

# Guelph Evening Mercury.

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PRICE ONE PENNY

## American Cholera!

**DIARRHŒE REMEDY.**  
An unparalleled Remedy for  
**Cholera Morbus, Diarrhœa, Dysentery and all Summer Complaints.**

A bottle should be in every house. Prepared by  
**A. B. PETRIE, Chemist.**

## IF YOU WANT FLY PAPER

That will kill flies, buy it at

## PETRIE'S Drug Store,

Market Square.

Guelph, 14th July. daw

## 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  
ton, June 16. daw 3m

## FRIEND,

WHERE can I get good, sound first-class

**Bacon,**  
**Hams and**  
**Shoulders?**

Encourage home enterprise, and before purchasing elsewhere inspect my stock at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Old Post Office Block.

## AT WILKINSON'S

He has the best in town. The sweetest, cheapest and best assortment of

**BRIAR ROOT AND**  
**FANCY PIPES**

18 AT

**GEO. WILKINSON.**

Guelph, August 5. daw tf

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

## CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,  
**GUELPH, ONT.**

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

## THE BAR

will be supplied with the best  
**Wines, Liquors & Cigars**

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

## LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

## OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

**JOHN MILLER,**  
Proprietor.

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittby  
**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**  
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do if

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that if their accounts are not settled by note or otherwise on or before

**The First day of AUGUST NEXT,**

they will be placed by court for collection. It paid before that time silver will be taken at par in sums not exceeding \$50.

**N. HIGGINBOTHAM,**  
Guelph, 22nd July. dwtf

## BACHELOR'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 Bachelor's Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond-St. N. Y. dwtly

## HALL'S VEGETABLE SILICIAN HAIR RENEWER.

RENEW THE HAIR TO ITS ORIGINAL COLOR WHEN GRAY.

Renews the nutritive matter which nourishes the hair.

RENEW THE GROWTH OF THE HAIR WHEN BALD.

Renews the brash, wiry hair to silky softness—Beautiful hair dressing.

One bottle shows its effects.

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

## 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.

## WELLINGTON Boot & Shoe Manufactory.

THE subscriber has much pleasure in informing the inhabitants of the County of Wellington that having this day completed the purchase of the Leathers and Finding business of **PETER GOW, Esq., M.P.P.** As soon as the necessary arrangements can be made on the premises, he will open on the largest, cheapest and best stock of

## BOOTS & SHOES

ever offered to the public in this county, of those manufacture, and at prices as low as the lowest. Penitentiary or Montreal made work, while the quality is infinitely superior. Encourage home manufacture. Do not send your money away to enrich Montreal or Toronto—at least before you inspect and see my stock—all home manufacture.

The Store will be opened before the 1st of September for the sale of BOOTS and SHOES. The

## Leather and Finding Business

as carried on by Mr. Gow, will be carried on by me and I would call the attention of the trade to the fact, that at all times I shall endeavor to keep on hand a full supply of Leathers and Findings of every description at **Toronto prices.**

Encourage home enterprise, and before purchasing elsewhere inspect my stock at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Old Post Office Block.

**JOHN A. McMILLAN,**  
Guelph, 1st August. dw

## Girls Wanted.

12 GIRLS wanted to work on the Silk Thread Sewing Machines. Apply between the 12th and 17th of August to the Store lately occupied by **PETER GOW, Esq., M.P.P.** Corbett's Old Block, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**J. A. McMILLAN,**  
Proprietor Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory, Guelph, 1st August. dwtm

## NEW MUSIC!

—AT—  
**CLARK'S MUSIC STORE.**

## VOCAL.

Write me a Letter from Home  
The Banquet Young Man  
What is this world's coming to  
No Whiskey, Wine or Beer  
The Blarney (Irish air)  
I cannot sing the Old Song  
I'll be Sing the Old Song  
Angels Whisper.

## SACRED.

Angels ever Light and Pure  
Fair Battle Prayer.  
Like Noah's Woe  
Let me Dress of Heaven

## INSTRUMENTAL.

Mocking Bird  
Lacrosse Quadrilles, Ga  
Lop and Waltz  
Erant  
Gertrude's Dream Waltz  
Argyle March  
Ave Maria (Archer)  
Bird of Beauty Galop

Easy pieces for beginners. Also, several other Songs and Pieces not mentioned here.

The Rose of Ontario Waltz, by Miss Stisted, just out.

Guelph, 1st August. daw tf

## CASH, CASH.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

FROM and after the **FIRST OF AUGUST** I intend to do a strictly Cash business, and will positively open no more accounts with any one. I also propose to offer at all times the best stock of Boots and Shoes to be found in Ontario at the lowest Cash Price.

All parties indebted either by note or book account are requested to pay up before the 31st instant, and save costs.

**JOHN McNEILL,**  
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph, 17th July. daw

## THE FERGUS FOUNDRY!

TOGETHER WITH THE ENGINE AND BOILER, Shafting and Gearing, Boring, Planing, and other Machines for working in wood and iron, and a large quantity of Patterns, Pattern Boxes, &c., &c.

WILL BE SOLD  
**BY PUBLIC AUCTION,**

IN THE  
**VILLAGE OF FERGUS,**

On **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1868,**

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the Sunday previous.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:  
One-third of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale; one-fourth on the delivery of the deed within two weeks thereafter; and the balance in three equal annual instalments, with interest at six per cent. per annum, to be secured by mortgage upon the property.

**BUCHANAN & CO.,**  
Hamilton, Ontario, do it

## Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.  
SATURDAY EV'G, AUGUST 8, 1868.

Elora is endeavoring to have the 21st inst. for a holiday.

The discount movement is said to be progressing splendidly at Elora.

**SILVER IN HESPELER.**—The merchants and traders of Hespeler, with the exception of Messrs. Hespeler and Farr, have joined the discount movement.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Hunt Club, for the election of officers, will be held at the Castle Garden Saloon on Monday evening, the 10th inst. at 8 o'clock.

**HOWIE** of Hamilton, whom the ex-chief of police charged with malicious libel, has been sent for trial by the Police Magistrate. Bail for his appearance is fixed at \$800.

On the 13th of July Mrs. Hugh Davis of Hibbert fractured her leg, on Sunday the 2nd inst, it was amputated, and fifteen minutes afterwards she died.

**FIRE ENGINE.**—The Town Council of Stratford have agreed to submit to the decision of the ratepayers of the town the question, whether they will purchase a steam fire engine.

**ROBBERY.**—While Mr. John Bond, of Maryboro, and his family were attending camp meeting on Sunday, the 28th ult., their house was entered and \$11 in cash, and a note of hand for \$12.65 taken there from.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—A few days ago a little boy named Large was killed near Campbellville, by the falling of a pine tree, from the roots of which the soil had been burnt away by recent fire. He and a smaller brother had gone to a spring for water.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—Mr. Jas. Hagan, of Peel, was getting over a fence on the 31st ult., near Macton, carrying a loaded gun, when the charge exploded and so wounded him in the left hand, which he had on the muzzle, that amputation was necessary.

A little daughter of Mr. Christian Fisher, cabinet maker, Salem, had her leg broken a few days ago by a large window frame that had been left standing against a house being thrown down upon her by a little boy who was at play.

**BASE BALL MATCH.**—The 'Victories,' of Ingersoll, have challenged the 'Young Canadians,' of Woodstock, to play a game for the silver ball and championship, and the match will come off on Tuesday next, the 11th inst., at Woodstock.

**JAMES WARD,** the champion shot, and **Chas. Birch,** a crack English shot, are to shoot a pigeon match a short distance east of Toronto, on Monday, for \$200 a side.

**THE HAMILTON FEES.**—The impeachment Committee in Hamilton have again resumed operations, and are energetically engaged in the preparation of a series of charges against the Police Magistrate. The document is to be laid before the City Council at its next meeting, on Monday, the 17th inst., and we understand it to be signed by Mr. M. Howie.

**MINTO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—This Society is in a very prosperous condition. The annual Exhibition has been fixed for Tuesday, the 6th day of October next; and the Judges appointed are Messrs. George Nicklin and Robert Haig, Pilkington; Robert McKim, M.P.P., and William Watson, Peel; Duncan Saunders, Amaranth; William White, Arthur; and Murray, Glenlyon.

**SHOOTING MATCH.**—The Fergus Rifles had a shooting match last week for a silver medal and nine money prizes. The whole Company had five shots each at 200 and 400 yards, the successful ones scoring thus: Captain Beattie 30, Private Whyte 20, Private Caughlin 20, Sergeant Jordan 19, Sergt. Hughes 18, Corporal Grahame 17, Corporal Gerrie 17, Private Underhill 15, Corporal McIntyre 13, Private McKay 13.—Observer.

**SHOOTING ACCIDENT.**—The Glenallan Maple Leaf relates the following mishap which occurred in that neighborhood: A young man named Frederick Ellis, accidentally shot himself a few days ago. It appears that he was out in a raspberry field and pulled the gun towards him by the muzzle, when some of the bushes caught the trigger, and the contents were discharged through his arm near the shoulder. His arm is amputated and he is doing as well as can be expected.

**LOST AND FOUND.**—On Wednesday week a girl twelve years of age, daughter of Mr. John Lee, a farmer in the township of Whitby, went into the woods to pick berries and was lost five days. She wandered directly away from home, and at length found her way to a house twenty-five miles distant from where she started. When she arrived at this place her pall was still full of berries.

## Travellers' Insurance Company.

We are informed that the Travellers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., has fully complied with the new Insurance Act, 31 Vic. cap. 48, passed by the late Dominion Parliament, by depositing with the Receiver General for the Dominion at Ottawa, One Hundred Thousand Dollars, "gold value," of Registered U. S. Bonds, for the security of policy-holders in the Company, and have filed with the Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal, a certified copy of their charter and power of attorney—thus qualifying themselves to continue their business of Life and Accident Insurance in the Dominion, under the new Act upon Insurance, which came into force on the first of August, inst. This is the only Company insuring against accidental death and injury that has as yet complied with the law by making a deposit under the Act.

The Accidental Insurance tickets which have, for the past two years, been on sale at nearly all the railway stations and ticket offices in Canada, have been withdrawn from sale since the 1st inst. The Railway Passenger Insurance Co., issuing these tickets have decided to close their business in Canada for the reason that their Canadian business will not pay them for the expense incurred to make the required deposit under the Insurance Act. We regret the withdrawal of the accidental tickets, as their cheap class of insurance against accidental death or injury was getting to become quite a favorite with the travelling public, and the purchase of this class of insurance would have become as general as it is in England in a few years, if continued here. We also learn that the Hartford Fire Insurance Company have complied with the Government regulations, requiring a deposit of \$100,000 with the Receiver-Gen. Both of the above Companies are safe and reliable, and are doing an extensive business in Canada. Mr. E. MORRIS, of the Ontario Bank, is the Agent for Guelph, from whom any further information can be obtained.

"ROWDYISM."—Our contemporary of the Woodstock Sentinel feels somewhat chagrined at our remarks on Tuesday last, in Woodstock on Tuesday last. We will not re-open the question, for we assure our friend of the goose quill that it was a painful task to us, as he well knows. But the idea of saying that rowdyism does not exist in that town is simply stating what the writer knows to be untrue. Nay it is aided and abetted by the civil authorities and officials of that town, as we are prepared to prove. That there were a few indiscreet persons from Guelph upon that day we will admit. Nay, we will go further and say that there would be as many roughs in this town as there are in Woodstock, were they not put down by the strong arm of the law, while in Woodstock they are allowed to pass with impunity. That such conduct, and far worse than was witnessed on Tuesday has existed in Woodstock for the last fifteen or twenty years, the Sentinel man, or any sensible being in that town, will not deny and abide by the truth, which is a rare virtue, where the law is so loosely enforced. Woodstock, as is well known, has a wide-spread reputation for being the headquarters of many pugilists, gamblers, and "light fingered gentry" in general, and the proceedings of Tuesday last were a fair specimen of the respect some of the parties engaged had for themselves, their wives, parents and children. Had the same thing happened in Guelph every man would have been placed in "durance vile," while the Woodstock constable, (a poor, simple minded, honest man, who is afraid of his very life, should he ever in any way interfere with the notorious ring) would be getting the "hand-cuffs" ready; for this is a necessary precaution which was to be enforced on Tuesday to one of our Guelph people, who never raised a hand, and the jail only a few feet off. Your town authorities, Mr. Sentinel, must act at once, else a fearful tale will have to be unfolded ere long. We speak advisedly. In reference to the remarks about the "Young Canadians" coming to Guelph, we will only say that should they come they will be treated as all gentlemen should be, and not a hair of their head will be injured. But since they have made up their minds not to "gang to yon town," we can't help it. Our remarks were not inspired by local antipathies or jealousies, but by a sense of right and wrong, and as such they stand before the world, true in every sense and particular as all present at the match will admit. With regard to the insinuation of our contemporary that "those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," we are free to admit that the faithful records of our Police Court indicate that we really have a few roughs in our midst. But these records also demonstrate the pleasing fact that the stern hand of the law is promptly laid upon all who have the hardihood to pass the prescribed bounds of order and decorum. Hence the present orderly state of affairs in our midst. Can our friend say as much for Woodstock? We trow not.

**ELMIRA.**—The Waterloo Chronicle says that there are half a dozen private dwellings, principally of brick, going up at Elmira at present, a new Presbyterian church, a new store two stories high, and a photograph gallery, besides three hotel keepers have enlarged their accommodations. Our contemporary thinks that "it serves Waterloo, Berlin and Galt just exactly right if through the energy of Guelph they lose the immense trade of Peel, Maryboro, Mornington, Wallace, &c., &c." To be sure it does: these are our sentiments exactly.

## THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

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

**SATURDAY 8th.**—ROBT. OAKES, of the Great Western Hotel, was charged this morning by Tavern-Inspector Marriot, with keeping a disorderly house, that is with allowing more noise and disturbance than the law tolerates. After some evidence of no very positive nature had been taken the case was adjourned till Monday.

**MICHAEL CONWAY** was fined \$10 and costs yesterday for the part he took in a row on Wednesday.

**PRIZE FIGHT.**—A bully has arrived from Detroit at Chatham, and challenged any man in Canada. A painter named Dennis has taken him up, and they will fight in five weeks, if they be allowed—the authorities having something to say in such matters.

**FROM HALIFAX.**—Our own correspondent at Halifax says that the feeling in Nova Scotia at present precludes the possibility of a reconciliation. In the beginning of next week our readers will hear from him.

**NEW GROCERY STORE.**—By advertisement it will be seen that E. O'Donnell & Co. have opened a new grocery store in the stand lately occupied by the Messrs. Meredith. Mr. O'Donnell is well known to most of the inhabitants of Guelph, and to many in the adjacent country, and he promises first-class articles at moderate prices there is no doubt he will secure a fair share of custom. His store is large and well filled, and the articles offered for sale look excellent. Read the advertisement, and learn his promises.

**SABBATH SCHOOL PIC NIC.**—It has been decided to hold Knox's Church Sabbath School picnic on Mr. Rickaby's grounds, in rear of the residence of Rev. Mr. Palmer, on Friday next. A conveyance will carry the smaller children thither from the church. During the afternoon matches at Lacrosse will be played between the "Weavers' Club" and the "Speed Club." A number of other amusements will also form part of the programme.

**ANOTHER STORY.**—Constable Griffith requests us to state, that he did not say he would not interfere in the fight between Carroll and Conway, and that on the contrary he tried to get through the Dominion Saloon to the yard, but finding the back door locked came round to the corner, and when he got round the fuss was all over, and that the Chief Constable, although repeatedly asked, has not supplied him with either baton or hand-cuffs.

**ON DIT.**—There is great rejoicing in the select circles of upper-ten-dom in this town in consequence a flying rumour to the effect that a marriage in high life is about to be consummated in our midst. The victims to Cupid's javelin are said to be the renowned warrior-typo-scribe who does the Local for a daily paper not a hundred miles from Wyndham-street, and a young and amiable lady also a resident of this clachan. The ceremony is to take place forthwith, and all the world and his wife stand aghast in breathless expectancy of the coming event, while

The bullfrogs from the river, damp and dim,  
Send up a mournful evening hymn.

**THE BEASLEY HOLLOW AFFAIR.**—We copied from the Times two or three days ago an account of an attack upon a young man by some disreputable characters on the Hamilton and Dundas road. The name of the person who was so murderously assaulted has not yet been found out. Two women have been arrested who say they were present when the attack was begun, but will say no more. A notorious character, who is believed to have been the one that used the stoned tied in the corner of a handkerchief has been known since the time of the assault to offer a black broadcloth coat for sale. One of the soldiers who is said to have been engaged in the attack on the unknown man has not returned to quarters. These are the only known facts in connection with the affair—all else is mystery.

**FENIAN MOVEMENTS.**—The Fenians of Nashville are making active preparations for an early movement. We learn from reliable sources that the time and manner of the invasion have been decided on at the recent conference at Buffalo. During the month of August, the movement will take place. There will be no scattering of forces this time. The principal body of Fenians is formed east of Illinois. All those not immediately situated in the Eastern States and New York, east of Elmira and Oswego, will congregate on the Niagara River, about 12,000 men. The remainder will congregate near Ogdensburg—about 14,000 men. The concentration of the troops will be effected with the utmost rapidity, and the invasion effected from these two points. The final preparations are now being made all over the States. The two companies here at Nashville are completing their organization. Last night the first company organized by electing Capt. M. J. Houston, a soldier in the regular army for fifteen years, and who was almost literally drilled with balls in Indian fights, and during the recent war, to command. The other company will hold an election in a day or two. We look for stormy times among our Fenian friends in a few days.

Washington advices state that the Rebels of Texas have lost none of the venom of the Rebellion, and that Union men, either black or white, are not safe within the boundaries of that Democratic State.

## BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE.)

Paris, Aug. 7.—General Fleury has issued a circular, calling for the purchase of additional supplies of horses for the army.

Constantinople, Aug. 7.—The Sublime Porte has formally proclaimed the eldest son of the Viceroy of Egypt the rightful and legitimate successor to the Viceregal throne, in the event of the death of Ismael Pasha.

Florence, Aug. 7.—The Italian Government has agreed to pay that portion of the debt of the former Papal Provinces which is held in France, and look to these Provinces for reimbursement.

Liverpool, Aug. 7.—Jeff Davis appeared on 'Change to-day, and was most enthusiastically cheered.

The Levant Post says the Cretons have officially requested Victoria to lend them assistance.

## American Despatches.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The public debt statement shows that debt bearing coin interest has increased \$87,543,958, and the debt bearing currency interest decreased \$11,851,650; total debt decreased \$10,168,802.

Nashville, Aug. 7.—The Union & Dispatch, a Democratic newspaper, published a charge this morning that white and coloured men had entered into a plot to burn Nashville, Murfreesboro', Columbia and Pulaski, murdering men, women and children. It is supposed that some crazy fanatics are at the bottom of the plot, if it really exists. An investigation is to be had.

Belfast, Me., Aug. 8.—Steamship Wm. Tibbet, from Boston, while entering Harbor last evening, was struck by lightning. Several persons were injured, including the pilot, whose recovery is very doubtful. The hull of the steamer is not damaged.

New York, Aug. 7.—The Herald's St. Domingo special says Beez's troops in the capital are deserting him.

## Editorial Chit-Chat.

Philadelphia has 382 schools. Ohio has 11,833 schoolhouses. California has 338 newspapers.

U. S. Printers are buying Scotch type from a Canadian type agent.

The County Attorney of Halton died on Monday last.

The Pope has appointed six new Cardinals from the Italian clergy.

Liberal subscriptions are expected from Montreal merchants towards the Rifle meeting on the 15th September.

The course taken by the Provincial delegates in withdrawing from the Portland Convention meets with general approval in New Brunswick.

Connoisseurs say there is not a bottle of pure wine in the United States, nor has there been for 25 years.

Thomas & Wilson, large dry goods merchants at Stratford, have collapsed, with liabilities of \$32,000. Albert Hayden, a large endorser for the firm, has cleared out.

Females are gradually working their way into the watch-making business. Because they can produce handsomer faces and more delicate hands.

General Beaugard is expected in Montreal in a few days.

After an illness of 6 months, Dr. Adamson, late Chaplain to the Legislative Council, died yesterday morning, aged 68.

Steps are being taken to build an opera house in Toronto, to hold 2,500 persons and cost \$40,000. It will be located on King st., opposite the Rossin House.

A safe in C. Watts' wholesale grocery store, Brantford, was blown open yesterday morning, and \$400 taken therefrom. The burglars left all their tools behind. They are supposed to have come from Buffalo.

Advices from Russia indicate that the harvests of the year will be below the average, while labor will be scarce and the cost of living high.

The London Times in an article on the Anglo-Mexican difficulty at Mazatlan, very sensibly remarks that commanders of English vessels should in similar cases seek redress through their Government, and not begin war against some weak Government on their own account.

A country newspaper says: "The ladies of this city have formed a 'Sociable Society,' with constitution and by-laws that will not allow them to talk about their neighbours. We are so informed that they are living up to this rule with perfection, which is the first instance of the kind on record."

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE AT MONTREAL.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal on Wednesday last, after the transaction of some routine and private business, the appointment of the Rev. Mr. McVicar to the Professorship of Theology in the Presbyterian College was taken up. That gentleman's letter, requesting the Presbytery to dissolve the connection between himself and Cote street congregation, having been read, it was ordered that that connection should terminate on the 17th September next; and the Rev. Mr. Young was appointed to preach to that congregation on the 20th of same month. It was also ordered that Mr. McVicar be inducted into the Professorship on the first Wednesday in October.

THE PROPER FEELING.—Mr. Reverdy Johnson, the new American Minister to England sailed from Baltimore on Saturday last. Previous to his departure he was entertained by a large number of citizens, and in reply to the toast of his health uttered the following sentiments, which from his previous history might have been expected from him. He said: "I go to England as a