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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters.

Before sunrise Sir Gilbert Barton had also set out on the strongest and most active horse which he possessed, but he took the direct route to Edinburgh, and scarcely drew rein till he passed through the West Port gate, and came to his usual lodgings in the Canon-gate. He lost no time in bestirring himself in behalf of Walter Elliot, so that he Charlie Allan had brought his prisoner to the city his capture and the circumstances of it were known, both to Sir Gilbert's friends and those in power.

The Baronet was disheartened to find that he made little headway in his efforts. An adverse influence was energetically at work, and an influence far stronger than he possessed. Indeed, the Baronet's power was much weaker than he had found it some years before, because in the interval the persecuting power had grown stronger and more virulent, while, on the other hand, the neutral course which Sir Gilbert had followed was now having the effect of making him coldly and suspiciously looked on by the dominant party. His neutrality, which was a thing evident enough, was used as the ground of insinuations against him, and was whispered that he secretly favoured and assisted the Covenanters—an assertion wholly false, but easily given colour to, by his invariably refusing to take an active part in the persecution against them.

Despite, therefore, the vehement efforts he put forth, Walter was not released and allowed to return to Holland, but a disposition was manifested in the Council to deal with him most rigorously. Some of the more blood-thirsty members contended that, by returning to Scotland, he had forfeited his former pardon by the King, and should therefore now be executed. In vain was it represented to them what his object really was in visiting Scotland—that it was not at all of a political nature—and that it was his intention to return immediately to the land of his exile. They chose to ignore, or even to disbelieve this, and the most violent of them—urged secretly by the friends of Allan—cruelly proposed that he should be put to death, in terms of his previous sentence. But the milder members reminded their colleagues that the King had given orders that there should be no more executions on account of the Pentland rising, and this was still the crime with which Walter stood charged. This consideration prevailed so far that the advocates of his death were out-voted, but the sentence finally resolved on was little less terrible, for he was condemned to perpetual imprisonment in the dungeons of the Bass, where already several of the Covenanters lingered in captivity. This result filled Sir Gilbert Barton with indignation and anguish. He felt in its full force the gross injustice of such a punishment, and his grief was the greater because Walter had incurred it on his account. But neither his anger nor his sorrow could avail to affect his friend's release, and he had the unbearable pain of seeing him taken from the Tolbooth to Leith, and there put on board a vessel which conveyed him down the Firth to the place of his hopeless captivity.

Sir Gilbert was almost heartbroken, and still sought means to appeal to those in power. But not one of the friends to whom he applied had influence enough to procure Walter's release. They all agreed in saying that if influence could be brought to bear on Archbishop Sharp his liberty could be effected, for Sharp was then supreme, and in the Council his will was law; but none of them had sufficient acquaintance with the Archbishop to effect so important an object.

'I know of only one man who could, if he liked, do this business for you,' said Colonel Sibbald to Sir Gilbert one day.

'And who is he, Colonel?' anxiously asked the Baronet.

'Why, it is useless naming him, for your adversary has no doubt secured his influence already. I mean Sir Thomas Allan of Glen-corthrie. He, I know, is hand and glove with the Archbishop, and nothing he asks would be refused. But, of course, he being Captain Allan's uncle, will work only in his nephew's interest.'

'Thank ye, Colonel; thank ye for this suggestion,' cried Sir Gilbert, starting suddenly up. 'Puddin' and panches, there's my chance, or I am sair mistaken.'

'You know Sir Thomas, then?'

'No, I dinna; never saw him tae my knowledge; but for a' that, I have hope o' success. Where can I get speech o' him?'

'Why, for that you have to go to his place in Fifeshire or Perthshire. I don't exactly know which shire Glen-corthrie belongs to, but it lies at the northern foot of the Ochils, and he seldom stirs from home, unless to pay a visit to the Archbishop at St. Andrews.'

'Guid bye, Colonel,' cried Sir Gilbert, wringing his hand. 'Guid bye; I'm aff at once.'

'Then heaven speed your mission.' The Baronet acknowledged the friendly wish by a grateful wave of the hand, as he left the Colonel's quarter, and rushed at almost headlong speed down the Law-market.

The hope which had been suddenly raised in his bosom in connection with Sir Thomas Allan was not without a feasible foundation. He had reason to suppose that Sir Thomas held no correspondence with his nephew, whom he disliked, and who had been a trouble and annoyance to him. There was therefore little likelihood that his influence had been sought against Walter Elliot, and there were various reasons why Sir Thomas might be induced to interest himself in Walter's behalf.

In the first place, he might be inclined to do so on Mr. Gordon's account, who for friendship's sake had taken charge of his nephew.

And, secondly and chiefly, he would not refuse the prayer of his brother-in-law. Sir Thomas did not know as yet that his brother had been married and left a daughter but this would be revealed to him, and the proof shown to him, and he would take Helen with him, whose beauty and sweetness, and earnest pleadings would be irresistible.

These things rushed like lightning into Sir Gilbert's mind at the first mention of Sir Thomas Allan's name, and his resolution was taken to return immediately to Brankswood and set out with Helen to pay a visit to Glen-corthrie.

TO BE CONTINUED.

NOTICE.

HAVING sold out my stock at "Bradford House" and Book-accounts to Mr. Philip Bish, all parties indebted to me on book account will pay the amount to Mr. Bish.

GEORGE JEFFREY,
Guelph, 5th March, 1867.

WITH reference to the above, I have much pleasure in stating that I have purchased the whole stock in trade, also the book accounts, &c., of Mr. Geo. Jeffrey. The business will be carried on as formerly in all its branches, trusting for a continuance of that patronage which was so liberally bestowed on my predecessor.

For further particulars see future advertisement.

R. BISH.

N.B.—All accounts not satisfactorily settled will be placed in first court for collection.

Guelph, March 6th, 1868. dw

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, as general merchants, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 23rd day of March, 1868. All debts owing to the said Partnership are to be paid to Alex. McIntyre, at Clifford; and all claims against the said Partnership are to be presented to George McDonald, of Clifford; by whom the same will be settled.

D.

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the **Albion**, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.

L. W. DECKER.
Montreal, 30th March, 1868. d

JUST ARRIVED

TO-DAY AT

No. 2,

Day's Block, Guelph,

ALEWIVES,

BLOATERS,

FINNAN HADDIES,

SEA SALMON,

TABLE CODFISH,

Smoked HERRING, &c.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

WALL PAPER!

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FOR Extra BARGAINS

In WALL PAPER try

SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE!

Next door to H. Walker's Grocery.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

MONTREAL

Boot and Shoe Store

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

STILL THEY COME!

50 Cases Just Opened

OF THE BEST AND MOST

FASHIONABLE

BOOTS & SHOES

The Dominion can Produce. TERMS, CASH.

N. B.—Country Merchants are invited to call and examine our Stock.

JOHN McNEIL,

Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 8th April, 1868. dw

TO BE HAD ONLY AT

The Apothecaries' Hall.

NEURALGIA

POWDERS.

The New, Extraordinary, and Tonic Remedy for

Neuralgia, Rheumatism,

Sciatica and Lumbago.

Also, for Face-ache, Tooth-

ache, Earache, Coughs

all affections from Cold.

The Powders are entirely Tonic in their action, giving strength and tone to the system, and increasing the appetite.

They are tasteless and may be taken by anybody with perfect safety.

A. B. PETRIE,

Chemist, Sole Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, April 8. daw tf

NEW

Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WALD

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.

The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.

The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. H. McCruden, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

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

TOM and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.

Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dwfm

Insolvent Act of 1864.

THE Creditors of the undersigned are notified to meet at the Law Office of Messieurs PALMER AND LILLIE, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, Instant, at Twelve o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an Assignee under the above Act.

GEORGE WILKINSON,

By Palmer and Lillie, His Attorneys at Law.

Guelph, April 11, 1868. do 2w

TO FARMERS.

WANTED by a young man, a situation with a respectable Farmer.

Apply to THE EVENING MERCURY Office.

D.

Tools and Findings

A COMPLETE Assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER,
114 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Amer' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Calipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Hooks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano-stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Moleston Tools, &c. For sale at lowest Prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street,

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NOTICE OF

REMOVAL.

In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has

THIS DAY REMOVED

To a much larger and much more commodious store,

One Door West of the

Old Stand,

And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he was enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage to them and to himself.

T. J. DAY,

Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, April 2, 1868. daw tf

Savings Bank.

THE CANADIAN

BANK OF COMMERCE

OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.

The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December.

The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors.

Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.

For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.

R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw4

Herald copy four weeks.

Toronto Advertisement

W. & D. DINEEN

BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of

HATS, CAPS AND FURS

Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st.

Wholesale and Retail.

TORONTO.

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw6

House and Lot for Sale

AT A BARGAIN.

FOR sale, that large and commodious Frame Dwelling House situated in East Market Square, in the town of Guelph, immediately adjoining O'Neill's Hotel. Lot about 36 feet front, and extending through to Macdonnell-st. For particulars apply to D. GUTHRIE, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, or to Messrs. BURTON & BRUCE, Barristers, Hamilton.

Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw7

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 & 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 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,

Proprietor,

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, Jan. 27, 1868. do tf

BRICK FOR SALE.

220,000 MORRISTON WHITE BRICK.

For sale at the Morrison Brick Yard. Apply to

JAMES MORRISON.

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New Advertisements.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL

ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT.

1868.

JOHN HOGG

AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torments of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still to continue to serve and be a means of profit to the great mass of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity. I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for Ready Money—and money will command Bargains such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers. It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers.

COTTON GOODS have all advanced very rapidly within the last month. During the period of panic prices I bought heavily, indeed sufficient to do my business requirements during the summer. Since an advance of fully forty per cent. has taken place.

My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price.

Thanking you for past favors,

I remain yours,

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

FIRST IMPORTATIONS

OF

NEW SPRING GOODS!

WILL BE OPENED

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.

The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.

W. MACKLIN & CO.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

SOMETHING NEW!

LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF

CHARLES DICKENS

AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

That cannot be distinguished from Oil Paintings, at

Cuthbert's Bookstore!

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their

Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

32 Yonge-st., Toronto.

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

JUST OPENING

AT THE

BRITANNIA HOUSE

A Splendid Assortment of

SPRING FURNISHINGS

2 & 3 PLY CARPETS,

Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.

Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.

HEFFERNAN BROS.

Guelph, 26th March, 1868

PELLATITE

WHO CAN TELL

How Nature Colors the Peach?

How Nature Colors the Plum?

How Nature Colors the Green

Grape,

And Berries of various kinds?

The celebrated Portuguese Chemist and Botanist, Professor Esmeraldo, has contributed one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as

PROFESSOR ESMERALDO'S

PELLATITE.

This Pellatite is the Concrete Juice of the Fruit of the Anthemis Pyrethra, a Brazilian Shrub that grows along the banks of the Amazon River. This fruit and its juice possess the peculiar property of imparting its color to the Human Hair only, and gives it an Elegant, Soft, Glossy, Brown or Black Color, promoting its rapid and