

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury...

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EVEN'G, JAN'Y 28, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters.

We shall not dwell on that long, painful and ignominious Sabbath-day's journey to Dumfries...

I am the minister of Greystone, said Mr. Gordon, standing before the commander with that lofty dignity...

'I confess I do.' 'And you, Mr. Elliot?' 'I was present,' answered Walter, stiffly...

'You say he made resistance, and threatened violence,' remarked Sir James, addressing the Captain.

'He did,' answered Charlie. 'It is false,' cried Walter. 'The men will bear witness that it is so.'

'Silence!' said Sir James, coldly. 'You will bind his arms as before, he added speaking to Allan...

'With a wave of his hand, Sir James stepped into an inner room, leaving the prisoners to be disposed of as he had directed.

'What is to be the end of these things?' at length burst out Walter, impatiently and bitterly.

'The minister looked quietly up, and something like a smile played round his mild and pleasant lips as he replied—

'I can only answer you, Walter, as the Angel answered Daniel when he put the same question: Many shall be purified, and made white and tried.'

'Yes, and the wicked shall do wickedly,' added Walter. 'He told him that, too.'

'No, nor even its foundations touched,' returned the minister, solemnly. 'It is firm and sure as ever, and God's love and faithfulness shall yet be established.'

'The night of weeping shall be succeeded by a morning of joy, though when is a secret known only by the Lord. But ignorant and shortsighted as we mortals are, I can well understand that there must yet be in our land lamentation and mourning and we for a broken Covenant.'

'Sorrow and suffering must follow the deep sin that has been committed. If you had seen what I saw and took part in twenty-eight years since, you would understand this. The Covenant is to you a matter of instruction and information. To me it is a solemn national spectacle, for I was present at its public subscription in Greyfriars' Churchyard, and I was a personal eye-witness to its sacred obligations. On that memorable day, the last day of February, this land and people, by its representatives of all classes and districts, voluntarily, and in the presence of heaven and earth, vowed to God to preserve and maintain their Presbyterian religion in Scotland to all generations. The great ones of the land—the leaders and teachers of the people—signed it with high and holy enthusiasm—signed it, some of them, with their own blood. But how does that Covenant lie broken in Scotland at this hour? The rulers have brought in Frelaty, they have driven the faithful minister from the places of instruction; they are persecuting even to the death those who keep true to that Covenant to which all have sworn. And shall God have no controversy with Scotland for this? Believe it not, my son. Judgments dire and terrible are impending. It has begun first at the house of God, but the last end of the indignation shall fall on the impious and wicked ones who have made this a forsworn nation. Never let our faith in this fall. We, who endeavour in this dark and cloudy day, to follow the Lord fully, may have to endure much; but at last justice shall be vindicated, truth shall triumph, and we shall enter into the joy of our Lord.'

'I wish,' returned Walter, 'that I could cherish your sublime faith, and manifest your serene composure; but my soul rises in strong indignation against the wrongs the people are suffering, and which we are now sharing. My nature abhors tyranny and asserts its independence, and when we are dragged through the country thus, as prisoners and vile criminals, and made to suffer from the spite and malice of a wretch who has nothing noble in him, my very spirit boils within me.'

TO BE CONTINUED.

in California marriages between Tanques and Digger Indians, Irish and Chinese, Mexican and Malay, Portuguese and Sandwich Islanders, English, Canadian and negro, French and Apache, to say nothing of the more common intermarriages to be seen in all parts of America.

COMMERCIAL

Guelph Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Hay, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelph, January 28, 1868.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.'s report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'

TORONTO, January 27, 1868.

HAMILTON, January 27, 1868.

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PRIZE PENMANSHIP!

Superior Advantages Offered!

THE attention of young men looking forward to mercantile life is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College...

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT.

Toronto, 6th Dec, 1867.

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffey's Hotel.

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c. on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church.

SMITH & METCALF,

Guelph, 20th December 1867.

FURS, FURS.

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

FURS, FURS.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867.

REMOVAL.

WM. G. TAYLOR Veterinary Surgeon

RESPECTFULLY thanks his numerous patrons for the liberal support he has received since his residence in Guelph...

Guelph, 27th Dec-1867.

TROTTER & GRAHAM, DENTISTS!

Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store

References.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Parrillo, M. M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton, Dr. Barnhart, Ward of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

FLOUR, GRAIN, PROVISIONS, ASHES, LEATHER, &c.

CONSIGNMENTS solicited. Highest prices realized, and returns promptly made.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., MONTREAL.

ADVANCES.

DRAFTS authorised against Consignments to Montreal and Halifax may be made at the option of Consignors, on either City.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., MONTREAL.

FISH, OILS, &c.

ORDERS for Fish, Oils or West India Produce promptly and promptly executed.

Dominion Store!

(Late Post-Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

HAS on hand a varied stock of GENERAL GROCERIES for Christmas & New Year

NEW FRUIT!

Figs, Dates, Raisins, Lemons at 25c per dozen.

Funerals, Funerals!

NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual.

OPPOSITION LINE

TO CALIFORNIA via Panama, carrying United States mails, and also via Nicaragua.

North American Steamship Comp'y

will dispatch one of their Fast and Elegant Steamships from NEW YORK.

Every Ten Days.

RATES for First, Second and Third Cabin VERY LOW.

Liverpool & London & Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital Surplus & Reserved Funds \$16,271,675.

DIRECTORS IN CANADA:

T. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Chairman, (President Bank of Montreal.)

Fire Insurance & Life Assurance

This Company offers to Insurers the security of Wealth, Position, Increasing Revenue and Liberal Management.

REMOVAL.

WM. G. TAYLOR Veterinary Surgeon

Oyster Rooms

DEES to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on the corner of Wellington and Front Streets.

Guelph, 27th December, 1867.

Excellent Farm For Sale in Eramosa.

FOR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 28, 3rd Concession, Eramosa.

One Hundred Acres!

with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good

Two Storey Stone House

containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house.

FAMILY KNITTING MACHINE

Manufactured by the Lamb Knitting Machine Manufacturing Company.

STORE for SALE

In the Village of Stirton.

BOOTS & SHOES

At Wholesale Prices.

Men's Coarse Boots!

FORMER PRICES.—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.75; No. 3, \$2.50.

Kingston Penitentiary

BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

Steamship Company.

STEAMERS Weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown.

Valuable Tavern Stands FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the following valuable Tavern Stands in the village of Rockwood.

STRAYED STEER.

CAME on the premises of the subscribers about the 1st of October last, a steer rising two years.

Notice to Debtors.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned, either by note or book account, are requested to settle on or before the 25th January.

WHEAT WANTED!

THE subscriber will pay the highest cash price for all merchantable wheat and other grains delivered at his mills, Douglas, Garfield.

THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.

FRANK SMITH & CO. 77 Front Street, Toronto,

DEG to intimate to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of

Fresh English Groceries, Wines, Brandies, &c.,

Ex. 'Planet,' 'Chaudiere,' 'City of Hamilton,' 'Glenborie,' from London. 'Avon,' 'Onida,' 'Hibernia,' 'Peruvian,' 'Summer,' and 'Pericles,' from Liverpool.

Fresh New Crop Fruit and Mediterranean Cargo

300 Hhds and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars. 522 Hhds Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE of the AMERICAN WATCH

THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeit Watches, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the net Gold value of American Currency.

Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation, to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, and quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch.

Robbins & Appleton, New York, General Agents.

D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

DRY GOODS!

IS STILL GOING ON AT

WM. STEWART'S,

Guelph 11th December, 1867.

R. B. MORISON & CO.

Winter Stock of Dry Goods

And Ready-made Clothing,

AT COST AND UNDER and are offering GREAT INDUCEMENTS to their customers and the public generally.

Hardware in great variety, Groceries, Fresh Fruits, &c.

a new supply of that excellent 50 cent TEA that has astonished the neighborhood. Just to hand, a supply of Crockery and Glassware.

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES.

G. & A. HADDEN.

Would invite the special attention of the public to their very large stock of

SEASONABLE DRY GOODS!

Comprising a full assortment of every description of Goods suitable for the Fall and Winter Trade, No old, moth eaten bankrupt stock, but all Fresh New Goods, which they are determined to sell off at such a reduction in price as cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to the purchasers.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

They would call particular notice to a large and choice assortment of Fresh New Season TEAS, consisting of Pingsay, Moyness, Imperial Gunpowder, Japan, Souchong and Congou, which for strength, fragrance and price are not excelled by any house in Guelph.

Wines, Brandies and Liquors

A large stock of choice Wines, Brandies and Liquors, warranted genuine. Crockery, China and Glassware in great variety. Also, a full assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES of the best quality and at the lowest price.

Notice to Debtors.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned, either by note or book account, are requested to settle on or before the 25th January.