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PRICE ONE PENNY

NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE

East Market Square, Guelph.

A. GRAHAM & CO.

Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg.

First door East of Bell's Melodeon Factory,

EAST MARKET SQUARE,

where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

POTATOES.

On hand, a large consignment of capital potatoes, which we will sell at the lowest possible price. Give us a call.

A. GRAHAM & CO.

Guelph, Nov. 23. dim

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every six minutes in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to the superior merits as timekeepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS.

Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS

and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer the American Watch to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Elroy" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied ONE MINUTE AND A HALF IN THAT TIME, WITHOUT CARE OR CLEANING, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN

these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION,

as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fitness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen; or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearer they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON,

General Agents, New York.

ROBERT WILKES

Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

dw

PRESENTS

IN ALL QUALITY AT

CUTHBERT'S

STORE

IS FILLED WITH A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF

FANCY GOODS

Suitable for the

HOLIDAY

SEASON.

Guelph, December 7. dw

FUNERALS

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WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER,

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Hours in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.

The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.

W. BROWNLOW

March 30 868.

New Advertisements.

THE

Boulevard Skirt,

COMBINING BEAUTY, ECONOMY AND DURABILITY, A

UNIVERSAL FAVORITE,

AT

WM. STEWART'S

CALL AND SEE IT.

THE

ALEXANDRA

QUILTED

SKIRT,

TO HAND,

Black Velveteens

For DRESSES

AND JACKETS,

PRICES MODERATE.

WM. STEWART

Wynham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 11. dw if

WILLIAM O. 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 sw

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 if

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF,

SADDLER,

Bags 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 & the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts,

Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of HORSE CLOTHING, Blankets, Sursingles. A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.

H. METCALF.

Guelph, December 4. dw

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Direct from Labrador,

JUST ARRIVED

50 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring

50 half do. do do

15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod Fish, highly recommended for table use.

50 qtls. Dry Cod Fish.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, November 18th. dwy

DYEING DAILY.

The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Hair Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all

PERSONS WHO DYE

To give him a call. Resuscitation guaranteed to perfection.

J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.

FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion viz **Grinding all kinds of Cutlery,** razors, knives, scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE.

JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.

Guelph, December 4. dw

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,

(Successor to John W. Murton),

Banking and Exchange

OFFICE,

No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and specie bought and sold at best rates.

5-20 Bonds bought at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R., and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R. for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports.

Agent for the Ketchum & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.

Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and

NEXT D. GUTHRIE'S LAW OFFICE

Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr.

Guelph, December 12. dwy

NOTICE.

SILVER CREEK BREWERY.

Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged.

GEO. SLEEMAN

Guelph, Nov. 20. daw if

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:..... MACDONNELL STREET

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 17th, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

FOR PENITENTIARY.—Brown, the store breaker, left for the Penitentiary this morning in charge of the Chief Constable's son, and Mr. Mercer, the gaoler.

Wm. Taylor, of the Gore of Puslinch, on Thursday last, took a fancy to a buffalo robe and two horse blankets, which were in a cutter standing under a shed in Galt, and appropriated them. He was followed by the constable, the articles found, and he committed for trial.

THE GUELPH MERCURY.—This is one of the best secular local papers in the Province. It is worth a dozen of some sheets found in the country. In politics always consistent. General news full enough for any family—and accurate commercial matters. In Grey county some clubs might be "got up" for the Mercury. Try it.—Bible Vindicator.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—Mr. Marshall, of Day's Block, is fully up to the time as regards producing a life-like likeness, and the work turned out of his establishment at present cannot be surpassed by any artist in the Dominion. Having recently enlarged his operating room, and introduced a new and novel rustic scenery he is in a position to execute orders for all kinds of work in his line in a manner that cannot fail to give satisfaction. At this season of the year, when photographs and other compliments are being exchanged, he asks an inspection of his work and prices. Give him a call.

GREAT SALE OF CLOTHS, CLOTHING, &c.—Messrs. Alex. Thomson & Co., as will be seen by advertisement, are commencing a genuine clearing sale on Monday next. As Mr. Thomson is retiring from the firm, and as the business must be wound up all who favor them with a call may rely upon getting unprecedented bargains, such only as can be got at establishments like the Guelph Cloth Hall. The articles offered are the best the market can produce, and being manufactured under the personal superintendence of the firm, the public are now offered all these with the assurance that the price asked will be less than their actual cost. Our readers, therefore, when in Guelph, and in want of clothing, hats, caps, &c., will find it to their advantage to give them a call, and our word for it, they will get good value for their money.

ADJOURN OR PROROGUE.—In the House on Saturday, Mr. McCall moved that when the House adjourned on Thursday, the 17th inst, it should stand adjourned to Tuesday, the 12th January.—The motion was resisted by the Premier, as an attempt to take the control of the House out of the hands of the Government, and was withdrawn for the present. The object of Mr. McCall was to secure a sitting of the House after the holidays, instead of prorogation before Christmas, as the Premier desires. This is the chief beauty of dual representation. The Legislature may not interfere with those of the Dominion. For this purpose legislation was hurried through without damaging haste towards the close of last session, and this year the folly is to be repeated. Mr. J. S. Macdonald will you ask yourself solemnly, is this right?

[Since the foregoing was written, it is asserted that the Premier has relented, and will consent to the adjournment of the House over the holidays.]

BEEF PACKING IN CHICAGO.—The Chicago correspondent of the Hamilton Spectator writes: The seven houses engaged in this important branch of commerce in this city have about closed their operations for this season. The business has not been so active this year as last, showing a falling off of some 10,000 head, nevertheless Chicago has packed 64,225 barrels of beef for exportation during the season. The greatest number of cattle killed by any one house was 4,300 head. A striking falling off in the branch of business is observable since the close of the war; to illustrate which it is only necessary to say that, in 1864, there were no less than 92,459 head of cattle killed in this city, while this year the number has dwindled down to 23,391. Notwithstanding this fact, however, there are few people (unless it may be some of these beef-packers) who will not readily endorse the sentiment of General Grant and exclaim "Let us have peace."

A TERRIBLE SCENE.—The following fearful scene occurred at the recent steamboat disaster on the Ohio: A gentleman with his sister, a lovely and accomplished young lady, were passengers on the United States. At the first shock the gentleman was thrown from his bed clear on the floor. Hastily pulling on his pantaloons, he rushed to the door of his sister, burst open the door, and seizing her in his arms, carried her down on the main deck, where procuring a door-shutter, he threw it overboard, and leaped after it with his sister in his arms. He placed her securely on the shutter, and was swimming behind, pushing it, with his precious load toward the shore, when to his horror, a big burly and able-bodied man swam up, pushed his sister off the board, and climbed up himself. The young girl sank with a scream and if she came to the surface it was so dark, and the confusion was so great that he could not find her. Maddened at the dastardly act, he made after the author, and seizing him by the throat, a struggle to death ensued. They rose and sank together, still struggling, and when last seen were grappling with each other. Whether either was saved, or both went down together is not known. The sister sank beneath the waves and was lost, but she was terribly avenged by her brother.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

THURSDAY, 17th.—The case against Richard McCrudden, for disorderly conduct, which was adjourned from Tuesday, came up again this morning. Defendant was fined \$5 and costs.

Thos. Naughton was charged with an assault on Ellen Taylor with intent to commit rape. The case was perpetrated on the 30th of last August, and Naughton immediately after fled to the States. Having lately returned he was caught by the Chief Constable. The case was dismissed, the evidence not being sufficient.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE APACHE COUNTRY.—This is the name of a new book of travels published by the Harpers, and a copy of which we have received from Tunis & Co., Clifton. It is a detail of a tour through Arizona and Sonora by J. Ross Brown. All we can say of it is, that it is neatly got up in form, well written and interesting. For sale at Day's bookstore.

WILD LIFE UNDER THE EQUATOR.—Paul du Chailu was charming the people of New York last winter by lectures on the gorilla, and describing the scenery of the equatorial regions of Africa.—His experience and observations in that country have been embodied in a very handsome book, published by the Harpers, and a copy of which has been sent us by Tunis & Co. The narrative is intended for young people, but will form very entertaining reading for seniors, and we are sure no person will begin to read it without feeling an irresistible desire to finish it. For sale at Day's bookstore.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—This prince of American periodicals has been received from the publishers, Messrs. Fields & Osgood, Boston. The contents are: Malbone: An Old Romance, I, The Sunshine of the Gods, A Literary Gourmand, The Good-natured Pendulum, The Flying Dutchman, Co-operative Housekeeping, III, In the Teutoburger Forest, After Election, Consumption in America, I, The Mean Yankee at Home, Dante, On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners, Guadenhuten, Cinders from Ashes, Moral Significance of the Republican Triumph, Reviews and Literary Notices. The magazine is for sale at the bookstores.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.—The January number of this periodical has been received. The stories are excellent the illustrations superb, and the magazine exactly the thing for the young people.—Copies may be had at the bookstores.

LONDON QUARTERLY.—The Quarterly is to hand from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. It has articles on the following subjects: The Great Railway Monopoly, Lady Minto's Memoirs of the Right Hon. Hugh Elliott, Deer and Deer Parks, the Archbishops of Canterbury of the Reformation, Lake Dwellings, The Homeric Question, Mr. Matthew Arnold's Report on French Education, Yorkshire, The Public Questions at Issue. The Review is for sale at the bookstores.

Mr. Metcalf's New Building.

We announced last week that Mr. Metcalf had taken possession of his new building on Upper Wyndham street. It has a frontage of forty feet by sixty feet deep. It is three storeys high above ground, and though not so imposing as the Alma Block, yet it presents a very handsome appearance. The front is of rock-faced work, coursed and pointed. There are two large windows to each store, six feet by eight, and in each has been placed one large pane of the finest plate glass. All goods shown inside of these are thus seen to the best advantage. One half of the building has been fitted up as a saddler's shop for the proprietor, Mr. Metcalf, and besides the show room on the basement floor there is also a large work room in the rear. The other half has been fitted up as a grocery store for Mr. J. Langdon, who is well known to our readers both in town and country from having been so long with Mrs. James Massie & Co. Mr. Langdon has had the store very neatly fitted up, and has received a large and well selected stock of groceries, crockery and linens of the best quality, which he is prepared to sell at the lowest possible rates. Having had a long experience in the business, and being popular with all classes, we have no doubt he will receive a large share of the public patronage, and soon establish a flourishing trade. Of Mr. Metcalf we may say that he has at present a fine assortment of harness, saddles, trunks, etc., on hand, and is prepared to execute all orders for harness on short notice and at reasonable rates. Mr. S. Boulton was architect of the building, Messrs Kennedy & Pike masons, Mr. Robertson plasterer, Mr. Jacob painter, and Messrs Mills & Melvin did the iron work of the building in every respect a handsome one, and reflects great credit on the contractors, and on the spirit and enterprise of Mr. Metcalf, the proprietor.

Owen Sound Correspondence.

Owen Sound has become a place of considerable importance in our Western Peninsula, not only on account of the fine harbour which it possesses, but because of the agitation in favor of its being made the terminus of railway communication from certain points. The Town as well as the adjacent country have been improved very much during the last two years. To a certain extent the W. & G. B. Railway would injure the place, but I believe the ultimate benefits in securing the traffic from the North-west, which will in time be very extensive, would, to both Guelph and Owen Sound, be far from inconsiderable. Toronto is the grand hotbed of selfishness in railway matters, and I think it a great pity that a more amicable feeling could not be engendered between Guelph and other places on the route between here and there. In no town that I have heard from this season has there been greater improvements than in Owen Sound. Many buildings have been erected, and in most instances engaged before they were finished. Large quantities of pork and produce are now coming in and commanding high prices. I have just learned that on Sunday night four young men were detected in the act of opening the grave of a Mrs. Mitchell, who died of consumption. They had not kept their intention quite secret, and two of them were caught by a watch which the relations of the deceased had placed on the grave. The other two are not to be found.

MALICIOUS LIBEL.—A summons was issued yesterday morning at the instance of Ed. Hodder against J. R. Cook, for malicious libel. The parties are required to answer at the Police Court.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—The leaders of all political parties have made a solemn pledge to use all their influence to preserve peace and order throughout the country. Constituent Cortes has met and settled the question at issue. The prompt and effectual suppression of the revolt at Cadiz has greatly strengthened the hands of the Provisional Government, and has dissipated the alarm which previously prevailed. The Minister of Finance already commenced payment of the January interest on the public debt. In London and Paris the subscriptions to the new loan have been closed. They amount to 500,000 reals.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The following news from Spain is published here this morning, the country is entirely tranquil.

Mr. Johnson, the American Minister, in a short speech at the anniversary of the Free Hospital, declared that Lord Clarendon was of the same mind as Lord Stanley, in regard to the settlement of questions pending between England and America, and peace between the two countries was certain.

John Stuart Mill has written a letter on the result of the recent elections. He ascribes the defeat of the workingmen's candidates, to the heavy expense of an election campaign, as now conducted, and as a remedy for this evil, argues that Government should pay the necessary expenditure and make all other outlay illegal and penal.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The appointment of Senor Mauriere Roberts, as Minister of Spain to the United States is officially announced.

BELLY, Dec. 17.—Official correspondence of this city says: "It is expected with confidence that the Turkish and Greek Governments will listen to the warnings of great powers, and abstain from hostilities."

American Despatches

New York, 17th.—The Herald's London special says: Our despatches from Cadiz of the 10th were stopped and couriers detained. They describe fully the situation of affairs at that time, and state that the government troops were badly beaten in their encounter with the Insurgents. While the fight was progressing Capt. Farrell, the American Consul, is said to have mounted one of the barricades in union, and holding the American flag in his hand, he called upon both parties to stop the struggle, and put an end to bloodshed. The fight was shortly after brought to a close and hostilities ceased. Numerous buildings throughout the city bear evidence of a desperate struggle, and the city hall is badly shattered by cannon shots. The government troops are reported to have been guilty of excesses, and plundered many deserted houses. A number of English and American tourists were arrested by military authorities, but subsequently released through the interposition of the American Consul. The Insurgents loudly proclaimed in favor of a Republic, and cheered loudly for America, they also declared that if the city were bombarded they would ask that the country be annexed to the United States.

The Herald's Berlin special says: Prussian interests being strongly in favor of European peace, the Government has endeavored to induce Greece to comply with the demands of Turkey so far as said demands are founded on international law.

Legislature of Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.

The bill to divide the Township of Garafraxa into two Municipalities was read a third time and passed.

The House went into committee of supply when the following items were passed:—Colonization roads \$50,000, criminal justice \$129,000, Miscellaneous justice \$31,457.97, Government buildings—repairs &c. \$25,000, Government House \$50,000, Deaf and Dumb Institution, \$75,000, Reformatory at Penetanguishene \$8,000, for improving the navigation of inland waters, surveying and draining of lands \$100,000, Mechanics' Institutes \$4,000, emigration \$10,000, cost of official Gazette \$3,000, Aid to Red River sufferers \$5,000.

ELABORATE SUPERIOR MAIL CONTRACT.—

The respective proprietors of the *Chicago* and *Algonia* have had a grand contest in Ottawa for the mail contract between Collingwood and Fort William; and the *Algonia* party have triumphed. The owners of the *Algonia* are to receive \$350 per trip from Collingwood to Fort William, performed fortnightly, and \$80 per trip from Collingwood to Sault Ste. Marie, performed weekly on alternate weeks. The contract is for one year, with the privilege of extending to two or three years, by giving notice to the contractors in December of each year.

The Stapleton wells near Goderich, is now turning out about 400 barrels of the very best salt a week, and the demand is fully equal to the supply.

An extra of the *Canada Gazette* contains a proclamation of Lieut.-Gov. Bellean, calling the Quebec Legislature together for the despatch of business on the 20th January.

Pigeon Matches.

Two of the most interesting pigeon matches of the season came off at Mr. George Atkinson's, Mountain Park, Guelph township, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Messrs. John Lillie, and John Atkinson fired at six birds each, for \$5, and Messrs. John West and Joseph Atkinson at eight birds each for \$10. After the shooting was over the parties engaged and several others were invited to Mr. Atkinson's house where they were kindly and handsomely entertained. The following are the scores:

John Lillie.....101111—5

John Atkinson.....001010—2

John West.....1110101—6

Joseph Atkinson.....11101001—5

Woodstock has added one to the denizens of the Penitentiary. He is a horse thief, Mr. Finnegan by name, and will do his country service for five years. It has also sent a lad to the Reformatory, a similar term for the same crime.

The merchants and business men of Main-st., G