

**THE SULTAN'S WIVES**—We notice in the *Solih* that the Sultan has three wives; the first is named Louvele (new pearl), the second Hatvani Di (marvel of the heart), and the third Ede (elegance of heart). The total number of the women composing the harem of his Highness is incredible; it amounts to 900 of all classes and of all ages. His chamberlains, guards, pages, coachmen, &c., constitute the number of 2,300. 500 tables are set every day in the seraglio, twelve persons at each table; the total number of plates, served twice a day, amounts to 6,000.

**FIRE IN THE LUNATIC ASYLUM**—On the 23rd inst., about 6 p.m., a fire broke out in one of the wards of the Lunatic Asylum, Amherstburg; one woman was suffocated, also two others badly burnt. The building was saved with great difficulty. Fortunately there was very little wind, otherwise the whole Asylum would have been consumed.

**BRIGGS' MODERN CURATIVE FOR CORNS, FEET, INGROWING NAILS, TENDER FEET, &c.**—It is the safest and most efficacious remedy ever discovered for the cure and prevention of ailments of the feet. It is not potash or acid, but a soothing, softening and healing ointment warranted not to injure the most delicate foot, but will soon effect a radical cure of these vexatious ailments of the human family. There is no remedy equal to an operation by a skilful chiropodist. When this is not convenient, BRIGGS' MODERN CURATIVE comes as an angel of mercy. Sold by H. E. Harvey & Co., and druggists generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, agents for British Possessions.

**Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry**  
This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving ailing and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs, white-cough, Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

**UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.**  
From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me.  
"About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a 'Seated Consumption.' He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition, for it is, I think, the best remedy for the time. The above statement, gentlemen, is my voluntary offering to you in favor of your Balsam, and is at your disposal."  
Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SON, 18 Tremont-st., Boston, and for sale by all druggists generally.

**GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.**  
Ayerbury, Mass., Oct. 13th, 1864.  
"My Grace—Sir: Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe abscess upon my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues. Yours with respect,  
JAMES BEAN.  
I certify to the truthfulness of the above statement.  
H. S. DEARBORN, M.D.  
SETH W. FOWLE & SON, Boston, Proprietors.  
Sold by all Druggists, at 25 cents a box. By mail 35 cents. Northrup & Lyman, General Agents, Newcastle, Ont. law 17

**CHRISTMAS**  
AND  
**NEW YEAR'S GIFTS**  
AT  
**JOHN HORSMAN'S,**

**BARRELS REDPATH'S SUGARS AND SYRUPS.**  
Barrels Old and New Currants  
Boxes Valencia, Seedless and Layer Raisins.  
Liverpool and Onondago Salt, per Car Load.  
Barrels Common Whiskey, Bonded in 1867.  
For sale by  
**JOHN L. LEWIS.**  
Guelph, Dec. 26. dw

**COMMERCIAL.**  
Guelph Markets  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH,  
December 26, 1868.

Flour @ 100 lbs	2 50	2 75
Fall Wheat, 2 bush	1 10	1 18
Spring Wheat, 2 bush	1 00	1 08
Oats @ bush	0 22	0 25
Peas do	0 80	0 85
Barley do	1 00	1 16
Hay @ ton	8 00	12 00
Straw	3 00	4 00
Shingles, @ square	1 00	1 50
Wood, @ cord	3 00	3 50
Wool	0 24	0 25
Eggs, @ dozen	0 18	0 22
Butter, (store packed) @ lb	0 20	0 22
do (dairy packed) @ lb	0 20	0 22
Cheese, each	0 20	0 25
Turkeys each	0 37	0 40
Chickens, @ pair	0 20	0 25
Ducks do	0 30	0 35
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	1 25
Apples, @ bush	0 04	0 05
Lamb, @ lb	4 00	7 00
Beef, @ lb	0 05	0 12
Pork, @ 100 lbs	7 00	8 50
Sheep Pelts each	0 50	1 00
Lambskins	0 50	1 00
Hides	2 50	6 25

**Money Market.**  
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,  
Guelph, Dec. 26, 1868.  
Gold, 135.  
Greenbacks at 72 to 73, sold at 73 to 74.  
Silver bought at 4 dis.; sold at 3.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 60c.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**  
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by special Telegram to "Evening Mercury."  
MONTREAL, December 24, 1868.  
Flour—Extra, \$5 40 to \$5 60; Fancy, \$5 70 to \$5 75; Welland Canal Superfine, \$5 45 to \$5 50; Superior No. 1 Canada, \$5 00 to \$5 20; Superfine No. 1 Western, \$5 05 to \$5 10; No. 2 do, \$4 50 to \$4 60; Bag flour, \$2 45 to \$2 50; Wheat—Canada, Fall, \$1 14 to \$1 15; Spring, \$1 15 to \$1 16; Western, \$1 10 to \$1 11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 47c to 48c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1 20 to \$1 30; Butter—dairy 20c to 25c; store packed 19c to 20c. Ashes—Pots \$5 00 to \$5 07; pearls \$5 00 to \$5 05. Pork—Mess, \$21 50 to \$21 50; Prime, \$1 00 to \$1 20. Peas, 50c to 55c.

**TORONTO MARKETS.**  
Toronto, Dec. 22.  
Fall wheat \$1 10 to \$1 15; spring wheat \$1 00 to \$1 03; flour, No. 1 super, \$4 60; extra \$5 25; barley \$1 25; peas, 55c to 58c; oats, 55c to 54c.

**HAMILTON MARKETS.**  
Hamilton, Dec. 22.  
Barley, 1 25 to 1 55; peas, 50c to 55c; oats, 58c to 55c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 03; wheat, 1 15 to 1 20; red winter, 1 00 to 1 03.

## EVENING DRESSES

**HEFFERNAN BROS.**  
ARE now opening out a choice assortment of NEW AND FASHIONABLE Materials for BALL AND EVENING DRESSES.

**Irish Poplins**  
**Colored Crapes**  
**Colored Tulles**  
**Fancy Alpaca**  
Muslins, Tulle, &c. ALEXANDER AND OTHER WHITE KIDS—Cheap. A beautiful variety of  
**SILK and VELVET RIBBONS for SASHES**  
Artificial Wreaths, Head-Dresses, &c.  
**HONITUN, CLUNY, AND VALENCIENNES LACE SETS, COIFFURES, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.**  
**OPERA CLOAKS**—New, Fashionable and Cheap.

**HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.**  
Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph. dw

## A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.



## THE GOLDEN LION

IT is certainly marvellous that any community should be so excited over the great success that has attended the efforts of MR. HOGG to obtain in the first Manufacturing Districts of the World the very excellent, novel and substantial fabrics in all of the various classes of

**Fancy and Staple Dry Goods & Millinery**  
Shawls, Bonnets and Mantles,  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**  
Buffalo Skins, Grain Bags, &c.

Indeed everything in the Mercantile line usually kept in a first-class establishment. That MR HOGG'S efforts have been crowned with unprecedented success is beyond a doubt. The great bargain that he is daily giving causes his immense establishment to be crowded from early morning until night. His stock to select from is so large and varied that parties get suited without loss of time, let their taste be ever so difficult; and in addition, by being able to import all of his goods direct from the Manufacturers, to offer a saving of 12 1/2 per cent (12 1/2 cents on every dollar, over any establishment in Town.  
All classes and descriptions of Clothing made to order by a first-class cutter and sent free of charge to any part of Canada.

**JOHN HOGG,**  
Guelph October 31st, 1868. Golden Lion, Guelph

## BUSINESS STILL GOOD

## BRADFORD HOUSE

**DRESS GOODS!**  
Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.

## JACKETS! JACKETS!

Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Seal-skin Jackets, Whitley,—Black and Coloured. Peterham,—Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of  
**FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.**

## Table Linen and Sheetings.

The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE

## MILLINERY!

For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.  
For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.  
The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY, THIMMING, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE.

## PHILIP BISH

Wyndham St. et, Guelph, November 2

## WANTED,



Keep the Feet Dry and the Head Cool.  
Keep the Feet Dry and the Head Cool.

## BOOTS AND SHOES

TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.

## JOHN CRIDIFORD

INSPECTOR in his stock of NEW FALL GOODS, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.  
Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, No. 41, Wyndham-st., Guelph. FOR CASH ONLY.

**JOHN CRIDIFORD.**  
Guelph, September 26th dw

## WILLIAM C. BAINE,

**ACCOUNTANT.**  
Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of books.  
Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.  
OFFICE—AT MESSRS. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.  
Guelph, Nov. 26. do 5w

## DOMINION SALOON

**FRESH OYSTERS!**  
Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m.  
**DENIS BUNYAN.**  
Guelph, 17th October d

## DAVIDSON & CHADWICK.

**GENERAL AGENTS,**  
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH,  
Agents for Loaning Money for the

**TRUST and LOAN COMPANY**  
OF UPPER CANADA, AND  
**THE CANADA PERMANENT BUILDING and SAVINGS SOCIETIES**  
OF TORONTO.

THESE Companies afford every facility to the borrower, and give him the privilege of either retaining the principal for a term of years or paying it off by instalments extending over any term of years up to 15.

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,**  
Have also a large amount of  
**PRIVATE FUNDS**

On hand for Investment.  
Money Invested and interest collected. Mortgages bought subject to examination of title. Valuation of property offered.

**Debentures, Stocks and Securities** of all kinds negotiated.

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
Are Agents for the  
**Royal Insurance Co'y**  
OF ENGLAND.  
CAPITA - - \$10 000 000.

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
are Agents for the  
**STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,**

Established - - - in 1824.  
The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses  
In Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

## FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.

For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered. The speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 20x40 feet, a stone kitchen story and a-half high 22x22, back kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x50 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosa to Fergus, and is distant from that village 8 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter (post paid) to  
**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,**  
Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph.

## BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE.

Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on  
**Wednesday, 6th January, 1869**  
At one o'clock, p. m.

Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street Guelph, on which there is a two-story house—part brick, part stone—containing nine rooms, with good cellar, woodshed, and soft water cistern, also cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: One-fourth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Possession on the 7th March, 1869. Terms indisputable.  
For further particulars apply to  
**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,**  
Agents for the Vendor.  
Guelph, Dec. 16.

## CARTER'S

(LATE WEBSTER'S)  
**FLOUR & FEED STORE.**

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell  
**Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain,**  
CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.

Cheaper than the Cheapest  
IN TOWN.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.  
**JAMES CARTER.**  
Guelph, Nov. 24. do 17

## Still on the War Path

THE subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the public that he still has on hand, and as able as ever to attend to all orders that may be left with him at the well known old stand,  
**ON CORK STREET,**  
Opposite Deady's Hotel,

Where he is prepared as formerly to make up  
**CLOTHING**  
of every description at short notice, and in a superior style.

Having had 30 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up  
**HOME-MADE CLOTHS** and trim it cheaper than can be done at any other establishment in Guelph.  
All work carefully finished, and at moderate rates.

**W. M. MITCHELL.**  
Guelph 2nd Nov dw 3w

## STILL ON THE MOVE.

**H. METCALF,**  
SADDLER,  
Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,  
**IN THE NEW BUILDING,**  
Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—  
**Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and Cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts, Brushes, Combs, &c.** in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of **HORSE CLOTHING,** Blankets, Surstrings. A call is solicited. Repairs done as usual.  
**H. METCALF.**  
Guelph, Dec. 4th. 4w

## THE UNRIVALLED

**MASON & HAMLIN**  
**CABINET AND METROPOLITAN**

## ORGANS,

Have Just ARRIVED at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE.

They are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than Three Hundred prominent American artists, and a great many European musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These Organs are provided with all the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS, including—  
**Mason & Hamlin Improved Vox Humana, or Fan Tremolo,**  
Which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effects, including a remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the nearest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic rich and attractive quality of a cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the MASON & HAMLIN Company are now so great that they can afford and undertake to furnish, not only the best, but also the LOWEST PRICED Organs made. Every instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1000 and upwards.

**Illustrated Catalogues** with full description and prices of the various styles of Instruments sent free to any applicant. **Canvassing Agents Wanted.**

**W. WARNER CLARKE,**  
Guelph, Dec. 13. daw 17  
Market-Square, Guelph

## BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS FRUIT

At WALKER'S, this year's Crop, 1868.

**CROWN LAYER RAISINS,**  
**LONDON LAYER RAISINS,**  
**WEST END LAYER RAISINS,**  
**SULTANA RAISINS,**  
**VALENTIA RAISINS,**  
**SEEDLESS RAISINS,**  
CURRANTS, new and large; Turkey Eggs in layers, very large; Dates, German and French Prunes.

## HUGH WALKER,

**SPECIAL NOTICE**—Electorates of the North, East, South and West, take notice that Hugh Walker is now receiving daily thousands of those celebrated Oysters from J. Ludington & Co., Baltimore. Extra quality for the Holidays. Sold by the Can, Keg, Pint, Quart, Gallon, or by the Hundred. Wholesale and Retail. Sole Agent for the Trade in Guelph.  
**HUGH WALKER & CO.,** Sole Agent for Ludington & Co., Baltimore.  
Fruit Depot, Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Dec. 12. dw

## CARD.

## James Massie & Co.,

Have pleasure in intimating the re-opening of their RETAIL STORE in the recently re-erected "ALMA BLOCK." Having given special attention to the selection of suitable and seasonable articles, they can, with confidence, recommend their **FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c.**, to their numerous friends and customers, who will ever find an ample stock of superior goods, and a courteous welcome at the **ALMA BLOCK.**  
Guelph, 9th Dec., 1868. daw 17

## JACKSON & HALLETT,

**GROCCERS,**  
NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

We have ALWAYS ON HAND as below, which will be sold as CHEAP as quality will allow  
**Hyson, Japan, Congou and Gunpowder Teas,**  
Which for Strength and Flavour is not to be surpassed

**McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal.** Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal  
**Fruit and Fish.** Cigars, Pickles, &c.

**NEW LAYER RAISINS,**  
**NEW VALENTIA RAISINS,**  
**NEW SELECTED CURRANTS,**  
**NEW FIGS and LEMONS,**  
**NEW CANDIED PEELS,**  
**FRESH RED HERRING (100 Boxes),**  
**NEW LABRADOR HERRINGS,**  
**NEW CORNISH (dried),**  
**FRESH WHITE FISH,**  
**FRESH TROUT FISH,**  
5000 VERY FINE OLD HAVANAS,  
1500 CHOICE MANILLA CHEROTS,  
20000 PRINCE OF WALES,  
CROSSE AND BLACKWELL'S PICKLES,  
PICADILLY ONIONS,  
MIXED SAUCES,  
ANCHOVES,  
SARDINES, LOBSTERS, &c.  
TOBACCOS.—Celebrated Brands Smoking and Chewing.

**Genuine MARTELL'S and HENNESSY'S BRANDIES,** in wood and bottle. **SHERRIES, PORTS, GINS, RUMS, &c.** Wholesale and Retail. **Hiram Walker's WINDSOR OLD RYE WHISKEY** and **WINDSOR OLD MALT WHISKEY.** ALSO **SOPH'S ALE, BASS ALE, BLOOD'S PORTER** LONDON PORTER

Goods Delivered in all Parts of the Town with Promptness  
**D. JACKSON.** **J. HALLETT.**  
Guelph, November 10th, 1868 dw

## WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block.

**JOHN A. McMILLAN** is now turning out over six hundred pairs of Boots and Shoes per week at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. An immense Stock of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Children's

## RUBBER OVER-SHOES AND BOOTS

At the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. The cheapest and best Boots in the County of Wellington, without exception, are got at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory. Ten thousand people can testify to the fact. Observe, you lose money if you do not get your Boots and Shoes from John A. McMILLAN, Boot Maker for the million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

**J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor.**  
Guelph, 31 Oct. Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

## FUNERALS

**FUNERALS.**  
**WILLIAM BROWNLOW,**  
UNDERTAKER,  
C. Douglas Street. House in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.  
The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend  
**FUNERALS**  
As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.  
**W. M. BROWNLOW**  
March 26 1868. daw 17

## REMOVAL. REMOVAL.

**C. THAIN**  
The inventor and manufacturer of the first prize Double Moulded Plough at the Provincial Show, held in Hamilton in September, 1868, and manufacturer of Steel Mould Ploughs, Cultivators, Double Drill Turnip Sowers, Scarifiers and Horse Rakes, the Dominion Roller, Ostrum's champion subsoil Plough Attachment, patented April, 1868, the best patent ever introduced into the County of Wellington, has now ready Turnip Cutters, Revolving Clothes Dryers, Churns, Washing Machines, &c., and is received, without bank or loan, or any of these so-called weapons so common in the cloth and leather war, to produce as good an article as any establishment in the Dominion, at his shop opposite Stewart's planing mill, Eramosa Bridge, Guelph, Ont. Ropes of all sizes neatly and strongly spliced.  
Guelph, 20th November. w 1m