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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE MACDONNELL STREET
MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 1869

Job Printing of every description
executed cheaply and promptly at the
Mercury Steam Printing House, Mac-
donnell 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 appoint-
ments to be found in the city. 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-be-
ing 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 denomi-
nated "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 gen-
tility, 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 cer-
tainty for an uncertainty. Many a good
ploughman is spoiled by this educating
process, and the consequence is that pro-
fessional 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 pro-
curing it, but nevertheless are deter-
mined, as they express it, to "take life easy,"
and at the same time ape gentility. These
latter flock into the ranks of clerks, book-
keepers, 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
gentle poverty are fearfully on the in-
crease, while thousands upon thousands
of acres of fertile woodland remain un-
touched by the axe of the settler; and
this is the result of a thoughtless pre-
judice formed by a large class of our popu-
lation against manual labour. There peo-
ple seem to forget that of all callings
that of agriculture is the most useful, in-
dependent and healthful, and that a
boy's chance of success in this occupa-
tion is fifty per cent. greater than in any
of the overcrowded professions in a city or
town. In olden 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 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 strug-
gling to educate them out of it. To any
one who has reflected on the inflamma-
tory appeals annually, or semi-annually,
made by well-meaning clergymen or oth-
er 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 ex-
amples, which almost every township in
the country furnishes, of the success of
the intelligent, educated, practical
farmer, an example worthy of their emu-
lation, and one which they might readily
excel by the constantly increasing appli-
cation of science to every industrial pur-
suit, husbandry included. They are not
advised to study the usefulness to society
of a knowledge of the mechanic arts and
handicrafts, or the liberality with which
society rewards the skilled and faithful
workman. Soberly, indeed, do they hear
that the combination of manual and in-
tellectual labour, well directed, gives the
highest and most complete exercise of the
human faculties, and the surest founda-
tion 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 magniloquent 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 com-
paratively 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 in-
tentioned. '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 re-
gard to the robbery and attempted murder
of Thursday morning. Rymal and
Goodman are still retained in custody.
The physician considers Mrs. Griggs's
symptoms more favorable. More hopes
than formerly are entertained of her re-
covery.

THE BANKS.—The bank state-
ments for February are partially pub-
lished. Taking a few of the banks,
the following comparison may be
made with February 1868: "The cir-
culation of the Bank of Montreal is
one hundred and fifty thousand dol-
lars less; Toronto, about ninety thou-
sand; 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 mil-
lions; in the Bank of Commerce over
a million; and in the Royal Canadian
about four hundred thousand dollars.
The discounts of the Banks of Mon-
real, 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, Ar-
thur; G. W. Wallace, Milton; J. McWil-
liams, 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, Franktown;
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. Flomenin,
Mount Forest; M. McCaillin, Orange-
ville; 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.

SWIGLER. At Guelph, on the 22nd inst.,
the infant son of Mr. John Swigler, 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

Guelph, 20th March. do

VELOCIPEDS.

GRAND EXHIBITION!

AT THE DRILL SHED, GUELPH.

PROF. C. A. STEPHENS

Will give one of his grand and attractive exhibi-
tions 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 popu-
lar 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 the Velocipede.

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

Guelph, 20th March, 1869. ds

GOLDEN SYRUP,

Amber Syrup, Maple Syrup.

Wonderfully cheap.

AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Guelph, 20th March. do

SPEED LODGE, No. 180.

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

R. CUTHBERT, Secretary

Guelph, 19th March, 1869. d

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, 8th March. do dw

CAUTION.

Whereby notify all parties against purchasing
or negotiating a promissory note, or any other
document, in or for the sum of \$100,
dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my
office seven months after date, as having received
no value for the same, and shall not pay it.

F. PREST.

Guelph, 11th March. dwf

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. Leeson, between the hours of ten
and twelve, this week.

March 20, 1869. ds

CANNED PEACHES!

CANNED CORN,

CANNED TOMATOES,

AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Guelph, 20th March. do

1869. SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1869.

The subscribers having shipped via New York and now in receipt of a considerable portion of their
Spring Importations, and have now in stock a large assortment of

Dress Goods!

IN ALL THE NEW CLOTHS.

FRENCH & ENGLISH PRINTS,

In the latest designs, and Full Lines of Staples, &c., which they are prepared to sell to
cash and close buyers at a small advance on the sterling cost. Inspection solicited.

Dress Goods and Prints being specialties, will be found equal, if not to
excel, anything in the trade.

R. A. HOSKINS & CO.

Toronto, 20th March. ds w

No. 5, Wellington-st. East, Toronto.

WHOLESALE DRY GOODS!

BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO

TORONTO.

ARE NOW RECEIVING THEIR

Spring Importations

WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS BY

THE 22ND MARCH, 1869,

When they will be prepared to show one of the LARGEST and FINEST STOCKS in the Dominion.

The attention of the trade is hereby invited.

Toronto, March 18, 1869. ds wtf

SELLING OUT,

AT AND UNDER COST

AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

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 mer-
chants and others to buy a stock of Stationery and Blank Books below wholesale rates.

W. WARNER CLARKE,

Guelph, March 16. dw tf

Market Square, Guelph

THE OLD ESTABLISHED

SADDLERY SHOP.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the pub-
lic for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of
Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he in-
tends trying on 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 their sup-
port. 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

Harness, Saddles, Bridles,

Martingales,

And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises,

Whips, Horse B. A. KETS,

CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS,

CARDS, SPURS, Wh. P. Lashes, all kind

OIL AND VARNISH

For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles con-
nected with his business.

A liberal discount made for cash. All
kinds of repairing done with neatness and
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January 19. dw ds w

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A comprehensive system of instruction, and an
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Exercises, Scales, Voluntaries, and Recreative
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Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly under-
stands the wants of customers, and invites the
public to call and see his goods, as he can sell
them a better article at a cheaper price than they
can get elsewhere.

The highest price paid for raw Furs.

F. GARLAND.

Guelph, March 15, 1869. ds w

GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD,

Looking Glass and Picture Frame

MANUFACTURER,

9 King-st. West,

TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt a
Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking
Glass. Country orders promptly attended to.
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