

FENIAN NEWS.
Holds of to-day says:—The United States Government officials seized some Fenian arms at St. Albans, in Vermont, which looks like a success on their part. Per contra the stand of Fenian arms held by the United States authorities at Rouse's Point since the last raid, have been taken up to the owners. Bonds were given that they would not be used for an illegal purpose, but their release at the present moment has an ominous look. It is reported that passes were taken at Sault Ste. Marie for Fenians to Detroit, and that a conspiracy had been discovered, having for its object the seizure of a United States revenue boat on Lake Michigan.

Correspondent reminds us that the 53rd regiment has not been sent to England from London, but to Quebec while the 30th has gone to Halifax. Both these regiments, however, have been placed by the military authorities at a distance from the scene of action, if a raid takes place. Why have we allowed the 53rd to remain in Quebec weeks longer in its old quarters? There is a report that the Government will muster this week a battalion of volunteers at Windsor and another at Sarnia. We hope this is true, and that the Fort Erie and Suspension Bridge will be equally well provided for. The Ridgeway affair would never have taken place if a force had previously been stationed in the neighbourhood of Fort Erie.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN WAR.
The latest advices from South America represent the war as still raging with unmitigated terror. The allies, the armies of Brazil, of Uruguay and the Argentine Republic, are besieging the city of Humaita with untiring vigor and the Paraguayans are resisting with a spirit and determination worthy of the conduct they have displayed from the commencement of this most obstinate and protracted war. They have taken up a last position, after many brilliant victories and many disastrous defeats. It is probable that their national defence depends on their holding it. The three countries made common cause against Paraguay they and themselves not to desist until they are endeavoring to perform their vow the reiterated attacks on the Paraguayan stronghold on the Parana ample testimony. Our despatches of Tuesday state that after a heavy bombardment of Humaita, the allies combined attack on rear of that position to gain possession of a certain road through which it appears the Paraguayans draw their supplies. The result, we are told, was repulsed and the allies were compelled to relinquish their attempt. It is evidently the object of the allies to turn the siege into a blockade if possible, and starve out the garrison. That they will eventually succeed in reducing Humaita is only to be doubted. Why should we not? The wonder is that the power of such a mighty empire as Brazil and Argentina Republic, has not long overwhelmed Paraguay in her own hands. But the Paraguayans will have enough for honor if they are overpowered, and it will be something for men as they are to remember, that not one of their number will have been avenged.

AN OFFICIAL REBUKE.
Nearly every person in Canada, and great many in other places, have heard of the Allan Macdonald case. As facts became known to Mr. Thornton the British Minister at Washington he brought the matter under the notice of Mr. Seward, who, after apologizing for the transgression, directed that Macdonald should be returned to Canada. Mr. Thornton, however, considered that Mr. Seward's apology was deficient without the release of the criminal, and he accordingly remained in prison. Correspondence ensued between Lord Monck and Mr. Thornton and the matter was finally referred to the Imperial Government. Mr. Thornton's opinion is given in the following letter from Lord Stanley, which contains also a hint for Mr. Thornton's guidance:

FOREIGN OFFICE,
20th March, 1868.
—With reference to your despatch of the 24th ult., I transmit to you with copies of two letters which I received from the Secretary of State for Colonies, to whom I communicated your despatch in regard to the abduction of Macdonald, an American subject, Canadian territory, from which you perceive that the Duke of Buckingham is satisfied with the course pursued in this matter. With respect to having declined the restitution of Macdonald by the United States Government, I have to call your attention to the suggestion of Mr. Buckingham's suggestion that in future cases of the kind it would be desirable that you should, if possible, communicate previously with the Government of Canada, and I have to inform you to act thereupon for the future.

STANLEY.
Esq., C. B., &c.

butes the excitement concerning Fenian designs entirely to the detectives employed by the Government, and the statement is certainly correct in so far as those officials make it a point to furnish their stories to the press, whether truthful or manufactured, quite as promptly as they are transmitted to Ottawa. The Journal says:—
"So long as the Canadian Government keep in its employ an army of spies, and permits currency to be given to those groundless reports that have burdened the telegraph lines during the past week, the people on the north side of the St. Lawrence must expect to be kept in a terrible excitement, which none who have not experienced it can fully appreciate. The manufacture out of whole cloth of such stories as Fenian gatherings near St. Albans, 20,000 Fenian arms stored at Ogdensburg, 'Pork and beef on the way,' is the work of paid officials who come across the border by direction of the Dominion authorities. Of course, these gentry must do something to keep up the excitement, and earn their pay. Every day these spies are passing through our streets, and every man of Hibernian accent or appearance they meet is set down as a squad of Fenians with a magazine in his pocket, and a commissary department in his pocket, and gunboats patrol the river, and troops and batteries are ordered to the front to repel him. We hear it proposed by some of our law-abiding citizens to catch and dip a few of these gentlemen who, for pay, are sending the Canadians into daily tantrums. A few applications of a cold bath would bring these imaginative fellows to a recital of facts, and restore to a long-suffering and outraged people the blessings of peace."

The Copyright Law
An important literary question is about to be decided in the English House of Lords. The case of Low v. Routledge, in the matter of "Haunted Hearts"—a book by the late Miss Maria Cummins of Dorchester, Mass., author of "The Lamp-lighter," etc.—has come up therein, on appeal, for final jurisdiction. Routledge appeals from the decision of the Vice-Chancellor and of the Lords Justices, to the highest Court in the Kingdom, contending—against the doctrine of the plaintiff—that the residence of the author in an English colony, at the time of the first publication of her work in England, did not vest her with copyright. This question has been twice decided for the plaintiff, in the lower courts. It has since been argued before the Lords, and judgment is now awaited. The importance of the point is self-evident. Decision for the plaintiff will establish this doctrine: that the laws of England are paramount, in cases of conflict, to the local laws of her colonies. The local laws of Canada give no copyright to Miss Cummins, because of that writer's former residence in that country—she being an American author. But if the decision of the lower courts, in Low v. Routledge, be affirmed by the House of Lords, then Canada must allow copyright, in this and in similar cases, precisely as in the case of an English author's work; and residence in a British colony, at the time of publication in England, will entitle the American or other foreign author to copyright on his work throughout that country and all its colonies.

BIRTHS.
McCarthy—At Rockwood, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. McCarthy of a son.
Wright—In Minto, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. John Wright of a daughter.
Brock—In Salem, on the 6th inst., the wife of Frederick Beck of a son.
Thompson—In Elora, on the 29th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. Thompson of a son.
Whitely—In Salem, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Whitely of a son.
Allan—In Pickering, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Chas. Allan of a daughter.
Cole—In Salem, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. A. Cole of a son.
Mathison—In Salem, on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. George Mathison of a son.

MARRIAGES.
Oliver—Riverton—At Clifton House, on Saturday 13th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Bell, Adam Oliver, M.P.P., of South Oxford, to Miss Ellen Eliza Rintoul, youngest daughter of the late David Rintoul, of Perthshire, Scotland.

DIED.
Ernst—In Salem, last week, the child of Mr. Geo. Ernst.
Whitely—In Salem, on the 4th inst., the infant child of Mr. Wm. Whitely.
Stovel—At Mount Pleasant, Minto, on the 7th inst., Sarah, the beloved wife of Mr. Henry Stovel, aged 67 years.
Abbott—In Erasmoo, on the 13th inst., Mr. Aaron Abbott, aged 86 years. Deceased was one of the first settlers in the township.

New Advertisements.

NEW Factory Cheese!
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

SMOKED, Sugar-cured HAMS!
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

BOTTLED ALE AND PORTER
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

SARDINES, LOBSTERS, SALMON and MACKEREL
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

BISCUITS
ALL KINDS, FRESH.
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

TO BOARDERS.
SIX GENTLEMEN will be informed where they can find (within a short distance of Macdonnell Street) first-class board, and every necessary accommodation, by applying at the MERCURY OFFICE.
Guelph, June 16. d 5t

FRESH ROASTED COFFEES!
A SMALL LOT OF
LADIES' and MISSES'
Mocho,
Java,
Jamaica,
Laguayra,
Rio and
Maracaybo

THESE Coffees combine great strength and flavor, and FRESH GROUND on receipt of orders. Can be had separate or mixed.
GEO. WILKINSON.
Guelph, June 15. daw 1f

To Contractors.
TENDERS will be received up to noon
On Saturday the 20th Inst.,
for the building of an addition to the Castle Garden Saloon.
Plans and specifications may be seen at my office.
F. J. CHADWICK.
Guelph, 15th June. d-d

REUNION
GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNION
ON FRIDAY, 26th INSTANT
IN AID OF THE
SCHOOL GROUNDS.
Particulars hereafter.
Guelph, 13th June, 1868. d

OATS FOR SALE
CRIGHTON'S
Flour and Feed Store,
A QUANTITY of Oats for sale at Crighton's Flour and Feed Store—price 54c in silver. FLOUR, first quality, market price.

POTATOES
From \$1 to \$1.20 per Bag,
according to quality.
Remember the Stand—three doors below Webster's.
Guelph, 13th June, 1868. d 6

OATS
DOWN TO
55 CENTS IN SILVER.
FLOUR DOWN
To \$3.62 in Silver,
At WEBSTER'S.
Guelph, June 12, 1868. do 1f

Dissolution of Partnership.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between James Smith and Henry Metcalf, in carrying on the Saddle and Harness business, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business in future will be carried on by Henry Metcalf, in the Town of Guelph, who will discharge all debts and collect accounts due to the firm.
Witness: JAMES SMITH,
ROBERT PARKER, HENRY METCALF.
H. Metcalf begs to return his sincere thanks to the numerous customers of the late firm, and would solicit a continuance on his own behalf of the patronage so liberally bestowed on them. He shall by strict attention to business, endeavor to meet the wants of his customers, and to keep up the reputation of the old firm.
All overdue Accounts to the late firm must be settled immediately.
Guelph, 13th June, 1868. do w 1f

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS!
AND SULPHUR SPRINGS,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NORTH AMERICAN HOTEL,
PRESTON, ONTARIO.
THESE popular Baths are open for the accommodation of the public. The Spring which supplies these Baths possesses medicinal qualities not surpassed by any other in America.
S. CORNELL, Proprietor.
Preston, June 16. daw 3m

TO CONTRACTORS
TENDERS WANTED
FOR the erection of a Wood Shed in the Jail Yard, and other work connected with the Jail.
Plans and specifications are on view at James Lindsay's Hotel, Market Square.
Also, tenders for IRON GRATINGS for the windows of the safe in the Registry Office.
Any information required will be furnished by the undersigned.
Tenders to be left at Lindsay's on or before Saturday, 27th inst., by 12 o'clock noon.
The Lowest or any tender may not be accepted.
GEORGE BRUCE, Esq.,
Architect.
Guelph, June 16. do 3f

CHEAP FIREWOOD!
THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply FIREWOOD, consisting of Cedar, Tanarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, if delivered, \$2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at \$1 75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning off underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer.
CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE
Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of J. L. Lewis, Esq.
Guelph, June 15. d-3m

STRAW HATS.
PRICE---5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, and 20c,
WORTH FIVE TIMES THE MONEY.

WM. STEWART
AT HALF THE COST
OF THE GOODS LAID DOWN.

The undernoted lines will bear out his statement that he is now giving the public benefit:
2635 yds. Dress Goods reduced to \$6.10
Former Price, 50c.
2354 do do do 0.12
Former price, 25c.
2120 do do do 0.15
Former price, 20c.
1976 do do do 0.20
Former price, 35c.
265 Fancy Dresses, each, 1.00
Former price, \$2.25.
175 do do do 1.25
Former price, \$2.50.
300 do do do 1.50
Former price, \$3.00.
215 do do do 2.00
Former price \$4.00.
Choice Lot of do., do., \$2.50,
\$3.00 and \$3.50.

A SMALL lot of Dresses, slightly soiled, will be offered at merely a nominal price.
A LOT of Ladies' Jackets, in Meltons, Valves, Tissue, Silk and Water-Proof Cloths, will be offered at above quotations.
A LOT of Shirting FLANNEL at half price.
A LOT of Gambroons and Kentucky Jeans from 12c per yard.
A LOT of Hosiery, noddled and striped, from 12c per pair.
A LOT of Cotton Gloves at 5c per pair.
A LOT of Croquet Skirts and Skirtings at prices.

SPECIAL ATTENTION
DIRECTED to a lot of Light Ground Prints, partially damaged by water in transit, at 12c per yard, worth 17c.

Lace and Muslin Curtains, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White and Coloured Quilts, Toilet Covers, Damasks, in Union and Wool, Reys, Towels, Hucks, Crash, Tickings, Bleached and Grey Coltons will be offered at Low Prices.

NOTE---The above Goods were never sold in the Town of Guelph at such a sacrifice in price. Every one should consult their interests by an early call.

WM. STEWART,
Wynndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, June 10. daw 1f

No. 7,
Wynndham Street, - - GUELPH.
JACKSON & HALLETT
5 Hhd Claret at \$1.50 per gallon.
50 cases do at \$3 per case
200 doz Sparkling Canadian Ale at \$1.50 per doz
100 dozen Porter at \$2.50 per dozen
10,000 Habana Cigars, old and in fine condition.
15,000 Mamilla Cheroots at \$4 per box

GENUINE BRANDIES!
MARTELL'S & HENNESSY'S.
Guelph, 17th June. do

FANS AND FEATHER DUSTERS
A BIG SUPPLY OF FANS AND FEATHER DUSTERS
AT CUTHBERT'S
Book and Fancy Store, Wynndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, 16th June, 1868. d w

New Fruits
NEW FRUITS AT
THE FRUIT DEPOT
Pine Apples,
Oranges and Lemons,
Strawberries & Tomatoes EXPECTED DAILY.
Fresh Oysters arriving daily.

HUGH WALKER,
Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wynndham-St., Guelph.

GREAT BARGAINS.
GREAT BARGAINS AT THE
Rutherford House, Guelph.

THE large and varied stock of DRY GOODS at the above place are now being sold at and under cost. Great Bargains are given as the whole is to be sold out forthwith. Also, in stock a full supply of TURNIP SEED from the most approved Seed-men, viz:

Skirving's Improved, Sutton's Champion, White Globe,
Bangholm, Dawburn's I.P. Top, Yellow Aberdeen,
Marshall's, Sharpe's Improved, Rape & other Seeds.

A Well Assorted Stock of Groceries as usual.
Guelph, June 9th, 1868. dw 1m

BRITANNIA HOUSE
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

JUST OPENED!
A Very Choice Assortment of
Hoop Skirts
VERY CHEAP.
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Guelph, 6th June, 1868; do 1m