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MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.
HARRISTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair.
BOBWHIT—Saturday before Guelph.
DRAYTON—Saturday before Guelph.
ELORA—The day before Guelph.
DOUGLAS—Monday before Elora Fair.
GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month.
CLIFFORD—Thursday before the Guelph fair.
TEVOTDALE—Friday before the Guelph fair.
NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday each month.
BERLIN—First Thursday in each month.
ELMIRA—Second Monday in each month.
WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in each month.
MOUNT FOREST—Third Wednesday in each month.
HANOVER—Monday before Durham.
DURHAM—Tuesday before Mount Forest.
FERRIS—Thursday following Mount Forest.
ORANGEVILLE—Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
MONO MILLS—Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October.
ERIN—First Monday in January, April, July and October.
MANSFIELD—First Tuesday in February, May, August and November.
BRIDPORT—First Thursday in each month.
LESTOWN—First Friday in each month.
HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
MOOREVILLE—Monday before Guelph.
HAMILTON—Crystal Palace Grounds, Tuesday after Guelph.

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1874

A Slander Flatly Contradicted.
 Some three or four weeks ago, a scurrilous weekly paper, called the *National*, published in Toronto, gave currency to a vile slander on the Hon. Geo. Brown, to the effect that he had an illegitimate and unacknowledged son, who had been sent to the Provincial Farm. The *National* not satisfied with vague charges and indirect slanders, put them in the most specific manner, and in addition said "He" (George Brown) "formed a temporary illicit connection with a woman who bore children by him, and when late in life he became tired of her, cast her aside like an old shoe and married another."

We give the above quotation for the purpose of showing to what depths of iniquity papers like the *National* are capable of reaching in their desperate attempts to damage by the foulest means the fair fame of a man who has done them no wrong, but who has brought on his head their remorseless hate for exposing the misdeeds of the Conservative leader, and the immoral conduct of Dr. Sangster, for it is as a set-off to the Sangster case that the *National* trumped up the above slander. Some of the Tory papers like the *London Herald* and its namesake in Guelph, which eagerly appropriate and publish such vile stuff, were in raptures over the *National's* so-called revelations, and gave them to the public with all the advantages of sensational headings and editorial comments. We fancy their insane joy will be considerably lessened when they read the following explicit and decided denial of the truth of all such slanders, and the accompanying notice that all the papers which have published them are to be sued for libel. The notice appears in today's *Globe* under Mr. Brown's own name:

"I find that during my absence at Washington an outrageous slander affecting my personal character appeared in an obscure weekly newspaper in this city, and has since been repeated in that and other newspapers with aggravations. These infamous statements are utterly false from beginning to end. They are pure inventions, without a shadow of truth to palliate them. I was not aware that any such scurrilous stories had been published until Tuesday evening last, when instructions were instantly given to my solicitors to prosecute all the journalists who have given them currency through their papers. This is now being done; and this note has only been delayed until copies of the several papers containing the slanders could be secured."

Geo. Brown.

July 31st, 1874.
 It is only a couple of weeks since the *Herald* here expressed a desire to have as many libel suits as possible on its hands. We have a shrewd suspicion that it will be more than satisfied with this one which is now pending. We trust that all the suits will be proceeded with, and that the conductors of such unscrupulous and reckless sheets as have given currency to this slander will be taught the salutary lesson that there is a limit to their scurrility in dealing with public men over which they cannot go without being made answerable to the law, and without receiving that punishment which they have wilfully brought on themselves. We can well understand that journalists in the discharge of their duty may sometimes be wrong in information, be led into error in referring charges against public men; and we can also understand how in the discharge of such duty he may, when thoroughly assured of the wrong-doing of a public man, make public such charges even at the risk of a libel suit. But in regard to this particular slander, there is not a shadow of foundation for it. It was the result of a depraved imagination, and a malignant feeling of enmity towards a leading politician and journalist. But for the vile agencies through which it was published it might have marred the peace of a family, and invaded the sanctities of private life. But the blow fell powerless, for no one—not even those who gave it currency—believed it. They sought to blacken Mr. Brown's private character, but the infamy which they tried to fasten on him has recoiled, and now sticks to themselves.

The East Elgin nomination takes place to-day, and the balloting will be on the 8th.

It is rumored that the Hon. George Brown will be present at the manufacturers' meeting in Hamilton, on the 12th and 13th of August, to explain his views on Reciprocity.

THE CRISIS IN QUEBEC.—Attorney-General Irvine has resigned his position as a member of the Provincial Government, owing to the Tanneries land transaction. He and it is believed, other members of the Cabinet, are wholly innocent of any guilty connection with the fraud, if fraud there be, and it seems probable there has been fraud. The *Gazette* calls upon Premier Ouimet to resign the seals of office, and warns him that the consequence of non-compliance will almost inevitably be enforced and permanent retirement from public life. The reconstruction of the Cabinet, under existing circumstances, is pronounced impossible. A large number of Conser-

vatives would be satisfied if Ouimet, Archambault and Fortin could be compelled to retire. Ouimet offends from notorious nepotism. Fortin is alleged to be implicated in Crown Lands scandals, and Archambault, if the present transaction be fraudulent, is unquestionably guilty. A fund is being raised to test the legality of the transfer in Court.

BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL—At Guelph, on the 27th ult., the wife of John McFarlane Campbell, Esq., Inland Revenue Department, of a son.

DEATHS.

KNOWLES—At Rockwood, on the 30th ult., Charles Edward, infant son of Mr. James Knowles, aged 3 months and 17 days.
 STEWART—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Duncan McNaughton, Township of Dover, on the 18th ult., Jane, relict of the late John Stewart, formerly of Puslinch, Co. Wellington, and Perthshire, Scotland—aged 55 years.
 PETERIE—At Aina, on the 26th ult., Mr. John Peterie, aged 40 years.
 DAULSON—At Elora, on the 26th ult., Emma E. Daulson, aged 10 months.
 BROWN—At Elora, on the 17th ult., the wife of Mr. John Brown.
 WRIGHT—At Harriston, on the 16th ult., Mr. J. Chisholm Wright, aged 52 years.
 WILKINSON—At his residence, Lot 6, 2nd line west, on the 30th ult., Mr. John Wilkinson, aged 61 years and 4 months.

HARVEST.

LARGE STOCK

—OF—

Harvest GLOVES

AND

Harvest Implements,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

—AT—

JOHN HORSMAN'S

HARDWARE ESTABLISHMENT

GUELPH.

Consultation, Micropublishing, Equipment Sales & Service

SABBATH SCHOOL OPENING.

The St. Andrew's Church School House being completed.

A NOTICE

will be held in on TUESDAY Evening, the 11th inst. Tea will be served at six o'clock, after which addresses are expected to be delivered by Rev. J. D. Macdonnell, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Malin, of Ferris; and Revs. Messrs. Wardrop, Ball and Torrance, of Guelph.
 An invitation is extended to all friends of the cause.
 Music will be furnished by the choir.
 Tickets of admission 25 cents, to be had at the Bookstore, and at the doors.
 The Rev. J. D. Macdonnell will preach (D. V.) in St. Andrew's Church, on Sabbath 6th inst., between noon and evening, when a collection will be taken up in aid of the Building Fund.
 Guelph, August 1st, 1874. dtdw

TOWN OF GUELPH.

VOTERS' LISTS.

Pursuant to the Statute in that behalf I hereby give notice that the Lists of Voters for the Town of Guelph for 1874 were duly posted up for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk on the 21st day of July, 1874.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.

Guelph, August 1st, 1874.

THE SUBSCRIBERS

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APPOINTED AGENTS

—BY—

Messrs. Williams Bros.

of Buffalo, N.Y.,

FOR THEIR CELEBRATED AMERICAN

MARBLEIZED

SLATE MANTLES

Reg to acquaint

Contractors and Builders.

That they will keep constantly on hand a stock of their Mantles, and would invite inspection of the samples we have on hand, and which we are offering at very low figures.

H. CLEARHUE & Co.,

GUELPH.

Guelph, Aug. 1, 1874. dwtw

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A NEW SUPPLY OF

THE CELEBRATED

Ryan Dead Ball

(PROFESSIONAL)

Price \$1.25

The Young America at 30c.

The O K Ball - - - 15c.

—AT—

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

—AT—

DAY SELLS-CHEAP.

STONE SHOP TO RENT—In the

Town of Guelph, well adapted for any kind of manufacturing business. Apply at the Mercury office. j27-1wif

FOR SALE.

100 acres of good land, being west half of Lot No. 27, 2nd concession, Township of Nassawaugon, is in a good state of cultivation. 75 acres cleared, the rest good hardwood timber, well watered, well fenced, and a good bearing orchard, all of select, grafted fruit, apples, pears, plums, cherries, grapes, currants, etc. An excellent stone barn, 40x60, with select also stone stable and a comfortable dwelling house. Is convenient to church and school, 1 1/2 miles to post office and blacksmith shop, 4 miles to the village of Rockwood, C. T. R. station, 4 miles to Erin, 5 to Acton, 10 to Guelph. For particulars apply to
 THOS. EASTON,
 On E. premises, or by letter, address
 Knatehall P.O., Ont.

New Advertisements.

SUGARS! TEAS! SUGARS!

G. & A. HADDEN

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SPLENDID LOT OF

New Sugars for Preserving.
 A Large Lot of A. 1. New Season Teas, fresh and fragrant.

Genuine French Brandies (choicest brands.)
 Very fine Old Port and Sherry Wines.
 Pure Jamaica Rum, Holland Gin, &c., &c.
 Extra Quality in French Pickling Vinegars,
 in demijohns and on draft; and a
 General assortment of first-class Family Groceries.

IN DRY GOODS

We are offering some Special Lines very low:

Fancy Dress Goods 10c. yd; Hoyle's Prints 12 1/2c. per yd; Horrocks' Cottons 12 1/2c per yard.

A large stock of Cotton Yarn, White and Coloured Carpet Warps, Grain Sags, &c.
 G. & A. HADDEN.
 Guelph July 29, 1874. d2aw-w

SUGAR, SUGAR, SUGAR!

13lbs of Good Bright Sugar for \$1.

TEAS, TEAS!

Try a pound of Fraser's Young Hyson Tea at 50c., usual price 80c.
 Japan Tea, finest quality. 65c.

Assam Tea, 80c., recommended by the Medical Profession for Nervousness.

Lovers of Excellent Black Tea can get their Supply at

G. B. FRASER'S.

Leave your orders early.

Guelph, August 1st, 1874. To the Public.

I take this opportunity to let my old friends and customers know that early this Fall I intend opening up one of the most extensive and varied stocks of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods to be seen in Ontario. I have had erected for my own special retail business a most complete arranged store, and from my long experience in the mercantile business, I feel and know that I will present for the inspection of my old patrons and others not only the most choice selection of Fancy Goods, but goods that will in reality be of such a character as to give to the purchaser the most entire satisfaction. The value will form one of the most important features of my establishment; the fact of going direct to the fountain head for my whole stock, and buying all for the ready money, and in addition having no old stock to palm off, is of itself a positive guarantee that my establishment will present inducements to the purchaser that none other in Guelph can approach. I earnestly request my old friends and customers to pay a visit to my establishment, when the old motto that I used for so many years to their advantage will again be adopted, viz: the best goods in the trade at the smallest possible profit. Good goods and Cheap goods. One price and no abatement. No misrepresentations, and the interests of the public doing business with me strenuously watched.
 Yours truly,
 JOHN HOGG.

FAMILY MOURNING

Particular attention is paid to this Department of our Business, which is kept constantly assorted with everything requisite for Family Mourning.

We are now showing a large and very superior Stock of **BLACK GOODS**, to which we invite Special Notice.

A. O. BUCHAM,
 Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

Elephant Clothing Store.

GOODS SELLING AT COST

Good Linen Coats, - selling for 95 cents
 " " Pants, " from 50c up.
 " Lustre Coats " from \$1.50
 " Russell Cord Coats, " from 1.75
 " Heavy White Duck, " from 2.00
 Cotton Tweed Coats " from 1.50
 Tweed suits at any price.

BOY'S CLOTHING, FOR ALL AGES SELLING AT LESS THAN COST.
 A BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF WHITE SHIRTS FROM \$1 UP TO \$2.
 OXFORD AND REGATTA SHIRTS FROM 75c TO \$1.75
 A FAMOUS LOT OF NECK TIES, COLLARS, HANDKERCHIEFS, SOX, TO BE SOLD CHEAP.

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In all the latest English and American styles.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,