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## Guelph Evening Mercury

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MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 1869

**Job Printing of every description executed cheaply and promptly at the Mercury Steam Printing House, Macdonnell Street, Guelph.** An immense assortment of the latest and most choice designs in plain and ornamental type has just been added to our previously large stock, rendering our establishment the most complete office in all its appointments to be found in Western Ontario. Our charges are the lowest, and our work the best in the country.

### WRONG EDUCATION.

In an agricultural country like Canada, it is absolutely necessary for the well-being of society that a check should be put upon the system now so much in vogue of training boys for not only the learned professions, but also for those denominated "genteel." The evil appears to be gaining ground both in the States and in Canada—though it is with regard to the latter that we wish more particularly to speak. Our farmers and mechanics, whenever they come to be reasonably well off, have a great ambition to send their sons to the halls of a college or university, there to prepare themselves for the study of law, medicine, or trade. The son, taught wrong ideas about gentility, and being very often naturally a blockhead, has not the sense to perceive that, in going through the routine of hard study for which he has no real taste, and to which he submits little more than mechanically, he is beginning life the wrong way, and leaving a certainty for an uncertainty. Many a good ploughman is spoiled by this educating process, and the consequence is that professional men are far too numerous for the country's good, and in the great majority of instances, never realize the sanguine expectations they formed at the outset of their career. There is another class of our youth who have either sense enough to perceive that they have little taste for study, or are deficient in the means of procuring it, but nevertheless are determined, as they express it, to "take life easy," and at the same time ape gentility. These latter flock into the ranks of clerks, bookkeepers, telegraph operators, school-teachers, dentists, photographers, &c., all of which callings are overcrowded, and the proceeds therefrom generally very moderate. Thus it is that in spite of our meagre population, pauperism and genteel poverty are fearfully on the increase, while thousands upon thousands of acres of fertile woodland remain untouched by the axe of the settler; and this is the result of a thoughtless prejudice formed by a large class of our population against manual labour. These people seem to forget that of all callings that of agriculture is the most useful, independent and beautiful, and that a boy's chance of success in this occupation is fifty per cent. greater than in any of the overcrowded professions in a city or town. It is often times the art of farming was looked upon with pride, and many a Saxon noble made it his boast that his immediate ancestor was skilled as a ploughman.

Call it an education, or whatever you will, there is something wrong in our present system of education, excellent as it is in many respects; and on this point we notice an article in the Ottawa Times of a recent date, with an extract from which we will conclude this subject for the present:

"Instead of educating our young people up to their station in life, we are struggling to educate them out of it. To any one who has reflected on the inflammatory appeals annually, or semi-annually, made by well-meaning clergymen or other patrons of education, to the ambition of hot-blooded and hopeful lads in their teens or under, there can be very little in this remark to excite surprise. The boys in our common schools are not told to look forward to the time when they shall be excellent mechanics, industrious tradesmen, or enterprising farmers. They are not referred to the numerous examples, which almost every township in the country furnishes, of the success of the intelligent, educated, practical farmer, an example worthy of their emulation, and one which they might readily excel by the constantly increasing application of science to every industrial pursuit, husbandry included. They are advised to study the usefulness of society of a knowledge of the mechanic arts and handicrafts, or the liberality with which society rewards the skilled and faithful workman. Seldom, indeed, do they hear that the combination of manual and intellectual labour, well directed, gives the highest and most complete exercise of the human faculties, and the surest foundation for that independence of social position for which every one should be encouraged to strive, and which, in this country at least, nearly every one, by well directed energy, may attain. Oh, no! Their dreams of fun and frolic, and holiday enjoyment, are broken into by the magnificent assurance that they are to be the great men of a few years hence; that they are to wield the destinies of the country, which is to become a mighty empire, &c., &c. That from their ranks our judges, our statesmen, our lawyers, our mighty men in literature, are to be drawn—and in the exuberance of his good nature, the inflamer of wild and lawless hopes in the breasts of comparatively thoughtless boys will even venture the sage prediction that there may be now before him, a boy who will yet rise to be the greatest man in his country."

"All such twaddle is certainly well-intentioned. It will please the boys; it will encourage them to go on with their studies." It pleases them doubtless; and perhaps it encourages them to study; but does it direct their studies in the right channel. Does it not inspire them rather, to aim at prizes utterly beyond the reach of all but a very few? and these few, in all likelihood, just such boys as would not waste a second thought on such dreams."

**THE HAMILTON SHOOTING CASE.**—Nothing has yet been developed in regard to the robbery and attempted murder of Thursday morning. Rymal and Godman are still retained in custody. The physician considers Mrs. Griggs' symptoms more favorable. More hopes than formerly are entertained of her recovery.

**THE BANKS.**—The bank statements for February are partially published. Taking a few of the banks, the following comparison may be made with February 1868: "The circulation of the Bank of Montreal is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars less; Toronto, about ninety thousand; and Ontario two hundred thousand; the Bank of Commerce increased about four hundred thousand. The deposits in the Bank of Montreal have increased from twelve to fifteen millions; in the Bank of Commerce over a million; and in the Royal Canadian about four hundred thousand dollars. The discounts of the Banks of Montreal, Toronto, and Ontario are about the same as last February. The Royal Canadian has increased about seven hundred thousand dollars, and the Bank of Commerce over a million.

About two o'clock on Friday, a train on the Grand Trunk R.R., ran off the track, about a mile and a half west of Buffalo. A large number of passengers, were on board, but nobody was seriously injured. Had the accident happened at any point where the track is elevated by an embankment, a frightful loss of life must have been the result.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

#### COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, March 22, 1869

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: J. T. Switzer, Milton; Dr. Henderson, Arthur; G. W. Wallace, Milton; J. McWilliams, Brantford; J. Walker, Toronto; J. Wilson, Hamilton; L. Reynolds, Rhode Island; D. Mathewson, Rhode Island; T. W. Sweet, Rhode Island; A. Bartlett, Rhode Island; J. Keller, Montreal; J. Andrew, Elora; J. Edwards, Frankton; J. H. Douglas, Montreal; J. P. McMillan, Mount Forest; Samuel Dunbar, Mount Forest; H. M. Anderson, Mount Forest; S. Dunbar, Mount Forest; Jonathan Conklin, Mount Forest; J. Flanagan, Mount Forest; M. McCallin, Orangeville; J. Kelly, Orangeville; E. Leslie, Orangeville; J. Kennedy, Mount Forest; R. Reid, Glenallan.

### BIRTHS.

McLagan. At Guelph, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. J. C. McLagan, Mercury Office, of a daughter.

### DIED.

Switzerland. At Guelph, on the 22nd inst., the infant son of Mr. John Switzerland, aged 8 months.

### New Advertisements.

#### SUGARS and SYRUPS

##### REDUCED IN PRICE

At the popular Stores of

#### JOHN A. WOOD

Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 20th March. dw

#### DON'T FORGET

That you can get

#### 12 lbs. of Fresh Raisins

FOR ONE DOLLAR

#### AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

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#### VELOCIPEDS.

##### GRAND EXHIBITION!

AT THE DRILL SHED, GUELPH.

#### PROF. C. A. STEPHENS

Will give one of his grand and attractive exhibitions with this new and popular Parisian novelty in the Drill Shed.

#### ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 23

No invention of the age has so fast gained a place in popular estimation, and there is little doubt that in a very few years the Velocipede is destined to become general in its use, and as popular as a healthy and invigorating exercise for summer as is the skate and snow shoe for winter.

If you don't want to be behind the age go and see Prof. Stephens on the Velocipede.

2nd hours open at half-past seven o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

#### GOLDEN SYRUP,

Amber Syrup, Maple Syrup.

Wonderfully cheap.

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#### SPEED LODGE, No. 180.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, the 23rd of March, at half-past 7 o'clock p.m.

R. CUTHBERT, Secretary

#### APPRENTICE WANTED.

Wanted, a Protestant boy from the country with a fair education, to serve as apprentice at a good paying trade. For further particulars apply at the Mercury office, Guelph.

Guelph, 5th March. do

#### CAUTION.

Heretofore notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating promissory notes made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it.

F. PREST.

Guelph, 11th March. do

#### WANTED.

Wanted a respectable young woman to take charge of three children under seven years of age. Must be a good seamstress. References required. Apply to Mrs. Lemon, between the hours of ten and twelve, this week.

March 16, 1869. do

#### CANNED PEACHES!

#### CANNED CORN,

#### CANNED TOMATOES,

#### AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

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Toronto, March 18, 1869. do

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AT AND UNDER COST

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The subscriber having entered into arrangements with the

## Mason & Hamlin Organ Company,

of Boston, to become their Wholesale Agent in Western Ontario, is now selling off his stock of

## Wall Paper, School Books,

## Music Books, Sheet Music,

## Stationery, Fancy Goods, &c.,

At and under cost. The whole must be cleared out IN A FEW DAYS. Now is the time for merchants and others to buy a stock of Stationery and Blank Books below wholesale rates.

## W. WARNER CLARKE,

Guelph, March 16. do

Market Square, Guelph

## THE OLD ESTABLISHED

## SADDLER SHOP.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he is endeavoring to try the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using only the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

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