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The EVENING MERCURY
CONTAINING the latest News by Telegraph up to the hour of going to press, is published at 5 o'clock every afternoon (Sunday excepted), and mailed to all parts of the country by the evening mails on the following

TERMS:—
Single copy, one cent; 24 copies, 25 cents; 6 months, \$1.00; 12 months, \$1.75.
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.
In addition to the Telegraphic News given in the Evening Mercury will be found a vast amount of Local News, interesting articles on all the leading topics of the day. Special cases will be taken to give CORRECT MARKET REPORTS. Every Business Man should read it.

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PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.
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TO ADVERTISERS.
Business men will find THE EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY to be valuable advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are in advance of any others in North Western Canada, and is the only paper by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser.
Advertising rates on very low scale, and any business learned an application at the office.

Book and Job Printing,
Executed on short notice, at reasonable prices, 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.
McLagan & Innes, Publishers,
Office: - Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.
October 29, 1867. d-w-11

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON
GUELPH, ONT.
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has retained it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR
will be supplied with
Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars
And the table will be laid for the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!
Every day from 12 to 1 o'clock.
OYSTERS AND GAME,
Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor,
Labs of the Commercial Hotel, Whitley.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. d-w-11

\$20. STAR \$100.
SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.
Patented May, 1867.

THIS Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of the material sewed, and will run on any kind of thread. It is simple and easily repaired, and is warranted for five years. It is sold by all the respectable tailors, manufacturers or family. Mr. J. E. SPAFFORD has been appointed Sole Agent for Ontario, and is prepared to receive orders and travelling agents, to whom all inquiries will be cheerfully answered. For circulars, samples of work, or terms of sale, apply to

J. E. SPAFFORD,
P.O. Box 10, Toronto.
Borough of E. & H. City, Stratford, P. O.

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FLOUR AND FEED STORE
Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Jockey Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

DOMINION SALOON,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Claret, Oporto, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, December 2, 1867. d-w-11

THE RED MILL.
THE subscriber having put a steam engine on his Mill, further binding up the water, is now running from 10 to 12 o'clock every day.

FLOUR AND FEED
FOR SALE AT THE MILL.
GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.
GEORGE BALKWILL,
Guelph 19th December, 1867. d-w-11

Sewing Machine for Sale
FOR sale a superior Family SEWING MACHINE. Apply at this office.
Guelph, 25th Jan, 1868. d-w-11

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
(From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.)
Toronto, 13th September, 1866.
Messrs Messinger & Wright,
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.

Dear Sir,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial purposes obtained by the young men educated at your College.

We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who not only understands the fact that he never had any previous experience, but has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient book-keeper.

We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, we gave a decided preference to one of your graduates. In short, we have no hesitation in saying that as far as our experience goes, your course of training is admirably adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man.

Yours truly,
LYMAN & MACNAB,
(From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.)
Toronto, May 21, 1867.
Messrs Messinger & Wright,
B. A. Com. College, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—We can emphatically recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers, and from which to obtain their knowledge applicable to each new system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different houses pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated by your system of tuition as to render the knowledge applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.

Your officers are worthy of every appreciation in forming a sound Council of Examiners, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part and not the incompetency of the tutor. We shall ever give and advise preference to your pupils for an office, and feel glad to thus attest our experience of the same.

We remain, Gentlemen, yours, &c.,
MORRISON, TAYLOR & CO.,
Wholesale Provision Dealers,
Pat. Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c.,
Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. (d-w) Toronto.

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,
Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. (d-w) Toronto.

INDIA & CHINA TEA COY.
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 community to their directly imported Teas, which for purity and excellence will be found unequalled.

The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce 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 a 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 brilliancy and flavour, combined with colour and strength, and to be entirely different to the flat and rapid article usually sold. Black Teas, while their Green Teas are altogether free from the deleterious mineral powders commonly used for coloring the leaf.

PRICES: Rich full-flavoured Tea for family use a real genuine and fine quality 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 consequently retain its flavour any length of time. On sale.—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGGINBOTHAM
Agent, Guelph,
Guelph, August 13, 1867. d-w-11

Medical Dispensary
Hair Brushes,
Tooth Brushes,
Nail Brushes,
Soaps & Perfumery,
No. 1 WHITE
COAL OIL
Only 15 cts. per gallon.

E. HARVEY
Chemist and Druggist,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.,
Guelph, Ontario.
Guelph, 25th Jan, 1868. d-w-11

JOHN HARRIS,
CONFECTIONER, and
BISCUIT Manufacturer.
Wholesale and Retail!

Goods are all made of the best material, and made by our own hands, and having no cost to pay, as prepared to other.

Wholesale Purchasers
Goods cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.
JOHN HARRIS,
Market Square, Guelph
Guelph, 7th Dec, 1867. d-w-11

Cow Strayed or Stolen.
STRAYED or stolen from the Fair Ground yesterday, a red cow, giving a little milk, in good order, was bought of a man near Morrison. Any one returning her, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery, will be rewarded.
JOHN ROBERTS, Butcher
Guelph, 24th Feb, 1868. d-w-11

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.
CHURCH-ST. - - GUELPH.
MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (P. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.

NEW LAW OFFICE.
FREEMAN & FREEMAN
BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS.
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.
B. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN.
427 Oakes over Berry's Confectionery Store, William Street, Guelph.
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Local News.
GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.—The sum of \$292 97c was collected in the churches in Galt on Sabbath last, in aid of the Nova Scotia fishermen.

PASSED.—The last Gazette contains the name of a Mr Robert K. McLachlan, of Wellington, as the winner of a second class Military Certificate.

WE noticed some days ago the burning of Mr Henry's mill, at the village of Neustadt. The latest intelligence puts the loss at \$10,000. A grist mill close by, the property of Mr Winkler, had a very narrow escape.

THE Concert Last Night.
The Concert of sacred music, in aid of the organ fund, came off last night in the new Congregational Church. The church was nearly filled, but the audience was not so large as it should have been, considering the character of the concert, and the excellence of the music. A large, well trained and well balanced chorus had the pieces in rehearsal for some time previous, and they were ably led and assisted by some of our best amateur singers in town, who sang the solos and recitatives. The opening piece was a very appropriate motet, "What beauty Lord appears" which was carefully and correctly sung by Miss Jenner, Mrs. Hodgskin and Messrs Warburton and Brown. Miss Jenner followed with the solo—"Thou didst not leave his soul in hell," which she sang with much expression, doing full justice to the fine music of the great composer. In the second part she sang "Consider the lilies, which though simpler pleased us even better, for her rendering of it was clear, yet marked with all the feeling which the music and the words so well convey. Mrs. Howitt sang "Resignation." It is a simple air, yet sublime in its simplicity, and she threw so much tenderness and pathos into the music as to stir every heart with emotion. This is the greatest triumph of the singer's art. In the second part she volunteered to sing "Angels ever bright and fair," and the sweet yet solemn music was never better or more feelingly rendered. Mrs. Cuthbert sang "With Verdure clad." This is the one of the most elaborate and ornate selections which could have been made from Haydn's masterpiece, but Mrs. Cuthbert's power and range of voice was quite equal to it. Even the highest notes were given full and clear, and the rendering of the whole piece evinced thorough and careful cultivation, and a complete mastery of the music. Mr. T. Brown acquitted himself well in his solos. "Comfort ye my people" is confessedly a difficult selection, and it requires a great range of voice, and tasks the utmost powers of the singer. Mr. Brown, however, did full justice to it, and the same remarks will apply to his rendering of the more stirring and masculine production of Haydn "In splendour bright." The principal choruses were "Lift up your heads O ye gates," "And the glory of the Lord," "Hallelujah to the Father," "The Heavens are telling," "Worthy is the Lamb," "Glory be to God on High," and Handel's sublime "Hallelujah" choruses. They were for the most part remarkably well sung. Only once or twice there was an occasional slip in the time by some of the parts, which slightly marred the harmony. But this was hardly noticeable. Mrs. Budd presided at the organ. We would not be doing justice to this talented lady, did we fail to say that the success of the concert as a whole was in a great measure due to her skillful rendering of the music and the accompaniments on the organ. She played a couple of voluntaries in a very artistic style, and her accompaniments to the solos, especially those sung by Mrs. Howitt, were given with rare good taste and feeling.

THE Fight over the Narrow Gauge.
The Railway Committee of the House had the Bill to incorporate the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company before them. When the clause specifying the gauge (three feet six inches), came up for consideration, it met with considerable opposition. Our member, Mr Gow, spoke ably and well in favor of the broad uniform gauge. The following is his speech as reported in the Globe:

"Mr Gow regretted the absence of Mr Cumberland, who, he said, was better posted on this subject than any other member of the committee. He (Mr Gow) felt that this was a question of great importance, not only to the particular locality concerned, but to the Province at large. He should be very sorry if they were to depart in this instance from the standard gauge of the Province. To do so would entail a large additional expense on parties sending produce. He had listened with much pleasure to the clear and candid statement of Mr Fox, but that gentleman had failed to convince him that there was any advantage in favour of the narrow gauge. As to the cost, he had stated it at from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per mile, but they had an estimate from Mr Reed, who knew what he was talking about, for the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway, which, he said, with the broad gauge, would cost \$15,000 per mile—including rolling stock, stations, etc.—which would cost \$2,000 or \$3,000 more. But even admitting there was a difference in the cost, he had always found, as between cheap and dear things, that what was the dear thing in the beginning was invariably the cheapest in the end. This narrow-gauge system might suit the small countries in Europe, such as Norway and Sweden, but he did not think it would suit Canada. The question of defence with reference to this matter, he thought, was paramount to all others. It has been stated by Mr Cumberland and others, in the aid of June, 1866, the whole of the rolling stock of the country had to be used, indiscriminately, over all the lines. He did not then think it was asking too much of these gentlemen, that they should be required to conform to the national gauge of 5 ft 6 in. It would be a grievous mistake to grant a departure from that gauge. He had no desire to deny the charter, however. The business men of Toronto were deserving of all credit for their zeal in undertaking this work. They had also a Bill for a narrow-gauge railway in another direction, on which he would be prepared to offer his views when it came before Committee. But as to this road, he thought the country needed it. He hoped, however, the Committee would set its foot firmly, and tell the promoters of the Bill that they must conform to the national gauge."

CORRECTION.—Mr. C. Whildaw, of the Elora Mills, requests us to contradict the report which our Elora correspondent yesterday gave currency to, in his letter, that he had sent orders to his millers there not to buy any more wheat, in consequence of the failure of some grain speculators in Toronto. He wishes us to say that he has no connection with Toronto grain dealers, and that the report that he has stopped buying is totally unfounded. We may state for the satisfaction of Mr Whildaw, that the statement was made by our correspondent from no malicious intent, as he imagines, but that he carefully guarded his words by saying that it was reported.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.
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Guelph Horticultural Society.
The Annual Meeting of this Society took place at the Wellington Hotel yesterday, at two o'clock. Mr. Thos. Holliday occupied the chair. Mr. Geo. Murton, Secretary, read the ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors of the Guelph Horticultural Society have much pleasure in again congratulating the members on the continued success of the Society. Many new members have been added to the list, and what is better, several fresh exhibitors have entered their productions for competition, showing that our Society is steadily gaining the good wishes and co-operation of our Amateur Gardeners. We would urge all who take an interest in Horticulture to assist in promoting the welfare of the Society.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and the subjected statement shows the receipts and expenditure for the past year. Balance in hand 50c, amount received from members \$154.00, receipts at door \$104.50—total \$258.00. Out of this was paid in premiums at the Spring Show \$62.75, at the Fall Show \$122.55; paid to judges \$10; for prizes to the Band \$20; incidental expenses \$39.29 leaving a balance on hand of \$1.21.

The Spring Show was held on Thursday the 4th of July, at which there was a slight decrease in the number of entries as compared with last year, but no falling off in quantity. Many things showing great improvement, especially the strawberries, which were as fine, if not superior, to any heretofore shown. The varieties principally exhibited were Triomphe de Gand, Wilson's Albion, &c., and a splendid sample of Trollope's Victoria, the first we have seen exhibited here, which promises to be a great acquisition to the cultivators of this delicious fruit. The number of samples shown were in excess of last year. Gooseberries, Currants and other small fruits were well represented, but the quality scarcely equal to those of the previous year. In Flowers the Show would compare favourably with any of our former Spring Exhibitions, especially the Bouquets, which for number and taste displayed in their arrangement have never been excelled. Vegetables were also good, and although not quite so numerous were superior in many classes to what we have seen so early in the season. The premiums offered amounted to \$83.50; amount paid \$65.75.

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BY TELEGRAPH
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Latest From Abyssinia.
HOT WORK EXPECTED.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.
London, Feb. 12th.—Wm. B. Brett succeeds Selwyn as Solicitor-General. Paris, Feb. 12.—La France insists that Count Von Bismarck asked permission to resign his post at the head of the Prussian Cabinet.

Berlin, Feb. 12th.—The North German Gazette, a paper which is generally regarded as the private organ of Count Von Bismarck, has an editorial to-day in which it finds fault with Von Beust and declares that he is pressing a dangerous course in too zealously befriending the exiled Princes of Hanover.

London, Feb. 12.—Important news has just been received from Abyssinia. At last accounts from the interior, Gen. Napier was at the front pushing on the advance, and the hostile forces were drawing nearer to each other. Reports reached Annesley Bay that skirmishes had already taken place between the British advance and the forces of King Theodore, but no particulars of fighting are given.

American Despatches.
New York, Feb. 12.—The Herald's Havana special says the Dominican capital held out against the besiegers but a few days. Gen. Hungria is the President ad interim. Gen. Baez is anxiously expected at the capital. He will immediately assume the Presidency on arriving at Manizila. The severe drought is retarding the tobacco growth, and the probability is that the crop will be one half short.

New York, Feb. 12.—The steamer Caledonia from Glasgow arrived. Last night a still in the Oil works in Brooklyn exploded, and completely destroyed a portion of the building.—Three men were killed.

New York, Feb. 13th.—The Times' special says there is some excitement to-night over the fact that Mr Stevens, chairman of the Reconstruction Committee, has prepared a strong report recommending the profranchise articles of impeachment by the House, which he says he is determined to push through the committee at the meeting to-morrow morning. He bases the proposed action on the alleged violation of the civil tenure law by the President and on his alleged incitement to insubordination in ordering General Grant to disregard the direct authority of the Secretary of War. There are other points in the report touching upon the alleged endeavors of the President to defeat the execution of the reconstruction laws, and the whole is said to be as strong an indictment as Mr Stevens' logic can frame.

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The following office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing year:—President, David Allan; Vice-President, Arthur Hogge; Secretary and Treasurer, George Murton. Directors, Geo. Elliott, F. V. Stone, C. Sharpe, Thos. Pallister, Robt. Melvin, I. Laight, John Card, Thomas Holliday and Col. Saunders. Honorary Directors, Wm. Bonham, sr. and A. A. Baker. Delegates to the Provincial Exhibition, A. A. Baker and Geo. Murton.

Cordial votes of thanks were then passed to the retiring President and the Secretary for their efficient services during the past year, after which the meeting broke up.

Police Court.
Before T. W. Summers, Esq., Justice Magistrate.
Thursday 13th, Dr. Parker appeared this morning to answer a charge of having allowed the snow to remain on the sidewalk opposite his house a longer time than he was permitted by-law. He was summoned to appear before the P. M. yesterday, but having waited for twenty minutes and his duties making his presence elsewhere imperative, he addressed a note to his Worshipful stating the length of time he had waited for his arrival, his inability to remain longer, and his belief that he had not violated the By-law. The case went against him this morning, and he was fined \$1 and costs.

Dieken's has sent \$1000 to Mrs. Clemm, Edgna A. Poe's mother-in-law, who is in needy circumstances.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.
TORONTO, Feb. 12.

Mr. Ferrier inquired if it was the intention of the Government to take any steps during this session to establish a "Poor Law System" in this Province.

Hon. J. S. McDonald said this was a question of considerable importance, and the Government had not given any attention to it, and could not, he was afraid, this session.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Wood the report of the Committee on the Whole on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Bill was received and concurred in, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Rykert the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Assessment Act. A long and sharp debate took place on the proposal of the Government to delay the consideration of the Bill.—Among the rest who spoke.

Mr. Gow said he was surprised that the Government was not ready for this measure; and would say that if the committee rose, it ought to be with the distinct understanding that they should sit again on Monday. There was no doubt that the assessors were being delayed through out the country in an anticipation of this measure; and there was equally little doubt that the measure would be generally acceptable for it had been asked for by all the municipalities. He thought it but due to the house and the country that if the Government did not intend to allow the measure to be passed this session, they should say so at once.