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AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

50 White Granite Toilets
25 Printed do do
Fancy Stone and Parian Water Jugs
Butter Dishes, with Strainers
Bird Fountains, Seed Boxes & Baths
Corn Starch and Jelly Moulds
Engraved Bar Bottles
Sherry Cobler Tubes
100 dozen New Pattern Tumblers and
Wine Glasses
25 dozen Lager Beer Jugs
Glass Bowls, Cream Jugs,
Water Jugs
Tea Sets, in China, White, and Coloured
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AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, July 18th, 1868. dw

Canada Clothing Store!
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

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Positively selling off at
20 PER CENT BELOW COST

COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHS, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.
A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from \$10 to \$45, in good working order.
Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.

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Guelph, 29th July, 1868. dw

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The above Institution will re-open on **MONDAY, 10th August.** There are two departments.

CLASICAL & ENGLISH

Pupils will be specially prepared for the pursuits in life for which they are intended.
Clericals, with full particulars, on application to Head Master.
HENRY W. PETERSON,
Chairman U. B. of G. and C. S. Trustees.
Guelph, 28th July, 1868. dw2

TO HAND AT

Day's Bookstore.

Opposite the Market.

Base Bells
English Mechanic
People's Magazine,
London Society
St. James, St. Paul's
Belgravia,
Tinsley's
Broadway, Quiver,
Casell's Magazine
Young English Woman's Magazine
Family Herald,
World of Fashion
Argosy
Temple Bar
London Journal
All the Year Round
Once a Week
Good Words
Sunday Magazine

Leisure Hour
Sunday at Home
Chamber's Journal, &c., &c.

FOR JULY.

Guelph, July 16th, 1868. dw

Another Lot of those Delicious

Pine Apples

At H. BERRY'S.

SPLENDID DATES

At H. BERRY'S.

FINE!

ORANGES & LEMONS

At H. BERRY'S.

REAL

Maple Sugar

At H. BERRY'S.

Guelph, May 30 1868. dw

H. METCALF,

(Late Smith and Metcalf)

WISHES to inform his customers and the public that he has opened a

SHOP NEXT DOOR to MR. HIZELTON'S,

Nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel, where he will be prepared to attend to the wants of mechanics and the public. He has on hand a lot of

TRUNKS and SADDLES

Slightly soiled by removal at the late fires, will be sold cheap.

Guelph 1868. dw wif

BATCHELOR'S HAIR DYE.

THIS splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless. Reliable, instantaneous. No disappointment. No ridiculous tints. Remedies the effects of bad dye. Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers, and properly applied at Batchelor's Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond-St., N. Y. dwly

HALL'S VEGETABLE SILICIAN HAIR RENEWER.

RENEWSTHEHAIRINTOITSORIGINALCOLOR WHEN GRAY.

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RENEWSTHEBRASH,WHYHAIRISILKYSOFTNESS.— Beautiful hair dressing.

One bottle shows its effects.

R. P. HALL & Co. Nashua, N. H., Proprietors. For sale by all druggists. Jul. 14. dwlm

HARVEST.

A large variety of Scythes, Scythe handles, Cradles, Forks, Stones, Rakes, Grindstones, and other articles suitable to the season. Also Brass and Enamelled Preserving Kettles.

JOHN HORSMAN, Guelph.

Notice to the Public.

Silver Question.

The merchants and business men of the Town of Guelph, as well as those of Province generally, having deemed it desirable to receive and pay out American Silver at a discount only, we hereby give notice that on and after Saturday, August 1st Silver Coin, in amounts over Five Cents, will be accepted and paid by us at the following values:—

Half Dollars 48 cents
Quarter Dollars 24 " "
English Shillings 24 " "
Dimes 9 " "
Two Half Dimes 9 " "

Silver tendered in payment of all outstanding accounts due this Office will be received at the above discount after August 1st.

MELAGAN & INNES,
Mercury Office, Guelph, July 28, 1868.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

MONDAY EV'G, AUGUST 3, 1868.

New fall wheat is being sold at Chatham. The Soules' variety is sold at \$1.30 and red fall wheat at \$1.12.

The terrible conflagrations which are occurring in Toronto are the works of incendiaries.

It is reported that Mr. Angus Morison was offered the Judgeship of York, but declined its acceptance.

NORTH RIDING SHOW.—The Fall exhibition of the North Riding Agricultural Society will be held at Arthur Village on the 1st of October.

Mr. Chas. Clarke, Reeve of Elora, has been confined to his house by sickness during the past two weeks, but is now rapidly recovering.

A wealthy farmer, of St. Hyacinthe, named Breaht, hanged himself the other day in his own house during an attack of delirium tremens.

A few days ago a son of Mr. And. Laurie, of Glenelg, was walking along a beam in the barn, when he fell and was killed.

Mr. John Shuter Smith has resigned his office as Mayor of Port Hope, and Mr. Francis Beamish was on Friday elected in his place.

FOR EUROPE.—Mr. A. D. Fordyce, Miss Fordyce, Miss Brown and Miss Crawford, all of Fergus, left Quebec on Saturday for the old country. The Rev. John Whyte of Arthur, also sails in a few days.

Some malicious individual turned the tap of a barrel in the cellar of Mr. Cantlin, of Arthur Village, a few nights ago, and fifty gallons of mountain dew flooded the floor. Jerry Connors would have liked a shake-down in that cellar on the eventful occasion.

The Ingersoll News has the particulars of the death of a young man of the name of Grady, who went out to the field to water the horses, and riding very rapidly to near the fence, his neck came in violent contact with the projecting end of a rail, and he was killed.

WEST YORK.—Mr. Bartley Bull has declined running against Mr. Wright in West York. The Leader states that Mr. John Bell, Q.C., will be proposed as a candidate at Weston to day, where the nomination is to take place. The organ gives the usual assurances of "triumphant success," "glorious victory, &c."

NOT TRUE.—A report has been going round to the effect that there had been one or two fatal cases of Asiatic Cholera in Hamilton. The Times denies the statement, and says that the rumor took its rise from a fatal case of cholera morbus which occurred ten days ago. The health of the city was never better.

A flour and feed store was broken into at St. Catharines on Thursday night last, the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine, and \$300 in cash and a note of hand for \$105 abstracted. The robbers stupidly overlooked \$200 in silver, which was in the back part of the safe, and a note of hand for \$820.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The following insurance companies having made the deposits required by law in the hands of the Receiver General, and taken out Licenses, are ready for the legitimate exercise of their insurance functions:—The British American Insurance Company of Toronto; the Canada Life Assurance Company of Hamilton; the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada, London, Ont.; Home Insurance Company of New Haven, Conn.; North British and Mercantile Insurance Company; Western Assurance Company of Toronto; Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company; Royal Insurance Company; Etna Insurance Company; Reliance Mutual Life Assurance Society of London, England; Imperial Insurance Company, London, England; Hartford Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.; Northern Assurance Company of London and Aberdeen; the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.; Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.; Lancashire Insurance Company, and Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of London, England; Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England; Traveller's Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.; Etna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.; Provincial Insurance Company of Canada; Life Association of Scotland; Standard Life Assurance Comp'y; Queen Fire and Life Insurance Company.

Of the above, the following Companies act on the mutual principle in such manner as that they cannot make deposits for the security of Canadian policy holders, and, therefore, they are for the benefit of policy holders generally, viz: Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.; Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., and Etna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. The following Companies which have made a deposit in 3 per cent. British Consolidated Annuities are provisionally licensed to transact insurance business in Canada, pending an examination of the special terms of their charters by the law officers of the Crown in Canada, their licenses to hold good for three months from this date: Edinburgh Life Assurance Company, London Assurance Corporation, and Scottish Provincial Assurance Company.

INDIGNANT.—"A Farmer" writing to the Ayr Herald from Blenheim vents his indignation against the military authorities for calling out the Waterloo Volunteer Battalion to perform the annual drill the week before last. No doubt a more convenient time might have been selected, and we observe that the authorities have resolved to call no more Battalions out till after harvest, still "A Farmer" will get his labor for his pains if he try to put the following threat into execution:—"But we are not going to take things so coolly as you may suppose. We are determined to sue, (if not the Government) the responsible parties who have caused all this loss to ourselves and the country. If the Government have been found willing to reimburse farmers for loss caused by the Fenian raid at Fort Erie, why not are they equally responsible for greater losses this year when there is no raid, and when the losses are caused by the wrong-headedness of their own servants in high commanding places? We are determined to try, and we know we have a good cause and the backing of the people of the district."

PREACHING AND PRACTICE.—

Some time ago the Mitchell Advocate described the inebriated pranks of two county Magistrates, and took the Town Constable to task for remissness in duty in not locking the offenders up promptly. The constable now writes to the Beacon to say that "ye local" of the Advocate is one of those unfortunate wights that live in glass houses, that he has been carried home on a shutter sometimes, and not from where he had been fighting a duel either; in fact that he has been in such a state before now that the leniency of the Constable was a mercy to him, and the latter cannot see why "ye local" above all others in Mitchell, should advocate the locking up of men wounded in the head and stomach by John Barleycorn. The communication was recommended to our perusal, because we made the Magistrates the subject of a paragraph. We have perused it, and recommend the constable from this time forth not to overlook the man on the shutter.

STOCK PURCHASES.—

The fame of Mr. Joseph Kirby, Esquire, as a stock breeder is now becoming continental. From the most remote corner of Nova Scotia (with all its discontent) they come to see and purchase from him. Last week Mr. Kirby sold to Mr. Roy, Kings County, of that Province, a short-horn bull calf, and a heifer calf of the same breed; one yearling Leicester ram; one Cotswold ram lamb, and one Leicester ewe lamb. From time to time we are noticing extensivesales which this gentleman is making to farmers from Quebec and the United States. A short time ago he sent two Lincoln ewes, those famous "imported sheep," to the County of Bruce.

LONDON EXCURSIONISTS.—

The Detroit Free Press says: On Wednesday a stupendous train of thirty cars, drawn by three locomotives, arrived at Windsor, bringing from London and intermediate stations a grand party of excursionists, most of whom visited our city during the day. This influx of the foreign element brought with it an influx of another and also foreign element, to wit: numerous pieces of metallic currency once known among us as silver. Several pieces of this money were passed at soda fountains and upon the street cars, and at sight of the good old Democratic currency not a few individuals were heard to declare it good for sore eyes.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

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

SATURDAY, 1st.—Wm. Johnson, the one-armed vagrant who kicked up a row in the Court room, was brought up at 4 p.m., and sent back to his old quarters for 21 days.

Geo. C. S. Robinson was charged with a breach of the Lottery Act. Case adjourned till Monday.

MONDAY, 3rd.—The last named defendant appeared again this morning, and the case was further adjourned until Wednesday.

The case against E. Grand, for selling liquor without license, came up again this morning. Mr. Lillie appeared for the defendant, who is absent from town at present, and after the examination of two witnesses further investigation was postponed until Wednesday.

The leak in the water tank is thought to have been caused by the breaking of the bottom hoop. Men were employed to-day in digging away the clay in order to ascertain if the supposition were correct.

WAY FREIGHT.—It is said that the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in view of the very large harvest in Ontario, are withdrawing as much as possible from through freight business, and devoting all the resources of the line to local traffic. This will be a great boon to the country. The twenty-five new locomotives lately added to the Company's rolling stock will no doubt assist materially.

A MONUMENT.—A monument to the memory of the late Rev. John Hay, was erected at Mount Forest on Wednesday last. The monument, which was put up by Mr. John Davidson, of Guelph, stands eleven feet high. The base is of white limestone, the slabs, die, columns, and urn of American marble. The urn, valued at \$20 was a gift of Mr. Davidson. The whole is of beautiful workmanship, and is an ornament to the cemetery.

WELLAND PEAT BEDS.—A company under the management of Alderman Edgav, of Hamilton, has recently bought several thousand acres of swamp land in the County of Welland, embracing immense deposits of peat, and have commenced energetic operations for the development of the same. Gangs of men are employed in cutting through the woods and constructing tramways, and massive machinery for the preparation of peat has already arrived at the locality.

SIR JOHN A. SOLD.—Sir John's friends say that he has been terribly sold by the Howlands. It is said that the Lieutenant-Governor promised Sir John that Mr. H. S. Howland should run and that no means would be spared to elect him. It is said that the other members of the Cabinet, who were opposed to Mr. Howland's appointment, are now very much tickled at the circumstance that Sir John has had a sharp Yankee trick played on him, especially as he expressed so much confidence in Mr. Howland to the other members around the Council Board.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Friday morning last (25th inst.), about one o'clock during a violent thunder storm, the lightning entered the hotel of Mr. J. Tryon Enskillen, near Dugham. The electric fluid ran down the stove pipe into Mr. Tryon's bed-room, where he was sleeping along with his wife and child, burst open the stove door, tore up the floor, struck Mr. Tryon across the neck, ran across his wife's breast, burning her badly, also the child's breast, and part of the bed-clothes and pillows. The lightning escaped by forcing off some siding from the gable of the house, and upheaved the ground outside. Mr. Tryon and his wife and child remained stupefied from the effects of the shock for a considerable time afterwards. —Durham Chronicle.

Another fatal accident from riding on the top of cars occurred on the Erie and Niagara Railway on Saturday last. The employees of Messrs Jacques & Hay, Toronto, held an excursion to the Falls on that day, when a man named Armstrong was knocked off the top of one of the cars, by his head coming in contact with a bridge. The young man, on striking the bridge, fell under the wheels of the cars, and met with a shocking death. The train was stopped, and when found by his comrades, poor Armstrong's body was horribly mutilated and life all but extinct. The right arm had been split up the middle, while the left was almost severed from the trunk at the shoulder. The back of his head, which was towards the bridge when struck, was severely fractured, and was considerably mutilated about the face and shoulders. The remainder of his body, which had fallen between the rails, was uninjured.

The Montreal Gazette says: The despatch from our Halifax correspondent contains two important items—the organ of the Local Government has been forced to crack its whip in order to keep some prominent anti-Unionists (who are very strongly suspected of bolting) in the traces; and more than the number of militiamen required under the new Militia Act, which does not go into operation, by the way, until the first of October, have already volunteered.

The expenses incurred by the Montreal Corporation in connection with Mr. McGee's funeral were \$2,195.

The British Electric Telegraph Bills.

EVIDENCE RECENTLY GIVEN BEFORE A SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons for the consideration of this bill re-assembled on the 18th; the Chancellor of the Exchequer being in the chair. Mr. Hope Scott, Q. C., on the part of the railway companies, made the important announcement that agreements had been come to with the Great Northern, London and North Western, Great Western, Midland and North Eastern, and that there was every probability of similar agreements being made with the Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and South Western Companies. The most important clauses of the arrangement are that each company is to have its own system of telegraphs on railways and canals, independent of the post office telegraphs, and the post-offices are to have a perpetual way leave over railway lines, the railway companies erecting and maintaining all wires and poles on the railway, and the Post Office paying for those belonging to them on terms to be agreed upon or settled by arbitration. The first witness called was Mr. J. F. Turner, of Manchester, who was strongly in favor of the bill, which, he believed, would introduce a greater amount of economy and security into our system of telegraphy. Mr. Cully, engineer-in-chief to the Electric and International Companies, in answer to Mr. Sargood, said that it would be extremely difficult for any unauthorized person to succeed in reliably reading a message in course of transmission along the telegraph wires. It was certainly possible for a clever clerk to "milk" the wires; but discovery would be sure to follow; and he would be at the disadvantage of not knowing when the message began or when it terminated. Although the question of the possible dishonest treatment of messages was not one to be seriously discussed. Did not know of any better system of telegraphy than that at present in use. A patent might have been taken out for a telegraphic system which should be independent of wires, but he had no faith in the feasibility of such a system. Sir Charles Wheatstone said the public good demanded the separation of the telegraphic from the railway service. Secrets would be as safe in the hands of the government and its servants as they were at present. In fact, there would be an even greater degree of security. At present messages in cipher were more expensive than ordinary messages. Witness knew of a particular system of communication by cipher telegraphy, which he should be glad to see become universal. It was already used with favor by the Queen, the Emperor of the French, and by the police in Scotland yard. The superintendent would be able to give valuable practical advice to the committee as to the success with which this system could be carried out. This system was the "cryptograph" system; and Sir Charles explained in detail, and with great rapidity, the method of its operation, and its claims to be considered the most secure system of telegraphy extant. The cipher was of universal application, but each person could have his own key to the secret. Considerable improvements have been made in telegraphy within the last twenty years; but he had no faith in the possibility of a system of telegraphy which should be independent of poles and wires. The government therefore, would be obliged to use some such machinery as they found already existing under the regimine of the companies. The Post-office staff could easily be taught to work the telegraphs. It would conduce to convenience, security and economy, if government were to assume the proprietary and direction of the entire telegraphic service. The government would be able to economize and to spread their operations wider, because they had already a staff of persons on whom they could very readily impose a further responsibility. In announcing the adjournment of the committee till this morning, the chairman said that it would meet them for the reception of evidence of the newspaper press; whilst Thursday next would be reserved for the consideration of the financial part of the question.

DISCOVERY OF HUMAN BONES.—A workman engaged on Friday in raising a section of old corduroy road, in Saltfleet, for some years in disuse, discovered the bones of a human being deposited beneath, almost completely decayed. The skull, which was preserved entire, was found to contain a musket ball, and a hole appeared in the back part, through which the leaden missile had evidently entered the brain of the victim, and caused his death. It is stated that a pedlar named Vandom, belonging to Lockport, New York, disappeared from this vicinity about eighteen years since, and was supposed to have been drowned in the Bay while bathing, as a portion of his clothing was found on the shore. The disappearance of his effects, however, raised some suspicion, which was directed against a family named Avery, residing in the vicinity at the time, but who shortly afterwards removed to one of the Western States.

TIED UP THEM.—The Montreal Telegraph (Tory) in speaking of the West York election, lately, says:—"The Reform element of the coalition—a double machine which has fully served its day—is getting so very weak in the back that it ought to be allowed to return to its idols." This a gentle hint to Mr. McDougall, the only Reform member (if such he can be called) now in the Cabinet.

In the bed of the Irvine river, just below the Irvine bridge, Elora, a large fire has been raging for the past week, and the cedar timber has suffered considerably.

A huge fire is raging in the township of Luther. The light and fibrous soil is burned in some places to the depth of four feet.

Mr. St. Germain has instituted a law-suit against the Hon George Brown.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

American Despatches.

Buffalo 3rd.—On Saturday there was an extra race for the gate money between Billy Boyce, pacer, and Rolla Gold Dust, trotter, under the saddle. The race was won by Boyce, who made the fastest time on record for pacing horses, nearly approach to it being made by Pochahontas in 2:17 to wagon. The track was quite heavy from frequent showers, or Boyce might have made better time. Time—2:31, 2:15, 2:14, 2:20.

New York 2.—News from Porto Cabella reports adherents of the deposed President to the number of 1500, and supported by a flotilla of five small vessels concentrated there. Laguaira is blockaded by another portion of the fleet. The new President, Menzies, has marched on Porto Cabella, determined to crush all opposition to his administration. Advice from St. Domingo state that 1500 of President Bol's troops were badly beaten by the Revolutionists, and their commander, General Brigham, killed. Times special says it is stated on reliable authority that Mr Seward, previous to his departure for Auburn, informed one of his confidential friends that inasmuch as he could not support the New York nominations, he would embrace an early opportunity to declare for Grant and Colfax. The tender of the Commissionship of the Revenue Bureau to Governor Cox of Ohio by the President last week is accepted by the Democrats here as a certain indication that each branch of the administration will be against Seymour and Blair. St. Marie who was concerned in the capture of Surratt, and for which Congress appropriated \$10,000 as a reward, received his money on Saturday.

Columbia, S. C., 2.—An affray occurred last night between 10 or 12 Negro members of the Legislature and five whites, resulting in the death of one of the latter.

Prince Edward Island and United States Reciprocity.

The Patriot of Charlottetown gives the text of Gen. Butler's resolution relative to Prince Edward Island. The Patriot in commenting upon the resolution thinks it rather curious if productions of the United States, including manufactures, are to be admitted free, "it is asking too much, such sweeping free trade would deprive us of nearly half our revenue." The Patriot further admits that it is questionable whether the Colony can legislate to meet the proposals of Congress with regard to the Fisheries, at least without leave of the Imperial Government. It repudiates anything like a feeling for annexation. The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting last Monday night at which a resolution favoring reciprocity with the States was unanimously adopted, and a committee of five appointed to correspond with the Board of Trade and others interested in the trade in the Union. The Patriot thinks that if the Government and people of the Colony take up the question openly and determinedly, the Island will have reciprocity with the United States next summer.

The people on the mainland will, this interesting question develops it, have abundant cause to be grateful if they have an Imperial Government which will consider the subject from an Imperial point of view, and will insist upon the colonies being included in any arrangement to be made with Prince Edward Island.

How THE DISCOUNT GOES.—It is no doubt a very wise maxim not to wait before we get out of the woods. We not therefore intend to write an excitation over the success which has so attended the discount movement, simply to relate one or two facts in connection therewith, which have come in our knowledge. The people are kindly to the new order of things on tuesday, and in general purchasers the requisite discount without grum or hesitation. They had received warning and were prepared, and for worth of goods a quarter dollar an cent were paid down as readily and n rally as if it had never been custom to do anything else. So far as we heard all the employers in town their workmen in bills or in silver the discount. Messrs. Kennedy & discharged their week's liabilities to masons and laborers in bills to the of \$620. The Montreal Bank is giving Canadian silver in exchange for bill sufficient quantities for "small change requirements, and the merchants are tling away the dimes and half dimes most of which they have ten per cent with a view to exportation. As it not pay to export the quarters and dollar pieces at four per cent, these continue to circulate. Upon the very good beginning has been made no one whose name was attached to bond evinces the slightest inclination rebbe from the position he has taken expresses regret that silver was not a ed to remain the same amount che used to be.

EXPECTED APPEARANCE OF EN COMET.—The Providence Journal Encke's comet is due, and the stars are turning their telescopes to the in the hope of discovering the presence the expected visitor. It is interesting chiefly for performing its revolution in the boundaries of the solar system the comparatively short period which its revolution takes place; and the reason that we know more of than we do of those vast celestial bodies, which visit our system, and rush off into space.

Dr. Kirwan, the Dean of Limerick a few days since in a Turkish bath