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The Evening Mercury
CONTAINING the latest News by Telegraph up to the hour of going to press, is published at 3 o'clock every afternoon (Sunday excepted), and mailed to all parts of the country by the evening mails on the following

TERMS:
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6 months, 2. Single do. 1 week 10c.
Copies may also be had of the News boys on the streets, price one penny. Town subscribers are supplied at their residences by our own carriers.

"The Weekly Mercury"
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPER in the DOMINION, containing 40 columns of reading matter. Special care is taken to make it the best and most select reading appears in its columns. It is the **Greatest Family Paper of Ontario** and the unprecedented additions to its subscription list within the last two years, and the demand still increasing, is a certain evidence that our circulation is correct. Our facilities for getting up a **FIRST-CLASS WEEKLY** are unrivalled by even the metropolitan press, and we are determined to make it a success.

Letters containing money, properly registered, will be at our risk.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Business men will find the EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY to be unrivalled advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are far in advance of any others in North Western Canada, and is the only means by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser.

Book and Job Printing,
Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.
1837 1867
GUELPH AGENCY.
Steam to Liverpool, Londonderry and Glasgow.

LLOYD'S Double MAP!
OF EUROPE AND AMERICA.
THESE Maps are newly issued, are large and beautifully finished, and mounted on rollers, in fact, no expense has been spared to make them the best Maps ever brought before the public; each Map is twenty feet square and occupying only the space of one man on the European side, turn it over and you have America on the other. These Maps are valuable to business men and travellers, showing the European railroad routes and stations on both continents; they are also worthy of a place in every house, for they are both useful and an ornament.

ANOTHER DOUBLE MAP.
The subscriber has also for sale a Double Map of America on one side, and Canada and the United States on the other. Sold by
WM. F. TOLTON, Puslinch,
Agent for the South and Centre Ridings of the County of Wellington.
Puslinch, Jan. 2nd, 1868. 741-w-3t

THE HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE
Opposite the Market Shed.
CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!
Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.
Guelph, 25th August, 1867. -f- 4w

Insolvent Act of 1864.
In the matter of Thomas M. Grier,
AN INSOLVENT.
COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, BY virtue of a writ of HABEAS CORPUS, I do hereby certify that the late Alexander McKinnon, deceased, hereby gives notice to all parties indebted to the said Estate, to pay to J. W. BURT, acting Executor for the same, as he is the only person authorized to receive money for the said Estate, and all parties are forbidden to pay to any other person. All parties having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the expiry of six months from the date of this notice.
J. W. BURT, } Executors
ANGELO THOMSON }
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Erin, Nov. 16, 1867. 734-w3m

Valuable Building Lots for Sale
IN EVERTON.
THE undersigned offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Hawkins, Esq., P.E.S. There are two-fifths of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Disciples' Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form an excellent site for building on. For terms apply at the Mercantile Office, or (by letter post-paid) to
DUNCAN ROBERTSON, Everton P.O.
Guelph, Nov. 15th, 1867. w1t

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PRIZE PENMANSHIP!
Superior Advantages Offered!

THE attention of young men looking forward to a successful career in the mercantile world, is directed to the fact that the British American Commercial College affords every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business and business habits. The great characteristic of this institution 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 this system is rationally, practically and efficiently carried out. The result is that any youth who passes carefully through the course is ready on 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—The British American Commercial College.

One of the direct means of attaining and holding this high position has been the constant and wary selection of thoroughly competent, practical and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1859, 1866, and 1867, on only one occasion 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 English business writing is the style to which we have ever given the most prominent place, our motto being "a business hand for a business man."

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to incur the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks' board in order to make himself completely master of the course, and thus by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The earnestness that such haste entails is highly detrimental not only to the student himself, but also to the College where he graduates, and besides it brings opprobrium on Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out the prospect of a shorter course as an inducement to students is most deceptive and highly reprehensible.

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,
Toronto, 6th Dec. 1867. dw Toronto.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
WE beg to tender our thanks to the Directors of the Western Insurance Company of Canada for the prompt settlement of our claim against them, for loss sustained by the late fire, in the sum of \$2,000, received through the agent, Geo. Elliott, Esq.
JAMES MASSIE & CO.
Guelph, 11th Jan. 1868. dw-tf

Medical Dispensary
JUST received at the Medical Dispensary, large supply of
Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes!
TOILET SOAPS, &c.

Also, the largest and best assorted stock of English and French **PERFUMERY** in town.
COAL OIL
of the best quality always on hand.
E. HARVEY
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario.
Guelph, 11th Dec. 1867. dw

An Apprentice Wanted.
WANTED at this Office, a stout active lad, about 15 or 16 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the printing business. None need apply except those possessing the qualifications above mentioned. Apply at the Mercury Office, Macdonnell street, Guelph.
Dec. 26, 1867. dwf

PRIVATE TUITION.
THE undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either in his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day.
GEORGE GRAFTLEY, ^{teacher}
Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. dw

MIDWIFERY.
MRS. MORRIS, Midwife, Residence, Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Holliday's, adjoining the residence of Mr. Mackenzie's former residence.
Guelph 17th December, 1867. 41m

NOTICE.
THE business of Messrs. BEAIR & GUTHRIE will be continued at the same office by the surviving partner, Mr. GUTHRIE.
Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw1m

RE-OPENING.
MISS PETHERSTON TAUGH'S School opened on Monday, 6th January, 1868.
Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw1

JOSEPH HOBSON,
CIVIL ENGINEER, P. L. Surveyor and Architect, has opened an office in Guelph, at Messrs. Davidson and Chadwick's, Town Hall Buildings.
Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

Four Corners' Hotel,
BRANFORD ROAD.
JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class liquors and cigars. Good stone stabling and attentive hostler.
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NOTICE
To Debtors & Creditors.
THE undersigned Executors for the Estate of the late Alexander McKinnon, deceased, hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the said Estate, to pay to J. W. BURT, acting Executor for the same, as he is the only person authorized to receive money for the said Estate, and all parties are forbidden to pay to any other person. All parties having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the expiry of six months from the date of this notice.
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COAL OIL.
Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil.
JOHN HORSMAN.

NEW LAW OFFICE
FREEMAN & FREEMAN
BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.

Office over Barry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury.
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
MONDAY EV'NG, JAN. 13, 1868.

PROTEST.—Mr. Cowan, one of the deputed candidates for a seat in the Arthur Council threatens a protest.

Mr. Wm Crawford, of Branchton died on Thursday last, from the effects of a scald received some weeks since by the explosion of a steam pipe.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Cormack Halley, of Luther, was seriously injured in the head and back while felling a tree a few days ago. Drs. Henderson and Orton are attending him, but have little hopes of his recovery.

MILITARY CONCERT IN ELORA.—The Wellington Battalion Band purpose giving a concert in the Drill Shed, in Elora, on the evening of Friday the 26th inst. Mr. Vale will give a solo on the violin, and another on the canopean. The proceeds will be given to the funds of the Band.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. John Emelle, of Nichol, an old man, fell on Wednesday last, and injured his shoulder. Dr. McGuire was called on Saturday, and discovered that the injury amounted to dislocation. The Dr. reduced it, and the old gentleman is now doing well.

TENDERS.—Sealed tenders are asked for the erection of a Presbyterian Church in the town of Stratford, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Mr. Wm Robinson, London, and Mr. A. Cavey, Stratford. Tenders to be addressed to J. S. Rutherford, Stratford, and receivable until the 18th inst.

DRAMATIC.—At the urgent request of a number of the inhabitants of Elora, the Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will play the "Charcoal Burner," (with "Slasher and Crasher" as an afterpiece) in the Drill Shed, in that village on the evening of Friday the 18th inst. We can tell the people of Elora, that they will be satisfied unless they are hypercritical.

CONCERT AT FERGUS.—The Elora Observer says:—The concert given by the Fire Brigade on Friday evening last, in the village of Fergus, was a great success. The large hall was crowded to excess, and many persons were unable to gain admittance. Mr. E. R. Martin, of Fraser, presided at the piano. Miss Fraser, of Guelph, and Miss McTaggart, of Fergus, sang appreciatively.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—Blackwood for December has been received by Messrs W. C. Chewett & Co. The contents are as follows:—Linda Tresselt, part III; The Church—Her State and Prospects; Nina; Sir Charles Wood's Administration of Indian Affairs; The Conversation of England; Cornelius O'Dowd; Grimm's Law; Brownlows, part XII; The Government and the Press.

CHURCH OPENING IN GEORGETOWN.—The new Presbyterian Church in Georgetown was opened on Sabbath last. The new building has been erected of brick and is an ornament to the village. Rev. Dr. Burns, of Toronto, preached at half past ten in the morning; the Rev. Thos. Jeffers, of Georgetown, at half past two in the afternoon, and the Rev. Prof. Caven at half past six in the evening. A soiree will be held this (Monday) evening to aid in paying off the debt, as a considerable sum still remains due against the building.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY.
The report of the Directors of the above Society is published: The audit of the Treasurer's accounts shows that the total amount raised in 1867 was \$302.28, and the expenditures were \$200.50, leaving a balance of \$111.78. The report was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Directors, held in Daiby's Hotel, Elora, on Tuesday, the 7th inst.; and office bearers were chosen as follows: Thos. Bate, Esq., re-elected President. James Findlay, Esq., re-elected Vice-President. Directors, Messrs. Chas. Nicklin, Alex. Walker, James Hunter, Edward Marshall, Richard Howe, John Bonnalie, David Foote, Richard Hughes and Robert Dalby. R. Cromar, Esq., was chosen Secretary; and on motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Froote, the Directors were authorized to join the funds of the Society with the County Society, or any other Society they might think it advantageous to unite with.

PRESENTATION.—The Elora Observer says:—The Rev. Mr. Davidson, Presbyterian minister of Alma, was the recipient of a handsome present on the evening of Monday last. His Bible class determined that his Christian endeavours should not be overlooked and presented him with an address and a purse containing \$21.45 in money, for which Mr. Davidson made a very suitable reply. He is highly esteemed amongst these with whom he labors, and his zeal in the cause of christianity has won for him a host of friends.

SERIOUS AFFRAY IN ELICE.—The Stratford Beacon gives the particulars of a row which occurred after the close of the polling on Monday last week, at Wickey's tavern, in the Township of Elice, which we condense as follows: During the polling Mr. Wickey gave no whiskey to any person whatever, but supplied it without stint as soon as the polls closed. The parties went outside and a faction fight began, which was kept up until they had thrashed each other to their hearts content, when they united for an assault on the tavern. Two of the inmates of the house became terrified for their own safety, and alarmed in regard to the property, rushed out with revolvers and commenced discharging their weapons right and left. Two men fell wounded, the one named Owen Witt, and the other Patrick Keagan. Very little hope is entertained of the recovery of the latter. While the affray was in progress outside, Mr. Wickey's father, who is aged and bedridden, became so affrighted that he rolled out of bed, and lay on the floor until the row subsided. He only lived a few moments after being picked up. An investigation of the occurrence has not yet taken place, pending the result of the wounds; but Mr. Wickey, the tavern-keeper, has been placed in custody, and it is alleged that his hostler is also implicated in firing the shots.

NEARLY A FIRE.—About five o'clock on Sunday evening the Town Bell rang the alarming notes of fire. As usual there was much running and commotion. Smoke was seen to issue from a window on the second flat above Mr. Shevans' Bookstore, and an excited crowd soon gathered. Ladders were placed from the verandah to the window, some pails were procured from Mr. Rutherford's store, and the application of the antagonistic element soon enabled those working above to announce the joyful intelligence: "It is all out." Guelph was visited with a calamitous fire not long since when the Alma Block was reduced to cinders, but had that which threatened to break out yesterday had not been subdued so promptly there would have been a much more doleful tale to tell, for the east side of Wyndham street would have been laid in ruins, and it would have been long before Guelph would have been again what it was on Saturday night last, and what, providentially, it still remains. Now about the origin of this fire. As we said before it was two flats above the store where it began, or on the third flat from the street, and in a room in front of the office of Mr. Cooper, P. L. S. The window of it therefore looks out on Wyndham street, and it was from this window that smoke was first seen to issue. The room was in possession of Mr. Ryan before he removed the Telegraph and Express Office, and has been in his possession ever since he left the building. It was never used, except as a receptacle for old books and waste paper, and the door has not been locked for two years. When an entrance was effected, which the smoke rendered difficult, the fire was found to proceed from a box filled with papers, which having burnt down set fire to the floor. The floor was considerably burnt, and much of it had to be torn up before the fire could be considered as thoroughly extinguished. Two men were left to watch the place during the night, and in looking around they discovered a second box, or rather small cupboard filled with papers slightly burnt, and matches half burnt, making it evident that the papers had been ignited, and the door or lid closed, the exclusion of the air thus preventing them from breaking into a flame. These considerations together with a knowledge of the facts, that the room has been so long unoccupied, that it has no communication whatever with fire by a stovepipe passing through it, or anything else, unless the fire bear strong marks of incendiarianism. The time chosen, on a Sabbath evening, when there was no activity, was also opportune for the designs of scoundrels who could goat with satisfaction over the destruction of their neighbours' property, and of a block of buildings that would enhance the beauty of any city in the Dominion. We do not say that this plan was set on fire, but we say that nothing so like the doing of an incendiary has for a long time been seen in Guelph. A strict investigation is demanded by the circumstances of the case, and such it should, and we hope, will have, for it looks as if villainy with its attendant danger were abroad.

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IT Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62 1/2c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The Bill for the re-organization of the army is still under consideration in the Corps Legislatif. The article obliging every Frenchman to serve in the National Guard was adopted last evening by a vote of 170 to 71. As a concession for obtaining a majority from the operation of the article was introduced, but was opposed by M. Rouher. During the debate which preceded the final action of the Corps upon the Bill, M. Rouher said this article will startle attentive ears abroad, and will inspire the army, which precedes the National Guard to the battles.

London, Jan. 10.—The authorities are very active in searching out the leaders of the Fenian movement. A man was arrested in the County of Cork to-day, who, it is expected, will prove to be no other than the celebrated Col. Michael Doheny. The police have been on his track for a long time, and it is known that he has been lurking in unfrequented places in disguise and under assumed names, and attempted several times to make his way to the United States. The man Lennon, who was arrested at Dublin yesterday, is charged with killing a policeman in that city in October last.

Paris, Jan. 11th.—On New Year's day, King William of Prussia sent the Emperor a cordial autograph note, which was answered in the same conciliatory spirit. A much better feeling has prevailed since publicity has been given to this intelligence, and nowhere was it better received than on the Bourse. Renten are firmer and higher.

London, Jan. 12.—Mr. Edw. Thornton, British Ambassador to the United States, sailed from Liverpool yesterday, on the steamer *Siberia*, for New York.

Florence, Jan. 12.—The adjourned session of the National Parliament was resumed yesterday. Prime Minister Menabrea made a speech in which he confined himself to the subject of the internal and domestic affairs of the kingdom. He exhorted the members to unite with the government in resisting revolution and upholding the national credit, the monarchy and the obligations as well as the liberties of the nation. No reference whatever was made by the minister to the Roman question or to the relations of Italy with foreign powers.

London, Jan. 12.—Accounts from the interior of Paraguay have been received from Rio Janeiro, which show that the condition and prospects of the Paraguayans are better than the Brazilians are willing to admit. President Lopez in person was in command at Humaita, and held the lines of communication with his capital, Asuncion, and with the fortress of Cuzupay. As the forces of the allied powers were very weak in front of Humaita, the Paraguayans defied them to undertake a siege. All classes were as enthusiastically devoted to Lopez as ever, and were making most energetic efforts to supply him with men and provisions. But on the other hand, the allies were preparing to push on the war with vigor when the steamer left Rio Janeiro. The Brazilian government was forwarding reinforcements and the other powers were sending supplies of men and material to Rio Janeiro.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Baron de Budberg, the Russian Minister to France, who has been on a visit to his home, will not return to Paris, having been retained at St. Petersburg by his government, to fill an important position.

Provincial Revenue.
Hon. Mr. Cameron handed in a return to the Legislature on Friday in part, to an address dated 80th December, asking for a statement of any sum or sums transferred to the credit of the Province by the General Government since the 1st of July last; also for the amounts collected from any other sources of revenue, where such had been, and now are deposited, and whether any part thereof carries interest—and if so, at what rate and upon what amount. The following is the return:

Aug. 12.—Transferred to the credit of the Treasurer of Ontario by the General Government, and deposited in the Bank of Montreal, \$ 40,000 00
Various dates.—Territorial revenue deposited in the same Bank by Crown Lands Department, \$82,700 43
\$122,700 43
Less: Chequed out for expenditures in Accounts of Public Service, 40,669 97
\$ 78,030 46

Nov. 20.—Casual revenue deposited in Royal Canadian Bank, 10 00
Nov. 30 and Dec. 31.—Territorial revenue deposited in same Bank by Crown Land Department, 66,180 90
\$ 84,190 90
Less: Transferred to the credit of Mr. Notman, Assistant Clerk, to meet contingencies of the Legislative Assembly, \$10,000 00
\$ 74,190 90
No part of the above deposits bears interest.

Bennet and Horace Greeley, the leaders of the American press, both came up from poverty. Greeley is a native of New Hampshire, son of a poor farmer, who was unable to give him a liberal education. He went to New York without a dollar, and started the *Tribune* with no capital but his busy brain and industrious hands. Now the *Tribune* is a power in the land, and Greeley is a millionaire who makes Presidents and unmakes politicians by the breath of his mouth, and dictates to congresses and conventions from his subject, as an autocrat would to his subjects from his palace. James Gordon Bennett is a Scotchman, born in poverty, who commenced his career as a successful journalist in a cellar, whose furniture consisted of a board laid across two flour barrels, a chair, and an inkstand, where, as proprietor, editor, and vender, he laid the foundations of the New York *Herald*, which has given him wealth and influence. In both cases success has resulted from eminent ability, the foundation of which is industry.

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