

THE DAY now calls attention to the splendid stock of BOOKS for the Christmas Trade: Church Services, Prayer Books, all sizes of Bibles, The Poets, Books of Adventure, Biography, Toy Books, Juvenile Books, Photograph and Autograph Albums, some in elegant binding, bought especially for the Christmas Trade.

Also, a beautiful stock of Fine Fancy Goods, in Paper Mache and Wood, some splendid Writing Desks, and Work Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Card Cases, Portfolios, Wallets all kinds, Sewing Baskets, Boxes of Puzzles, Boxes of Games, A B C Boxes, Cases, Toilet Sets.

The stock at DAY'S BOOKSTORE for this season of Presents, is very full. Purchasers should call early and examine the Goods and Prices.

The Market By-Law.

The Council at its meeting on Monday night passed the By-law containing several amendments to the Market By-law, which came into force last summer. As we have already stated, the principal change effected in the By-law is the alteration of the hours at which produce may be bought by dealers and retailers. Heretofore, these could not purchase any produce brought into market before 10 o'clock in the summer months and 11 o'clock in the winter. Now the By-law is changed so as to permit these dealers and retailers to buy produce during the summer months on and after 9 o'clock, and in the winter months on and after 10 o'clock.

The only change affecting the buying or selling of wood, or bringing it into market is the clause which will be enforced on the 1st of January, requiring all parties bringing wood on to the Market Square for sale to have it piled on a square rack. This regulation is only obligatory on those who stand the market. Parties who have contracts to fill in town can, as before, bring their wood in any kind of rack they please.

We notice that a correspondent in our columns to-day complains that the sale of wood is put under market regulations at all, and thinks that in the matter of measurement, quality, &c., these things could easily be adjusted between the buyer and seller.

He is labouring under a great mistake, and if he was living in town, and had his wood to buy by the load on the market he would soon find it out. The sale of cordwood is regulated by law in every market town in the Province, and it is right and just, and necessary for the interests of all parties that it should be so.

It is as much a marketable commodity as butter or eggs, and as such its sale is regulated by enactment of Council. As regards contracts, the Council does not interfere in the matter any more than collecting the fee, the same as if the wood was brought on the market for sale. The party receiving the wood on contract may employ the Town officer, appointed for that purpose, to measure it, for which he charges 5 cents a cord, and both seller and buyer must take such measurement as the correct one.

The clause respecting the fee of 10 cents per cord, collected on each cord delivered by contract remains as before, and is in full force.

Mr. Horsman Declines.

To the Editor of THE MERCURY. Dean Sir,—In relation to the paragraph in Monday's issue stating that in compliance with the request of numerous ratepayers, I was a candidate for the office of Councilman for the East Ward, I desire to state that on reconsideration, while thankful to the ratepayers, and acknowledging the honour they would kindly confer upon me, I find that my increasing business requires strict personal supervision, and in consequence, I could do justice neither to the ratepayers nor to myself were I to enter upon the duties of Councilman.

I therefore beg to have my name withdrawn as a candidate for the office for the coming year at least, and at some future time, should the ratepayers consider my services in the Council desirable, the honour will not be declined, nor the duties be unattended to by.

Very respectfully yours, JOHN HORSMAN. Guelph, Dec. 18, 1872.

A REMARKABLE OLD WOMAN.

On Friday, September 19, 1872, near Dunvegan in the ninth Concession of Kenyon, Co. (Glengarry), died Ann Campbell, a native of the Isle of Skye, Scotland. She was born in the Parish of Braclade, in 1741, and at her death reached the great age of 131 years. The greater part of her life was spent as a dairy-maid in the employment of some of the first families of her native island. In 1771, when 30 years of age, she entered the employment of the Marrays of Glashornish, with whom she remained till 1821, or for fifty years. Immediately after she entered that of Malcolm Nicholson, Esq., father-in-law of Dr. Bethune of Toronto, with whom she remained for seven years. In 1828, at the advanced age of 87, she emigrated to Canada with a number of her countrymen, who settled in the rear of Kenyon, among whom she passed her 44 years of Canadian life. The pioneers who were in the prime of life when she came to the country are gone, and she seemed to be so lightly dealt with by time that little difference could be seen in her appearance for the last 40 years. She retained her intellect intact to the last, and was capable of doing all the work which could be expected of a person 50 years of age. She would pass hours in singing the Gaelic songs of her country, or giving an account of many of the events which took place in her younger days. She was able, up to the Monday preceding her death, to follow her former occupation of milking cows,—this she did not do from necessity, but for the pleasure it gave her, and she imagined that her longevity depended altogether on her vocation. She was never married.

OPENING OF BARKLEY BLOCK SCHOOL HOUSE.

The handsome and commodious new school house erected in Section No. 5, Guelph Township, will be formally opened on Friday evening, the 27th inst., when an entertainment will be held in connection therewith. This social gathering promises to be one of the best and most successful of the season. There will be refreshments, addresses, music by a number of amateurs from Guelph and other places, recitations, &c. The programme, as presently contemplated, cannot fail to please, and everybody interested expects a most pleasant and profitable gathering.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Bismarck Relieved. Carlist Bands Defeated. Fourteen Fenians Arrested. Heavy Storm in England. The "Bucoria" Wrecked. The Slave Trade.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Gen. Von Boon will act provisionally as president of Prussian Council of Ministers, the Emperor having granted Bismarck's request to be relieved.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—Three Carlist bands were defeated and dispersed by the Government troops on the 16th.

London, Dec. 17.—Fourteen ringleaders in the disorderly demonstrations at the Fenian Amnesty meeting at Stockton, on Sunday, have been sent to prison for various terms.

London, Dec. 18.—7:40.—The funeral of Lady Beaconsfield takes place on Thursday. It will be strictly private.

It has been storming for the last six hours, and the rain that fell has been the heaviest of the season. A large tract of land in Leicestershire is inundated. In Derbyshire the rain has now fallen to the depth of 15 inches. Telegraph lines in all directions are badly damaged.

The Daily News, commenting on President Grant's message, trusts that his recommendation for the abolition of slavery in Cuba will be successful with the Spanish Government.

The ship Bucoria from Philadelphia for Rotterdam went ashore in a storm near Bolgas, and became a total wreck. All on board were saved except one.

Alexandria, Dec. 17.—Sir Bartle Frere, who is now en route to Aden, to join the British expedition for the suppression of the African slave trade, arrived here this afternoon.

The Tremont Hotel, village of Welland, was burned down on Tuesday morning.

SHOOTING MATCH.—The return match between the Eramosa and the Fergus Rifle Companies comes off in the field near Dryden's Hotel, Eramosa, on Friday the 27th inst., when an excellent day's sport may be anticipated.

BOYS AND GIRLS SLEIGHS,

SKATES, latest styles, BRASS AND TODDY KETTLES, TEA AND COFFEE POTS, LANTERNS, STOVE VARNISH, HARNESS VARNISH, PICTURE VARNISH, FURNITURE VARNISH, CINDER SIFTERS, CRUET STANDS, a large variety, MEAT CUTTERS, MINCING MACHINES, CLOTHES WRINGERS, CASH BOXES, At John Horsman's.

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Of Guelph Quality. TABLE SPOONS, TEA SPOONS, DESSERT SPOONS, TABLE FORKS, DESSERT FORKS, BUTTER KNIVES, TOAST RACKS, CRUETS, TABLE BELLS, TEA AND COFFEE POTS, CAKE BASKETS, &c. &c. &c.

JOHN M. BOND & Co., DIRECT IMPORTERS, GUELPH.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS. J. & R. MILLAR

Will have on Exhibition on MONDAY, at their Stall, in the Market, and at their shop in Hatch's Block, a magnificent display of

Beef, Mutton, Pork, etc.

Consisting of the following: 10 very choice Steers and Heifers from Edward Burton, Esq., Pilkington, Esq., Paisley Block. 4 do do from Thos. Henderson, Esq., Paisley Block. 2 do do from George Hood, Esq., (Manor Bank) Paisley Block. 1 magnificent two year old steer, weighing nearly 2500 lbs., bred by Gideon Hood, Esq., and fed by John Kirby, Esq. 1 splendid two year old heifer (Little Beauty) bred and fed by Wm. Alexander, Esq., "Helen Burn," Guelph Township. George Elliot's prize heifer, (Roseale), which took 2nd prize at the Central Exhibition, and 2nd at the Christmas Fat Cattle Show. 40 splendid Sheep and Lambs, including some choice Southdowns. 1 mammoth Hog, from James Cleghorn, Esq., Paisley Block, over 600 lbs. A large quantity of Poultry, including Mr. Wm. Evans's prize geese. J. & R. MILLAR, Guelph, Dec. 18, 1872. dwj

H. D. MOREHOUSE, Exchange Broker,

Market Square, Guelph, AGENT FOR

Inman Steamship Company, Between New York and Liverpool, leaving New York Thursday and Saturday, Lake Superior Royal Mail Route, leaving Collingwood every Tuesday and Friday. Michigan Central Railway Company and Erie Railway Company.

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WITH PEDIGREES, For the service of sows this season, on the premises of the undersigned. Terms—Cash at time of service. ALLAN SIMPSON, Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1872. G15W1 Blacksmith.

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Books and Fancy Goods FOR XMAS DAY'S BOOKSTORE. WYNDHAM ST., GUELPH.

Noah's Ark, 6 kinds; Ladies Companions, 50 varieties; Card Cases, Ladies and Gents Dressing Cases, Building Blocks, Boxes of Games, A B C Blocks, China Toys, Vases, Toilet Sets, Fine Photograph Albums, Fancy Ink Stands, Work Boxes, 40 kinds; Writing Desks, 25 kinds

Paper Mache Goods Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Glove and Jewel Boxes, Card Cases, &c. &c.

BOXES PAINT. CASES MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS, SEWING BASKETS.

CHRISTMAS STATIONERY

A Large New Stock of Books, suitable for Christmas Presents AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Day sells Cheap, and has a Large New Stock of Goods for this Season. See his Goods before Buying.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS! NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS!

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The Largest and Best Assortment of FANCY GOODS, Jewellery, Toys, and Dolls ever shown in Guelph, AT J. HUNTER'S.

FOR Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Sewing Companions, Tating Companions, and Dressing Cases, and everything in that line so to J. HUNTER'S.

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FANCY WOOLLEN GOODS, Slippers, Ottomans, Cushions, Brackets, Screens, Shawls, Scarfs, Baskets, Stools, Wallets, Purses, cheap at J. HUNTER'S.

A FULL assortment of the most reliable and Fashionable Patterns for Ladies', Misses' and Children's Dress, always on hand AT J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store, Wyndham Street Guelph.

JEWELLERY FOR XMAS.

Our stock is now complete in every line, having received a large stock of New Goods during the past few days, consisting in part of

Cruet Stands, Cake Baskets, Butter Coolers, Sugar Bowls, Cream Jugs, Fruit Stands, Pickle Frames, Cups, Goblets, Spoons, Forks, Napkin Rings, &c. Watches, Clocks, Brooches, Ear-rings, Bracelets, Chains, Rings, Pins, Studs, Cuff Buttons, &c. &c.

—All of which are at low prices— ONLY ONE PRICE. D. SAVAGE, Dec. 16—dw2w Wyndham Street, Guelph

GUELPH Pianoforte Factory

IS NOW IN FULL OPERATION affording an opportunity to intending purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments. All new instruments Warranted for Six Years; Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired. TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any Imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed. Show Rooms and Office, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. RAINER, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872. dw

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The Right Man in the Right Place. The undersigned recognizing the felt want of a butcher's shop in Upper Wyndham Street, which will be open at all hours during the business part of the day, has started a branch establishment in that shop next to Bradley's Grocery Store and opposite the new Baptist Church, where he bespeaks a fair share of public patronage. Prices—Hind quarter 86 to 88 per 100 lbs; front do 85 to 87 per do; roasts and steaks 9 cts to 12 cts per lb.

Lamb in quarters 6 to 10 cts. per lb. Hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. GILBERT AMOS, Butcher, No. 3, Market St., Guelph, Nov. 18, 1872. dw

New Advertisements.

Co-Operative Store. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Just the Article for a Present.

We have just received about 1000 yards of ASSORTED IN Plain, Striped and Figured English Repps.

The above will be sold at a little over half their value. J. C. MACKLIN & Co. GUELPH, Dec. 16. dw

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co. Have just received for the Holidays

350 boxes New Valencia Raisins, 230 boxes New Layer Raisins, 25 boxes Sultana Seedless Raisins, 150 boxes Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, 25 kegs Good Prunes to be Rushed off at 4 cents per lb.

Another small lot of 300 caddies of that splendid Young Hyson #1 Tea to be sold for 80 cents, Fruits are a little higher this year, but we are going to sell at the smallest margin of profit.

E. O'DONNELL & Co. Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872. Wyndham Street, Guelph

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Anderson has Suitable for THE MARKET. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! MERRIE CHRISTMAS. GUELF. BOYERS are buying elsewhere.

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Opposite the Market House, Guelph. A FACT WHICH THE PUBLIC WELL KNOW: "That we sell Cheaper and Better Goods than any other Shoe Store in Guelph."

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Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest style Phelan Tables. do

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WM. STEWART Has much pleasure in stating to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods under current prices, and they will be offered

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BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents. Dress Goods, The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone.

WM. STEWART. Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872. dw

HART & SPEIRS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. J. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention. Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c. neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England. HART & SPEIRS, 4 Day's Block Guelph, Ont. M41-dw

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