

At COST

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SELLING OFF HARDWARE AT COST!

JOHN HORSMAN

Has determined to sell off the balance of his STOCK OF HARDWARE AT COST.

Axes at cost, Knives and Forks at cost, Pocket Knives at cost, Electro-Plate Ware at cost, Cruet Stands, Toast Racks, Pickle Forks, Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons, Table and Dessert Forks, Dish Covers, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Tea Trays—ALL AT COST. Window Cornices and Curtain Bands at cost, Lamps at cost, Lanterns at cost, Enamelled Saucepans at cost, Stove, Scrub and Shoe Brushes at cost, Bed Cord and Clothes' Lines at cost, Locks and Hinges at cost, TOOLS of all kinds at cost, and the whole of his present Stock will be rushed off at Cost Prices.



An Immense Stock of Hardware, Oils, Paints, &c.

J. HORSMAN has ordered from the European Markets an Immense Stock of Hardware, Paints, Oils, &c., which for extent, variety and cheapness, will not be equalled in Canada. J. HORSMAN is determined to maintain the high reputation he has gained for keeping the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of Hardware in the Province. Remember the balance of my present Stock of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Oils, Paints, Window Glass, Cordage, &c., must be cleared off at once at Cost Prices, to make room for heavy importations to arrive shortly. Do not neglect this grand opportunity of laying in Cheap Bargains of Hardware.

Guelph, 1st February, 1868.

JOHN HORSMAN.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET WEDNESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 5, 1868.

The Education Question in England.

One of the most notable events of the times in England was the holding of a National Education Conference in Manchester during the second week in January. All accounts concur in the assurance that it was a great success. It was composed of men of the highest distinction of all churches and of all political parties. The utmost Christian courtesy combined with the most outspoken frankness characterized the discussions; and the view most ably advocated and finally adopted with only one dissentient, was that a Bill should be introduced into the House of Commons providing general education to be defrayed by general rate, permissively where it is least required, but compulsorily where there are general ignorance and apathy; and also that attendance at school should be rendered compulsory by law. The fact is they have got beyond the region of permissive Bills and the word compulsion is no longer a bugbear to Englishmen. But not only have we to note this Educational Conference, but it is gratifying to see that education is the topic upon which all our leading statesmen are addressing large public assemblies, during the parliamentary holidays. Great good must come of this and it is fervently hoped that men of all creeds will combine for some scheme of general education which shall lift up the masses from their deplorable degradation through mental and moral ignorance.

Critical State of the East.

The Vienna Wanderer says: Everything indicates that in the East things have come to a state of maturity, and that the explosion must take place soon. Russian agents are predicting it every day, and lately, the Russian press speaks of it emphatically. The Russians ought to know better than any one else the state of things in the East. It is they who have prepared with admirable perseverance, with great ability and boldness, the mines which are to explode in the Balkan Peninsula. The Russians have now brought things to such a pass that they themselves are the ones to cry out "fire" when they, or their accomplices, think the time come to cause the explosion. Signs of warning are given to Europe on purpose. The Russians show in this respect a frankness which is unlimited, in order to apprise the world that a speedy solution of the Eastern question must take place. There is now for Russia no other alternative but either to make a disgraceful retreat, or give a fresh provocation such as Prince Menschikov gave the Divan. She must either abandon the Cretons to their fate, appease Greece, Servia and Montenegro, compromise the fatal influence exercised by Russia on the minds of the Christian rayas, or else once more put to the test the power of the empire of the Czars—try war again to obtain the inheritance of the "Sick Man," as has already been done in vain. This is a sad alternative, and in this respect no one will envy the Autocrat of all the Russias, nor his patient people.

ANOTHER STUPENDOUS BRIDGE.—It appears that whatever difference existed between the citizens of St. Louis concerning the building of a bridge across the Mississippi it is settled, and there is now every likelihood that the great Father of Waters will soon be spanned and Missouri united to Illinois.

The Assessment Act.

The Leader says it is proposed, in the amendment to the assessment act now before Parliament, to return to the original basis of estimating the value of real estate, namely, six per cent. on the rack rent. Under the old law, a certain class of ratepayers were subjected to manifest injustice, and in the amendments submitted by the special committee on Friday last, although mainly in the right direction, the defect from which this injustice arose appears to have been overlooked. The assessor is instructed to assess on the amount actually paid to the landlord. When the taxes are paid by the tenant, through the landlord, and included in the rent, as is usually the case with monthly tenants, the whole amount—rent and taxes—is assessed as rent; but when the taxes are paid by the tenant directly to the collector, the actual rent only is assessed. For example, a house that rents at \$48 a year when the tenant pays the taxes, will rent for about \$60 a year when the taxes are paid by the landlord. The rent is the same in both instances, but in the one case the property will be assessed at \$48, in the other at \$60. It is obviously unfair to assess rented property at a higher rate because the taxes are paid by the landlord. Yet this is practically the case, and courts of appeal constantly persist in confirming such assessments. In localities where the taxes amount to 22 or 23 per cent. on the rental, it is quite a hardship to be obliged to pay, not only the ordinary taxes, but also the same per centage on the amount of the taxes themselves. A tax on taxes was certainly never contemplated by the framers of the law.

WANTING IN.—Vancouver's Island is seeking admittance into the union of British American Provinces.

A telegraphic despatch from Victoria states that on the 29th ultimo a public meeting was held in that place, to discuss the advisability of seeking admission with us. This led to the passage of a resolution in favor of consolidation, and declaring that an overland wagon-road to connect Victoria with Canada is essential to the prosperity of Victoria. This was unanimously adopted, and a Committee was appointed to wait upon the Governor and ascertain the progress made and to take further steps with reference to the proposed Union. We can well congratulate ourselves that the people of that distant country still retain the instincts and sentiments of true subjects of Britain. Should a union take place, and a road be built a railway would follow in due course; but even the former would render the fertile plains that now lie waste, realities, not visions to the minds of industrious emigrants.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS.—

By the fifty-ninth clause of the Union Act the Lieutenant-Governors hold office "during the pleasure of the Governor-General," provided their appointments have been made previous to the commencement of the first session of the Parliament of Canada, but all Lieutenant Governors appointed after that date are "not removable within five years," except for cause assigned. We understand that as was generally believed would be the case when Sir N. F. Belleau was first appointed to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Quebec, he has now been confirmed under the last mentioned provision of the 59th clause of the Act, as has also General Doyle in the Lieutenant-Governorship of Nova Scotia.

THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.—

In a private letter written from Zula, near Annesley Bay, on the 19th Dec., the writer says:—"There have been dreadful blunders here, and no mistake; a tremendous waste of Government property, which Englishmen will have to pay for. The mules have been dying by scores, also the horses, purely from want of water. See... they are dead. They have been landed with nobody to look after them, water and provisions, and falling down dead from sheer exhaustion. Go where you will five miles around, and you see nothing but the carcasses of dead camels and mules. The stench, too, through the camp is awful throughout the day. They have taken to burning the carcasses now, and I can assure you that is anything but agreeable—I think worse than the other. The vultures, too, are beginning to get dainty, they have had such a feed lately; and the jackal and hyenas come down to the camp. They are building sheds, etc., for the commissariat—for the stores, which are lying in hundreds of tons on the shore, protected only by little cloths, the tops of which don't cover one hundredth part of them.—There has been gross mismanagement by some one—can't pretend to say by whom. I guess there will be a jolly row about it some day. Out of 1,200 mules landed they can't muster over 750 now."

THE LINCOLN MONUMENT.—

The National Lincoln Monument Association have published a history of their past operations, from which we learn that the cash contributions for the patriotic purpose which they were organized to promote amount to \$84,000, which sum is now invested in Government bonds. The Legislature of Illinois has also appropriated \$50,000, which is not to be paid over until the money now in the hands of the Association has been exhausted. The City of Springfield, Ill., has granted a free title to a site for the proposed monument in Oak Ridge Cemetery, where the remains of Abraham Lincoln now rest in a temporary vault. No plan has yet been fixed upon, the date for receiving proposals and designs extending to the 14th of April next. The estimated cost of the monument is \$200,000, and the Association therefore need about \$66,000 more.

New Advertisements.

Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the premises of the subscriber, Macdonnell Street, on the 26th inst., a white cow, medium size, 4 years old, with horns turned in at the top. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be handsomely rewarded.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, dw3 Guelph, 5th Feb, 1868

G. A. D. G.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club intend giving another of their popular entertainments in the TOWN HALL.

On Wednesday, 19th Feb.,

When the celebrated Tragedy, in Five Acts, entitled

BARBAROSSA!

By John Brown, D. D., will be produced for the first time in Canada. To conclude with the roaring Farce of

THE HAPPY MAN

Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 50c.

M. ARMOUR, Manager, Mr. VALE, Leader of Orchestra. Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868.

W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Acupuncturist. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massey's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dtw1

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

TWO men willing to act in any capacity as labourers or general servants. Character excellent. Apply at this office, or to N. Higginbotham, Druggist. Guelph, Jan. 24th, 1868.

No. 2,

Day's Block, . . Guelph.

- Fresh Codfish. Fresh Haddocks. Sea Herrings. F Innan Haddies. Yarmouth Bloaters.

JUST ARRIVED.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, 5th February, 1868. dw

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY. (From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.)

Toronto, 13th September, 1866. Messrs MURPHY & WRIGHT.

B. A. COMM. COLLEGE, TORONTO.

DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial purposes obtained by the young men educated at your College.

We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he never had any previous experience, has proved himself adapted to the knowledge applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.

Your efforts are worthy of every appreciation in founding a sound Commercial Emporium of the intelligent youth of Canada, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part and not the incapacity of the tutor.

We shall ever give our advice and preference to your pupils for an office, and feel glad to thus attest our experience of the same.

We remain, Gentlemen, yours, &c., MORRISON, TAYLOR, & CO., Wholesale Provision Dealers.

For Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c., address MUSHROVE & WRIGHT, Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. (dw) Toronto.

Messrs MUSHROVE & WRIGHT, B. A. COMM. COLLEGE, TORONTO.

DEAR SIRS,—We can eminently recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers. The young men in our employ bears testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different houses pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated by your system of tuition as to render the knowledge applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.

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Guelph Horticultural Society.

THE annual meeting of the Guelph Horticultural Society for the election of officers, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the Wellington Hotel.

On Wednesday, 12th of Feb., at 2 o'clock p. m.

GEO. MURTON, Secretary. Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. 311w

NOTICE.

PERSONS having claims against the estate of the late Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair will please send particulars of them to D. Gullrie, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, for adjustment.

G. D. FERGUSON, Executor Guelph 25th January, 1868. dw2

BOARDERS.

TWO or three gentlemen can be accommodated with good rooms in a first-class private house. A gentleman and his lady not objected to. For information apply at the Post Office, or at this office.

Guelph, 25th January, 1868. d

New Advertisements.

NEARLY GONE.

The CLOUDS which we received a few days since are nearly gone. The demand has been immense, thanks to a discerning public.

Grey and White COTTONS.

Just opened, a superior lot of Grey and White Cottons, in the various widths and qualities, at the lowest figures. On hand, 35 inch Dundas Cottons.

Guelph, Jan. 31, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM.

CONCERT!

Sacred Music

THE CHOIR

of the Congregational Church

assisted by a number of the most talented Vocalists and Chorists of the town, will give a Concert, consisting of choice selections from the works of Handel, Haydn, Beethoven and Mozart, in the NEW CHURCH.

On Wednesday Ev'g, 12th February

when it is confidently expected that a musical entertainment will be furnished that will be well worthy of public patronage.

Tickets - - 25 cents each.

May be obtained at the stores of Messrs. Day, Higginbotham, McNeil, Thomson, Cuthbert and Savage, and at the door.

Doors open at 7.30. Concert to begin at 8 o'clock precisely. The proceeds will be devoted to the organ fund of the Church.

For further particulars see programmes. Guelph, 3rd Feb, 1868. dtl

NOTICE.

All Accounts and Notes due to

HOGG & CHANCE

remaining unpaid on the 5th February ensuing will, without any distinction of person, be handed to Mr. Baker for immediate collection.

HOGG & CHANCE. Guelph, 28th January, 1868. dw2

SPECIAL NOTICE.

CANADIAN National Series of Reading Books.

Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario,

NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES: First Book, with 21 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—five cents.

Second Book, 2nd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—ten cents.

Second Book, 3rd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—ten cents.

Fourth Book, 45 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents.

Fifth Book, 50 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents.

Stocks supplied at the lowest Toronto wholesale price for cash only.

T. J. DAY, Opposite the Market, Guelph Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.

Guelph, 26th December, 1867. w1y

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 3 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, Whitty GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do ft

FRENCH'S

Condition POWDER,

HEAVE REMEDY.



FOR THE CURE OF

HEAVES

Thick and Broken Wind,

Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,

And all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.

It is the best medicine known for removing all Impurities of the Blood and producing a Slick and Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in Cleansing the Skin. As a Diuretic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made. Prepared by

A. B. PETRIE

Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries' Hall. Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, 24th Jan, 1868. wd

LOST.

LEFT by mistake yesterday, the 25th, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in a sleigh, painted blue, at Ellis' American Hotel, and either taken away in said sleigh, or abstracted therefrom, a Lady's green Morocco Satchel, containing purse in which were five two dollar bills on the Commercial Bank, and one or two other articles. As a reward, will be suitably returned, if leaving at Ellis' American Hotel, Guelph, or with the owner,

RICHARD SINCLAIR BRODIE. Guelph, Jan. 26, 1868. daw ft