALOON.)
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
GUELPH.
CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c. Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.
DEAN BUNYAN,
Guelph, December 2, 1867. d.w.f.

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Barber SHOP.
IN THE BASEMENT OF
Castle Garden SALOON,
West Market Square,
SHAVING,
HAIR CUTTING,
SHAMPOONING, and
HAIR COLOURING,
Done in First-Class Style.
Making and doing up Curls for Ladies.
Guelph, February 6th. d.w.f.

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CONFECTIONER, and
BISCUIT Manufacturer.
Wholesale and Retail!
My Goods are all made of the best material, and under my own supervision, and having no need to pay, and prepared to offer to
Wholesale Purchasers
Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.
JOHN HARRIS,
Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867. d.w.f.

Store to Let.
TO LET, a store on the Market Square. Apply to
SMITH & BOTSFORD,
Guelph, Feb. 11, 1868. d.w.f.

Wool, Hide and Leather
DEPOT.
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 21, 1867. d.w. D. MOLTON

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FREEMAN & FREEMAN
BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.
Office over Betty's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
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Volunteer Inspection.
The two Volunteer Companies of this town paraded in the Drill Shed on Friday night for inspection by Brigade Major Barretto. The muster was small, many of the men having within the last few months sent in their resignation. The spectators were by no means numerous, the atmosphere of the Shed being anything but agreeable. The companies were put through various evolutions by their officers, the Brigade Major looking on the while and taking notes. He then minutely inspected the arms and accoutrements and pronounced himself satisfied. The Band was present and played several airs much to the satisfaction of the Major. When the inspection was finished, he addressed the companies, complimenting them on their proficiency in drill, and pointing out to them the advantages they enjoyed over the companies in the country. They had a good Drill Shed, well lighted, and they also had the Band. He regretted that under these circumstances there should be such a falling off in their numbers. He impressed upon them the necessity of looking well to their arms, and endeavoring to become expert in the use of the new rifle. It was a powerful weapon, but required to be used with care in order to have it always effective. He was of opinion that the state of the country might require frontier service before the time for the annual drill, and he warned them to be in readiness. The Major was heard attentively by the men while he spoke, and was heartily cheered when he had concluded.

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The Late Sir David Brewster.
The cable brings us intelligence of the death of this distinguished British scientist on the 10th inst., in the eighty-seventh year of his age. Sir David Brewster was born in Jedburgh, Scotland, December 11, 1781. He was educated for the Church of Scotland, of which he became licentiate, and in 1800 he received from the University of Edinburgh the honorary degree of A. M. While studying there he enjoyed the intimate friendship of Robinson, Playfair and Dugald Stewart. In 1808 he undertook the editorship of the "Edinburgh Encyclopedia," which was only finished in 1830. In 1807 he received the honorary degree of L. B. from the University of Aberdeen, and subsequently from Cambridge the degree of A. M., and that of D. C. L. from Oxford. In 1808 he was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and afterwards filled the offices of Secretary and Vice President. Between 1801 and 1812 he devoted his attention to the study of optics, and the results were embodied in a "Treatise on New Philosophical Instruments" in 1813, when he announced his discovery in regard to the polarization of light, which was also made by Malus and Arago. From this time his contributions to the Edinburgh and London philosophical transactions contain the record of many brilliant discoveries in optics in regard to the polarization of light, and also in the absorption of light in passing through various media. While writing the article on "Burning Instruments" in the "Edinburgh Encyclopedia" he was led by a proposal of Buffon to suggest the construction of a new-illuminating apparatus for lighthouses, to consist of lens made out of several circular segments, and thus increase the illuminating power to an extraordinary degree. This beautiful and valuable invention was claimed by the French *Académie Française*, and it now bears his name. In 1816 Dr. Brewster invented the kaleidoscope, an instrument which has had immense sales, but which resulted in no pecuniary benefit to the inventor, in consequence of the patent being evaded. In 1819, in conjunction with Professor Jameson, he established the *Edinburgh Philosophical Journal*, and subsequently the *Edinburgh Journal of Science*. In 1825 the Institute of France elected Dr. Brewster a corresponding member, and he has since received the same honors from the royal academies of Russia, Prussia, Austria, Sweden and Denmark. In 1831 he proposed the meeting at York, out of which grew the British Association for the Advancement of Science; and in the same year he received the decoration of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order, and the next year the honor of knighthood from King William IV. In 1838 he was appointed Principal of the University of St. Andrew being the first layman who ever held that office. Sir David received also the honor of knighthood from the Emperor of Austria, and in 1855 the Emperor Napoleon made him Officer of the Legion of Honor. Sir David has edited and written various works, besides contributing largely to the *Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews*, and the transactions of all the prominent scientific associations in Great Britain. His most valuable works are a "Treatise on Optics," "Letters on natural Magic," "The Martyrs of Science," "Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Sir Isaac Newton." "More worlds than one," and others that we have not space to mention. It is impossible to recall here in our limited space all the facts with which Sir David has enriched the delicate branches of natural philosophy and the laws, experimental and positive to which he has reduced these discoveries cannot be expressed except in scientific terms and formulas not generally understood. His development of Newton's discovery of the polarization of light also constituted a new branch of science. The result of his researches in this domain of science forms, as it were, a mine of scientific wealth from which his contemporaries have already freely drawn and which furnishes a rich field for philosophers. We also owe to the deceased valuable facts resulting from his researches on the mean temperature of the earth and the determination of the isothermal lines. In his examination of the mineral world he also discovered two new fluids. Dr. Brewster was not indifferent to the general movement of ideas and the political and social question which has agitated the world. In religion he adopted the principles of the Free Church. His first wife was a daughter of McPherson, translator or author of "Ossian," and his second wife was a daughter of the late Thomas Pringle. Sir David Brewster's death will be lamented wherever science has her votaries.

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BY TELEGRAPH
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BY ATLANTIC CABLE.
London, Feb. 14.—Rumors are current in Paris of a contemplated change in the Ministry in deference to the wishes and sentiments of the Liberal party.
Florence, Feb. 14th.—Menobrea, Prime Minister, has informed the Parliament, in reply to a question, that the Government had despatched seven ships to the River La Plata, South America, but gave no information as to the object of the expedition.
Florence, Feb. 14.—Yesterday evening Admiral Farragut attended a State dinner at the Royal Palace. The Italian papers contain frequent reports in regard to the visit of Admiral Farragut and seem to be persuaded that he is here on some mission of great importance. The last rumor which has appeared is to the effect that his object is to obtain a naval station in the Mediterranean for the U. S., and that he has been instructed to apply to the Italian Government for the use of the port of Spezia for that purpose.
London, Feb. 14th.—In the House of Lords this evening, Earl Mayo, the Chief Secretary of Ireland, asked leave to bring in a Bill to suspend the operation of the writ of Habeas Corpus for a short time from the 1st of March. He said the Fenian leaders had shown an utter disregard of their oaths of allegiance to the crown, and stated that out of 208 Fenians who had been arrested 95 were Americans. He concluded by saying that although the government had succeeded in repressing the rebels, still an extension of its powers was necessary to enable it to complete the work. Leave to bring in the Bill was granted. In the House of Commons Lord Stanley laid before the house additional papers on the subject of the Alabama claims; these documents have already been published.

London, Feb. 14.—Lennon who was convicted of treason and felony, was yesterday brought before the Court and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for a term of fifteen years. After receiving his sentence Lennon made a bitter and defiant speech, in which he predicted, that before he had served out the term of his imprisonment the British monarchy would be overthrown. He gloried in the act for which he was now condemned and hoped an opportunity would be given him to repeat it.
The auxiliary corps of Egyptians remain in Abyssinia and are moving forward as the expedition advances, notwithstanding the request made by the English Government to the Pasha of Egypt that they be withdrawn. Reports from the interior state that King Theodore and the British captives were at Magdala. It is decided that the British West India Mail steamers shall cease calling at the island of St. Thomas. Probably Jamaica will be chosen as a mail station for the steamers.

Paris, Feb. 14, evening.—In the Corps Legislatif, to-day, an amendment, which was proposed by M. Berryer, to the Bill for the regulation of the press, introducing certain reforms on the administration of the Court of Justice, was defeated after a stormy debate.
Government is rapidly pushing forward the organization of the National Guard in all departments of France, in accordance with the provisions of the Army Bill recently adopted by the Senate and Legislative body.

American Despatches.
Havana, Feb. 14.—Salvatore's headquarters are now at Grandi Riviere. His main army was defeated by the rebels on the frontier. Gen. Alexis committed suicide and Gen. Nori has incurred the mistrust of President Salnave, who deprived him of his rank and honors.
New York, Feb. 15.—The *Herald's* Havana special says the Colonial Council at Martinique have voted an appropriation of 30,000 francs to lay a cable connecting the island with Guadeloupe. They have also increased the duties on imports.
New York, Feb. 15th.—The *Herald's* Mexico City correspondence, dated Jan. 29, says a severe fight occurred in Mexico City between the officers of Juarez' body-guard and the police, and the whole affair had been laid before Congress. The Havana correspondence reports the same paper of the 8th inst., says the Government has conceded a subsidy of \$12,000 to the mail steamers between the Antilles and the Mexican coast, and another to those between Spain and Havana. The stock of sugar in the Havana stores on the 31st ult. was 81,500 boxes and 1108 hhds., against 73,500 boxes and 1103 hhds at the same time last year.
New York, Feb. 15.—The *World's* special says the friends of the President are urging him to remove Stanton and appoint one of the members of the Cabinet ad interim, thus involving a peaceful and judicial appeal for decision of this matter. The position in which General Grant has placed himself is also mentioned as cause for his arrest and trial by court martial. The chances are in favor of McClellan being appointed Minister to England.

We are requested to intimate that owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Hutton, and by request of her medical attendant, the bell of the new Congregational Church will not ring to-morrow.
FIRE AT BADEN STATION.—We regret to learn that the Waiting Rooms, Ticket Office and Tank House of the Grand Trunk Railway, at Baden, were totally consumed by fire on Wednesday morning last. We have not heard how the fire originated, but in all probability it was caused by sparks from a locomotive.—*Telegraph.*

PERSONAL.—The Chicago papers say that Mr. Charles Dickens has a sister-in-law residing in that city, she being the widow of Augustus Dickens, who was a clerk in the Illinois Central Land Office, for some ten or twelve years, and died two or three years ago. Augustus was the favorite brother of Charles in the time of his early literary triumphs, and it was from him that he derived his *some daughter of Bos*. Mrs. Dickens is keeping a boarding house on North Clark street, and by this means is barely able to support herself and children.
The report is going the rounds, but to what authority no one knows, that regulars, and possibly volunteers, will be stationed on the Niagara frontier in the spring.

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