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### R. TROTTER. | W. K. GRAHAM. Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-1y) MIDWIFERY.

RS. MORRIS, Midwife. Residence. Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Holliday's Brewery, first house east of Mr Mimmack's former residence.

Guelph, 13th December, 1867

## HAY IN TRUSSES

JOHN WEST.

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potate

Guelph, Oct. 29, 1867.

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GEORGE A. OXNARD,

FFICE:..... MACDONNELL STREET TE'URSDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 19. A.M. P.M. 8,00 12.30 stern... 8.00 12.30 mk, west... 3.30 ... 10.30 6.30 Local News. MARSHALL TO-MORROW.

If you appreciate a good article in Brian oot Pipes, at a low figure, go to Geo. likhason's.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION The semi-annual examination of the above school takes place to morrow, to commence at half-past nine o'clock a. m. The public

No other House in Town has one-quarter the Stock of COALOIL LAMPS that Mr. HORSMAN has.

ALL SOLD-THE EFFECTS OF ADVERrising.—Two or three days ago Mr. A. O. Bucham advertised 150 pair of splendid price. To-day at noon he had not one of the stock left, the rush has been so great after them. This is the effect of judici advertising.

The NEW BURNER at MR... HORSMAN'S saves one-third Oil, and gives a Light Clear, White, and Cheerful.

ace in the House on Monday evening. He was loudly cheered on entering and congratulated by Mr McKenzie, who was making a speech at the time.

#### Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

ceipt of the Ottawa Citizen Almanac for 1868. It is got up with great taste, printed on excellent paper, and is far in advance of such publications generally sent out from newspaper offices. The matter it contains will be found most useful for

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

Superior Advantages Offered!

The attention of young men looking forward to mereantile life is carnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits. The great characteristic of this matitution is its actual business system. It is not only the first/College in British America in which the system was established, but likewise the only one in which that system was retablished, but likewise the only one in which that system was retablished, but likewise the only one in which that system is rationally, practically a deficiently carried out.—The result is that any order of getting his diploma to take his place behind the accountant's desk. Both, therefore, by right of priority and unexampled success this institution has secured in fact what by its name it professes to be—This British America's Commercial College.

One of the direct means of attaining and holdingthis high position has been the constant and wary selection of thoroughly competent, conscientions and energetic teachers the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1863, 1866, and 1867, the only occasions on which we competed. As this honor undoubtedly places this College at 'the top of the wheel,' we shall always strive to maintain that superiority in this, as in all other branches of study which are characteristic of the institution. Plain legible business writing is the style of which we have ver given the most provincial course arise considerably accounting to the directions and course of the time transport of the provincial course and the provincial course and the provincial course are considerably accounting to the directions and course are considerably accounting to the stripe. A dinner was given to Dion, the billiard player, on Monday evening last in Montreal, at which the Mayor presided. During the evening Mr Dion was presented with a diamond ring and gold watch as a mark of the confidence and respec of his friends.

SCARCITY OF WATER.—An idea of the scarcity of water may be formed from the fact that for 74 miles along the line of the Grand Trunk east, not a drop of water is in the tanks, and the Company are put to great straits to obtain it. Driving cattle eight and ten miles to water is of common occurrence, even with snow on the ground.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey, Old Rye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

Christmas Books and Fancy Goods.

—We call attention to Mr. T. J. Day's advertisement of books and fancy goods for holiday presents. A glance at the very large stock will convince any one that all tastes can be suited. There are beautiful and cheap editions of all the standard and favorite works by the best authors; also an endless variety of fancy goods suitable for presents for old and young. Those calling first will get the best choice.

## The COAL OIL at MR. HORSMAN'S is decidedly the Purest and Best that has ever been sold in Town. Only 15 Cents per Gallon.

The friends of John Watson, Esq., of Ayr, intend to give that gentleman a complimentary dinner, as a proof of their appreciation of his efforts for the utilizing of farm labor, and the improvement of farming implements.

Agent, G. T. R., Guelph. Liverpool & London & Globe bar room of the Commercial Hotel, Ayr, on Sabbath morning last, which spread very rapidly and consumed the entire building together with the stables, &c. On account of the extreme cold the fire. engine was frozen up and rendered no service, so that the efforts of the villagers furniture of the hotel and the property, T. B. ANDERSON, Esq., Chairman, (President Bank of Montreal.) HENRY STARNES, Esq., Deputy Chairman, (Manager Ontario Bank). E. H. KING, Esq., (General Manager Bank of horses, &c., in the stable. The loss was \$2,000 on the property.

Press of Wednesday says:—A meeting of Press of Wednesday says:—A meeting of the Presbytery of London, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, was held last evening in Rev. Mr. Proudfoot's church, in this city, the Moderator, Rev. Mr. Corrie, of Southwold, in the chair, and a good attendance present. Rev. Mr. Kemp, of Windsor, strongly advocated, in a speech of nearly an hour's duration, the introduction of the organ into the Canada Presbyterian churches in this country, and offered many valuable suggestions in favor of the idea. His remarks were listened to with marked attention by all present. He concluded by moving a resolution to the effect that the liberty of introducing instrumental music into the Canada Presbyterian Churches be left to the respective congregations. He was sure that a common consent would be given in favor of the scheme by the majority of them. The resolution was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, who completely dispelied any conscientious objections which night have been raised against the scheme, by quoting from Scripture, many passages in support of his theory. the Presbytery of London, of the Canada Fire Insurance & Life Assurance Agent, Guelpl w713-d86 FLOUR AND FEED STORE CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mil Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

List of Sales at the Christmas Fat Cattle Show.

We note the following sales:—E
Shants, helfer \$4 per cwt. J. Royce yoke
of steers \$70, J. Richie ball \$56, George
Royce steer \$25, Joseph Jackson cow,
1540 lbs. at \$4.75 per cwt. John Bruce
three helfers, \$3410 lbs. at \$4.75 per cwt.
George Newsteed cow, 1195 lbs., at \$5.25
per cwt. Gideow Hood his two largest
oxen at \$10.00 per cwt., steer 2315 lbs. at
\$300, and cow and heifer for \$380. These
were sold to Geo: Hood, who we believe
intends to keep the two larges ones till
Easter. Joseph Jackson steer, 2050 lbs.
for \$150. Robert Cochrane bought a finethree year old steer from W. 3t Telfer,
1725 lbs. for \$6.50 per cwt., Wan Smith
sold two steers, 2925 lbs. for \$5 per cwt.,
Arthur Hogge yoke of oxen, \$400 lbs.,
at \$4 per cwt., and two-very fine fat steers
—one 1550 lbs. at \$7, the other 1460 lbs.,
at \$4 per cwt., Thos. Rughes helfer, 1320
lbs. at \$5 per cwt., 37 hos. Helmderson
heifer and steer, 2665 lbs. at \$5 per cwt.
G. Thurtell two steers, 3540 lbs. at \$550
per cwt. Adam Dunn six sheep at \$4.50
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\$4.50 per cwt. Wm Hood 12 head for
\$1,000; Robert Harvey cow for \$50, H)
Nesbit cow for \$40, W. Swanston 2 steers
2450 lbs. at \$5.50 per cwt., and 3 sheep at
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Erin Township Council.

Erin Township Council of Erin met on the 9th inst; members all present; the Rever in the chair. The following sums were ordered to be refunded to the parties, annual below:—Dougaid McFee, \$2.13; Matthew Smith, \$1.24; George K Lundy 20c; Widow Berry 40c; Allan Noble, \$1.70; Thomsa Cutting, \$2.166, being over charge of exces; and to J McLaren, Jas. Celey, Thos Wansboro, Lorenzo Crewson \$1.00; Allan Noble, \$1.70; Thomsa Cutting, \$2.166, being over charge of exces; and to J McLaren, Jas. Celey, Thos Wansboro, Lorenzo Crewson \$1.00; Allan Noble, \$1.70; Thomsa Cutting, \$2.70; Allan Noble, \$1.70; Thomsa Cutting, \$2.70; Allan Noble, \$1.70; Thomsa Cutting, \$2.70; Allan Noble, \$1.70; All Erin Township Council... for appointing places to hold the meeting for appointing places to hold the meeting for momination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councillors, when the Council fesolve divide committee of the whole en said by-law. The by-law was filled up, the Council resumed, and the by-law was the council fesolve divided to committee of the whole and the by-law was the council fesolve divided to committee of the whole and the by-law was the dudy skating is the latest grievance by law was the council fesolve divided to committee of the whole and the by-law was the council fesolve divided to committee of the whole and the by-law was the council fesolve divided to committee of the whole and the by-law was the dudy skating is the latest grievance by supply their stock.

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MR. HORSMAN has a Magnificent Stock of Articles suitable for Christ-mas Presents.

A OTHER ATTEMPT BY THE FENIANS.—As will be seen from our telegraph despatches to-day the Fenians have again made an attempt to blow up a prison—their operations this time being directed to Mill Bank gaol, in London. Fate was adverse, and the gaol still stands.

To the farmer, mechanic and la borer: Spend your hard carned money where you can get the most General Groceries for the holidays at the lowest prices. This is at Geo. Wilkinson's, Wyndham.st., Guelph.

Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

The following from the N.Y. Times is pleasant contrast to the hollow and American papers give the Fenians, not that they care anything about their so-called wrongs, but simply as a bid for the Irish vote in the States:—"If it be true, Fenians 'will cease all active attempt against law and order' after the murder

because of a steady decline in the prices of goods, which constrained them to sellifor less than the cost of stock; so that there is generally no profit on the year's business, and often a serious loss. Then the Cotton crop has failed in large districts, and is, on the whole, Below an average, while it sells for scarces half its price a year ago. The Corn crop also is below an average; hence high prices for Bread and Meat, with no corresponding advantage to the farmers, who cannot buy goods so freely as they have done. So business slackens where it does not stagnate; and thousands are out of work? We have complaints of consequent suffering and rapine in Louisiana, which was desolated by floods in Spring, by yellow fever in Summer and Autumn, and badly damaged by the army worm; while thousands vainly seek employment is this and we presume in nearly or quite-every other city. Hence a very general and well founded cry of Hard Times. tricts, and is, on the whole, Below an

tory Cheese at John A. Wood's.

Earthquake Shocks

vibration, accompanied by a re-sound. A great many peop awakened from sleep by itsu Ia-que there was a severe shock, it to pass from north to southwest-

### BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Heavy Robbery.

Binghampton, Dec. 18—The safe of the County Treasurer was broken open last night and robbed of \$8,000 in Co. bonds and other securities.

Mexican Affairs

Fenians 'will cease all active attempts against law and order' after the murderone against law and order and including the against law and order and in multing the jair, Burke's would-be rescuers have probably exploded the whole cause."

The Chimney of the NEW CBAL OIL BURNER can be taken off at any time without burning the flugers.
To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.

HARIP TIMES IN THE STATES.
The N. Y. Tribune says:—"Winter has set in early and sternly; the markets are ghitted with fabries which are selling at low prices; 1867 has been a hard year for murderouvers and merchants generally, and and a summer to bring home or any other diplomatist now in Mexico and promised the opening specific of the specific or the summary of the propose of marked the U.S. Tribune says:—"Winter has set in early and sternly; the markets are ghitted with fabries which are selling at low prices; 1867 has been a hard year for manufacturers and merchants generally, and of the continue of the murderone against law and of the and of the markets are ghitted with fabries which are selling at low prices; 1867 has been a hard year for manufacturers and merchan

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Monitour pub-shes a circular by the Prefect of Police, acing the press under more rigorous

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Dublin, Dec. 18.—The examination of John Martin and calters connected with the funeral demonstration on the 8th inst., was concluded yesterday, and the decision was reserved. This morning the accused were brought before the magistrate, and Martin and Lalor were committed for trial on the charge of inisdemeanor. They immediately furnished the requisite bail and were discharged from custody.

Florence, Dec. 18.—Forme Minister Menebrea, replied yesterday to the attacks made upon the Government by the Eiberal party in Tarlisment. In the course of his speech he said that Italy would sooner or later possess Rome, but that end would be accomplished not by some but by moral force. Baron Ratauza followed in a speech in opposition to the chief minister, saying that a popular vote is Naples and other sities of Italy showed that the nation demanded a different policy.

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is Naples and other cities of Italy showed that the nation demended a different policy.

London, Dec. 18.—Arms and ammunition secreted by Fenians have been discovered and seized by the police at several phases in England.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The Invalide Russe says that the policy agreed uponbetween France and Austria on the Eastern question, if presisted in, will imperil the tranquility of Europe.

London, Dec. 18.—A despatch from Massowah says that a report from the interior had reactived the British expedition that King Theodore had set fire to and destroyed Debra Tabor.

London, Dec. 18.—An attempt was made to-day to blew up one of the walls of Millbank gaol, in which a number of Fenians are confised. The preparations were all completed, and the fuse had been lighted by the conspirators, withen attracting attention, but owing to some defect in the arrangement of the materials the powder did not explode, and she plot was discovered Before the attempt to carry it out could be renewed. No arrasts have been made, and no clue has been obtained to the guilty parties.

The NEW BURNER for Safety, Economyand brilliands of flame, is unsurpassed. To be had at MR. HORSMAN! Sal to terminate

Progress of the Country.