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Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'NG, FEB. 20, 1868.

POETRY.
NEBUCHADNAZZAR.
Daniel iv. 29-37.

The monarch of Babylon strode through his hall,
And his bosom with impious joy in perfuming
As he looked on his mighty possessions—on all
The splendours that round him their radiance
Were throwing.

“Is this not,” he cried, in the pride of his heart—
“The city I built for my honours and glory?
As he looked on his mighty possessions—on all
The splendours that round him their radiance
Were throwing.

While the words of “ambition” were yet on his
tongue,
Like swift-shooting bolts from the thunder-cloud
darted:
A voice fell from heaven—“The sceptre is wrong,
Vain King! from thy hand, and thy glory departed,
And thou shalt be driven from the presence of
men,
And browse upon grass like the oxen before thee,
And thou shalt be lodged with the beast in his
den.
Till seven long years of affliction pass o’er thee
Till thou shalt acknowledge who reigneth in hea-
ven,
Who rules as he will in this lower creation, I’ve
Till thou shalt confess who thy kingdom hath
given,
Who humbles thee now from the throne of thy
nation.

That hour from the presence of men he was driven,
And he browsed upon grass like the oxen before
him;
And his body was wet with the dew drops of heaven,
And the storms of the wild in fury blew o’er him.
His heart by no human endowment was stirred;
His bowings went forth where the fore-gioons
gather;
Till the nails of his hands grew like claws of a bird,
And the hairs of his head like the wild eagle’s
feathers.

When seven long years of affliction had passed,
He returned—“all renewed”—to the throne of his
nation,
And he bowed him in trembling submission at
last
To the Monarch of Monarchs—the Lord of creation.

The Maiden's Choice
OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.
A Tale of the Covenanters.

Cruel, however, as she knew her father's
treatment of her mother had been, she could
not imagine him to be such a monster, she
falsely to sully the name and character of her
who had been the wife of his bosom; she
could not conceive that even his thirst for
gold would cause him to be guilty of an
atrocious unparalled. Besides, she had
no suspicion as yet that he could have a mo-
tive for the entrance of the infamous false-
hood, for his plotting with Charlie Allan and
the object they had in view were undreamed
of by her. Nothing, then, suggested to her
the possibility that what had been told
her was a lie, and the thought of her mother's
sin and shame fell on her spirit with all its
crushing effect.

That was the first overwhelming pang of
anguish, and the second speedily followed,
Richard Wayland being her brother, she
could not be his wife. Their very love was
sinful, and must be extinguished. What in-
expressible bitterness was here! but the
essence of it was peculiarly terrible. Not
only must their betrothal cease, but Richard
must never know the reason why. She
could not divulge even to him the secret
of her mother's shame. Filled duty put a
sacred seal upon her lips, which the oath she
had taken did not make more secure, for even
had she been left free nothing would have
tempted her to lay bare to human eye the
stain which lay upon her mother's character.

What a terrible position, then, was hers!
She must, without reason given, renounce
Richard, and become the object of his anger
and contempt. She must manifest conduct
which could not but render her heartless,
worthless, and wicked in his eyes. To forego
his love was terrible enough, to incur his
hatred and scorn was infinitely more terrible
still. At the prospect of this, Richard sat
in prostrate helplessness by the side of her
couch, and gave way to moaning, wailing
agony.

But it must be done, and that at once.
That very evening she and Richard had ap-
pointed for a long twilight ramble, and she
had but a few short hours of preparation to
meet him—to school her heart to undergo
the dread ordeal. And yet what preparations
could she make? Where was the prop on
which her heart could lean? where the refuge
to which she could go for shelter? Forbidden
as she was to give the true explanation, she
was at the same time incapable of putting
forth any false excuse, and as Richard's good
opinion was dearer to her than any conceivable
earthly good, the loss of that—which she
saw no means of avoiding—was the bitterest
drop in her bitter cup of woe.

Twilight came, and with it the hour when
Richard would be at the trying time to meet
her. In hopeless misery she threw on her
bonnet, and went to the final interview.
What a change had come over her since the
preceding evening, when we first saw her on
the way to her father's cottage! Radiant
then with hope and joy, and glowing with
the loveliness of purity and health, she was
as far to look upon as the summer landscape
that glowed in the mellow evening light.
But pale now, and haggard, as if years of
deepest sorrow had passed over her young
head, she moved slowly and listlessly along,
her heart bowed down under its new and
heavy burden, her head bent towards the
earth, and her whole attitude indicative of
the wretchedness that had come over her.

She took her way down the glen, where a
winding path led to the stream which flowed
along the hollow, and there, on a rustic seat,
under a far-spreading elm, sat Richard wait-
ing for her. A fine manly-looking fellow was
Richard Wayland, with a large full chest,
broad shoulders, an erect head, an open
countenance, and features, the strong marks
of which betokened power, feeling, firmness,
and determination. One glance was sufficient
to show that the disposition of the youth was
good and generous, that as yet his charac-
ter had come out in an agreeable direction;
but his was just the kind of face which
fore-shadowed terrible things under the
endurance of wrong. There was great
force and fire slumbering in his nature,
and should circumstances arise to rouse
the deeper passions and feelings of his
soul, some striking manifestations might
confidently be expected. But as yet all
had gone well with him, the best and
fairest features of a noble manhood had
been developed, and love had come to
crown and consummate them.

What an ardent and joyous expression
was on his face when first he caught sight
of her descending the slope, but if an
observer had been near, he would have
noticed the change that gradually stole
over his features as his watchful eye
of love noticed the change in her appearance.
The flush of ardent rapture faded from
his cheek, the happy smile left his lips,
and a look of grave inquiry, deepening into
anxious fear, grew upon his countenance.
His astonished alarm was so great, that he
could not utter a word, and then when
she drew near, he showed to him how
amazingly she was altered—how she tot-
tered and trembled and looked the very
picture of misery—he had not the power
to go forward to her help, till when she
was within a few paces, and seemed ready
to fall to the ground, he rushed spasmodi-
cally forward and caught her in his arms.
“Good God, Helen, what is the matter?”
he asked, in an amazed tone. “Are you
ill—have you been frightened?”—
“Heavens! how pale you are! how you

trouble! how wretched and miserable you appear!
“I am wretched, I am miserable,” moan-
ed Helen, sliding from his arms upon the
seat he had quitted.
“And who is the cause? Who has dared to harm
you? and what have they done? Tell me,
that I may avenge the wrong.”
“No one—has—injured me,” she gasped.
“But I—I have come to—”
Thus far she spoke, but here her voice
and courage failed her, and she bent her
head on her knees and sobbed convul-
sively.

TO BE CONTINUED.

New Advertisements.
Extensive Unreserved Auction Sale
OF
Thorough-bred & Grade STOCK,
Horse, Harness, Household Furniture, &c., at
Woodhill, the Residence of the late Hon.
A. J. Ferguson Blair, commencing on
Monday, 2nd March, 1868, at 11
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Tenure for Stock (which will be sold at 2 o'clock
P.M.) under \$100 cash, that amount and over,
credit till 1st January, 1869, on approved Joint
Notes, payable at Bank of Montreal, Guelph.
Catalogues of thorough-bred stock to be had at the
law office of D. Guthrie, Esq., Guelph, or of G.
D. Ferguson, Esq., Fergus. For other particu-
lars see posters, and consult G. W. R. Blue table.
Woodhill is 2 and a half miles from Waterdown
station, and 6 from Hamilton—a free conveyance
will be in attendance at the former on the arrival
of the morning train.
Feb. 22nd, 1868. First-wt

Greenbacks,
U. S. Bonds,
Gold and Silver,
and Exchange
BOUGHT at TORONTO RATES
AT
Higbee's Exchange Office
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
Guelph, Feb. 24, 1868. dtf

NOTICE.
MR. CHAS. GRUNDY who has been
my Book-keeper for several years in Guelph,
authorized to collect all debts due to me, and
to grant receipts in my name for all payments
that may be paid to him on my account. Also,
to admit and pay any accounts due by me.
OFFICE: In the store of Messrs. John M. Bond
& Co., Corner of Wyndham and Cork Streets.
H ENRY MULHOLLAND
Guelph, 22nd January, 1868

R. J. JEANNERET,
From England,
(Established in London, Oct. 1842, and in
Guelph 1853.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER
AND JEWELLER,
DAY'S BLOCK,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
REPAIRING
The repairing of all kinds of
WATCHES,
CLOCKS and
JEWELLERY
personally attended to, and the best of material
used.

Just received a good assortment of
WATCHES, CLOCKS
Jewellery and
Electro-plated Goods!
Which will be sold cheap for cash.
R. J. JEANNERET.
Guelph, 26th January, 1868. w-tf

PLATT & CO'S
WORLD RENOWNED
OYSTERS
Received daily by Express. Wholesale and Retail.
GEORGE WILKINSON.
Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868.

Dominion Store!
(Late Post-Office Store.)
JUST RECEIVED, a large assortment of Em-
broidery for Ladies Underclothing. Also,
for Braiding on all sorts of Dress Goods.

Some of the Finest Patterns ever seen
Call and see them. They are for sale singly.
Stamping done to order on the shortest notice.
Also on hand an assortment of
New Oranges and Lemons.
For sale GATES & CO'S VICTORIA SEWING
Machines. Don't forget the stand next to the
Wellington Hotel.
MRS. ROBINSON,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Feb. 19th, 1868. dtw

NEW
Oyster Rooms
Valentine Wald
BEGS to announce to the public that he has
fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with
his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.
The very best of Liquors, and choicest Clams
will always be kept.
The Rooms are under the superintendence of
Mr. H. McCord, whose courteous atten-
tion, as well as his thorough knowledge of the
business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.
The very best of Oysters always on hand, and
served up in all styles at short notice.
TOM and JERRY, and all kinds of
Fancy Dishes prepared in the most approved
manner.
Guelph, 2nd December, 1867. dtw

W. B. COWAN, M. D.
HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Ac-
couchur. Graduate of New York Homoeo-
pathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office
over Mr. Masie's new store—entrance Masonville
Street.
Guelph, 17th Jan. 1868. dtf

No. 2,
Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Fresh Codfish.
Fresh Haddocks.
Sea Herrings.
Finnan Haddies.
Yarmouth Bloaters.—
JUST ARRIVED
E. CARROLL & CO.,
No. 2, Wyndham Street
Guelph, 5th February, 1868. dtw

REMOVAL.
Mrs HUNTER
HAS REMOVED
HER Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store to
the premises lately occupied by
MR. JAS. CORMACK
Wyndham Street, next door to Harvey's Drug
Store, and opposite the English Church.
Guelph, Feb. 16, 1868. dtf

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SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE,
Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a
stitch alike on both sides of material sewed,
which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of
work equally as well as Singer's high-priced ma-
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is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for
the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.
Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General
Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good
local and travelling agents, to whom good induc-
ments will be offered. For machine, sample of
work, or terms, address—
J. E. SPAFFORD, Possessory P. O.,
Reference—Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O.,
or Box 460, Toronto

Not Run Away Yet!
THE Subscriber begs to inform his old friends
and the Public, that though several noted
characters have lately been constrained to leave
Guelph for the sake of their health, he is still
 hale and hearty, and hangs out his shingle at the
old spot.

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INDIA & CHINA TEA CO'Y.
Home Depot at London and Liverpool,
Canada Depot, 23 Hospital Street,
Montreal.

THE India and China Tea Company beg to
call the attention of the Canadian com-
munity to their directly imported Teas, which
for purity and excellence will be found un-
equalled in the market.

The Company have made arrangements
whereby they have secured the entire pro-
duce of some of the best plantations in Assam
and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by a
judicious blending of these magnificent
Teas with the best varieties of China produce,
they are enabled to offer to the public Tea of
quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the
general consumer. These Teas are in high
favour in England and France, and a single
trial will prove their superiority.

The Company supply two qualities only,
either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black
Teas will be found to possess great briskness
and flavour, combined with colour and
strength, and to be entirely different from
the flat and rapid article usually sold as Black
Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether
free from the deleterious mineral powder so
commonly used for coloring the leaf.

PRICES: Rich, full-flavoured Teas, for
family use a real genuine and fine article 70
cents per lb. Finest quality procurable one
dollar per lb.

The above can be had either Black,
Green or Mixed.
To be had in packets of Quarter Pound,
Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in
tin canisters of 5 lbs. and upwards from the
Company's Agents in all the chief towns of
Canada.—N. B. All the packages are lined
with tin foil paper, and the Tea will conse-
quently be preserved in its purity and
flavour.—All packages have the Company's
trade-mark, without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM
Agent, Guelph.
Guelph, August 3, 1867. dtw-17

New Saddlery Shop
Do you want a set of Harness, double or single,
light or heavy, call at the new shop, next
door to Coffee's Hotel.
Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply
you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connell's
Wellington Hotel.
Everybody in want of a good Trunk, Valise, or
Travelling Bag, can be supplied at the new shop,
two doors from the Post Office

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.
We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse
Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of common
blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh
Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop,
next door to Mr. Trotter's Livery Office.
We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will
make up on the shortest notice anything you want
in the Saddlery line, a few doors South of the Re-
sident Office.
Brushes, Combs, Spsrs, Bits, in endless variety.
REPAIRING done as usual.
As a consequence of the present premises be-
ing too small for our large stock, we will for a
short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep
our present staff of customers working.

SMITH & METCALF,
Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire,
 adjoining the Alma Block.
Guelph, 26th December, 1867. dtw

TROTTER & GRAHAM.
DENTISTS!
GUELPH and BRAMPTON,
Members of the Dental Association of the Pro-
vince of Ontario.
(Success in Guelph to T. Trotter.)
OFFICE:
Over Mr. Higinbotham's Drug Store

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Clarke, Parker and Herold, Guelph; A. F. Scott,
Esq., County Judge; George Green, County At-
torney; Dr. Fawcett, M. M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold
—Brampton, Dr. Barnhart, Warden of Peel; Dr.
Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.
The new anæsthetic agents used for extracting
teeth without pain.
R. TROTTER
Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. W. K. GRAHAM
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MEDICAL HALL,
GUELPH.
ESSENCE OF
RONDELETIA!
AN ELEGANT PERFUM
for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,
Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Ma-
jesty.
N. HIGINBOTHAM.
Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867. dtw

FLOUR, GRAIN, PROVISIONS,
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CONSIGNMENTS solicited. Highest prices
realized, and returns promptly made. Every
possible information afforded consignors in refer-
ence to the Markets, Tacking of Pork, Manufac-
ture, &c. required.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.,
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DRAFTS authorized against Consignments to
Montreal and Halifax may be made at the
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FISH, OILS, &c.
ORDERS for Fish, Oils, and West India Produce
carefully and promptly executed.

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HALIFAX, N. S.
daw 17

STRAYED STEER.
CLAIM on the subscriber's premises in Novem-
ber last, a Steer rising two years old.
owner on finding property and paying expenses
can take him away.
RICH. BOYS,
Lot 1, 16th con., Nichol. w-t

Wool, Hide and Leather
DEPOT,
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1866. dtw D. MOLTON

NEW CLOTHING STORE.
REMOVAL
JAMES CORMACK

BEGS to notify his friends and the public that he has removed to
THE SPLENDID NEW STORE
Next the Hardware Store of JOHN HORSMAN, ESQ.
On hand, a large Stock of first-class
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
CLOTHS AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
At a Tremendous Reduction
In order to make room for the Spring Stock. ALL ORDERED WORK done up as usual in first-class
style. A perfect fit and the best of workmanship guaranteed.
Remember the New Store, Wyndham-st., next door to Horsman's

JAMES CORMACK,
Guelph, 14th February, 1868. dtw Wyndham-st., Guelph

NATIONAL SERIES OF
SCHOOL BOOKS
ANOTHER LOT OF THE
NATIONAL SERIES OF SCHOOL BOOKS
JUST RECEIVED

AT R. CUTHBERT'S.
Guelph, 6th February, 1868. dtw

RUTHERFORD HOUSE!
JUST RECEIVED, A SUPPLY OF
GODERICH SALT.
Salmon Trout and Herring!
Also, 70 half Barrels Salmon Trout,
70 half Barrels Lake Huron Herring,
50 Barrels Prime Labrador Herring.
Two cases of Finnan Haddies just arrived.

R. RUTHERFORD.
Particular Attention
Is solicited to another lot of
DUNDAS COTTONS
At 10c., 11c. and 12c., superior to anything in the trade at the
present time. OPENED TO-DAY.
Guelph, Feb. 13, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM

Good Gracious Me!
Where did you get those delicious OYSTERS?
Why, at BERRY'S to be Sure!
WHOS BERRY? WHY,
The Confectioner on Wyndham-st
WHERE ALL THE GOOD THINGS ARE KEPT.
Guelph, 11th February, 1868. dtw

Where do you get your Watches,
CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?
AT SAVAGE'S.
Guelph, February 6, 1868. dtw

Desirable Lot for Sale, Boarding and Day School
IN GARAFAXA. for Young Ladies.
CHURCH-ST. GUELPH.
FOR SALE by private bargain the South-west
half of Lot 24, 2nd Concession, Garafaxa,
consisting of 100 acres, more or less, 10 acres of
which are chopped, the balance being covered
with good beech and maple. The land is of good
quality. There is sufficient cedar on the lot to
fence it. It is well situated for roads, being only
one mile from the Pergus and Mount Forest Gravel
Road, and one mile from Arthur Village. The
lot will be sold on reasonable terms.
For terms and other particulars apply to Pat-
rick O'Reilly, Lot 22, 18th Con., Township of Peel.
If by letter to the same, Arthur P. O.
PATRICK WRIGHT, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1868. 749-4

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, 20th December 1867. w1

SITUATION WANTED.
A YOUNG gentleman is desirous of obtaining a
situation in a respectable private family to
do work about the house during the morning and
evening, (or before and after school hours) for his
board. References given if required. Apply to
G. W. T., Guelph Post Office.
Guelph, Feb. 22, 1868.