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Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
MONDAY EV'G. APRIL 27, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice
OR THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

'Mighty me' ejaculated the Baronet. 'A shrewd guess,' cried Helen, 'but not difficult to make, seeing that Glenorchy is in this neighbourhood. You will have to tell us something more wonderful before I can admit your claims.'

'Shall I speak to you, then, of what is past?' he said, in the same hoarse voice. 'Will you believe me when I unveil your secret soul, and read there of perfidy and cruel deceit, of falsehood, treachery, and mercenary faithlessness?'

'Puddin's and paimches!' but yet wrang there, at one rate, exclaimed Sir Gilbert, who could not listen to such false charges. 'This lassie is as gaud and as true a lassie as lives in Scotland. Ye may ken hantle, canny ma, but 'odd sake ye are gawn aynt yer commission enop.'

'Let her say if I am,' rejoined the Hermit, with passionate vehemence. 'Look at her sir, the signs of guilt are in her fair but false countenance.'

Helen was indeed wildly agitated and trembling violently, not from the cause assigned. She had never ceased to search keenly the Hermit's face, to understand the extraordinary movements which the first sight of it had produced in her mind, and still as she gazed the dawning of a recognition struggled to present itself, but ineffectually, till her astonished ears listened to his last passionate words, when, in his excitement, the speaker forgot his counterfeited tone, and spoke in one which sent a flash of remembrance into Helen's soul, and recognition flashed in with it.

'Richard, Richard!' she shrieked. 'Oh, Sir Gilbert, it is Richard!'

'CHAPTER XXVIII.—A HARD STRUGGLE.—A SWEET AND JOYOUS REUNION.—LOVE IN A CAVE.—BURIED IN THE SNOW.'

The scene that followed was indescribably exciting. With a fierce gesture, and a passionate exclamation, the seeming Hermit shook Helen from his arm, and, tearing from his head the streaming white hair and long snowy beard, stood revealed before them as Richard Wayland.

OPENING OF THE SPRING TRADE

STEWART
SPRING DRESSES,
NEWEST STYLES.
SPRING DRESSES,
BEST MATERIALS.
SPRING DRESSES,
MOST MODERATE PRICES.

STEWART
HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least **One-third Lower.**

STEWART
HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART'S
CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

STEWART'S
STOCK OF TAPESTRY is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 75 cents.

STEWART'S
NEW SILKS.
BLACK AND COLORED.

STEWART'S
DRESS GOODS.
CHENES, CAMLETS, REPS, POPLINS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

STEWART'S
MANTLES.
SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.

STEWART'S
JACKETS.
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STEWART'S
LACES.
COLLARETS, TIES, FALLS, MUSLIN AND LINEN SETS.

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PARASOLS.
RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c.

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HOSIERY,
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STEWART'S
GLOVES,
KIDS, SILK AND LISLE.

STEWART'S
SMALL WARES,
BELTS, BUGLE TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS IN VARIETY.

SHOE TOOLS & Findings

TO TAILORS.
AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

TO MACHINISTS.
STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Calipers and Dividers, Stubs Piles and Tools, Patent Ollers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

BOOT AND SHOE STORE
WHOLESALE & RETAIL
STILL THEY COME!
50 Cases Just Opened
OF THE BEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE BOOTS & SHOES

THE BAR
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
The table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON
MARKET SQUARE,
GUELPH, ONT.
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased of 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.

W. & D. DINEEN
HATS, CAPS AND FURS
Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st., Toronto, 28th March, 1868.

NOT RUN AWAY YET.
THE Subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the Public, that though several noted characters have lately been considered to have fled from the city, he is still hale and hearty, and hangs out his shingle at the old spot.

CORK STREET, DEADY'S HOTEL,
Where he is prepared as formerly to make up CLOTHING of every description at short notice and in a superior style.

To Farmers!
Having had 30 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up Home-made CLOTH!

Dairy Farm & Mill Site
FOR SALE IN PUSLINCH.
FOR SALE by private contract, the rear halves of Lots 3 and 4, in the 10th concession, and broken lots 3 and 4 in the 11th concession, of the Township of Puslinch, containing 259 acres more or less.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT

1868. JOHN HOGG 1868.
GUELPH, ONT.
AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torments of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity. I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for Ready Money—and money will command Bargains such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers. It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers.

COTTON GOODS have all advanced very rapidly within the last month. During the period of panic prices I bought heavily, indeed sufficient to do my business requirements during the summer. Since an advance of fully forty per cent. has taken place. My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price.

GREAT ATTRACTION.
THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON IS THE DISPLAY OF NEW HATS & CAPS AT THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.
FIRST IMPORTATIONS OF NEW SPRING GOODS!

SOMETHING NEW!
LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF CHARLES DICKENS AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

Cuthbert's Bookstore!
HORSE BILLS
Division Court Sittings COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

THE MERCURY OFFICE
Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

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MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open D.V. on the 20th of April.

THE CREDITORS of the undersigned are notified to meet at the Law Office of Messrs PALMER AND LILLIE, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, instant, at Twelve o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an Assignee under the above Act.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.
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R. GALBRAITH TAILOR,

ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH, In rear of the English Church, BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanneret, Watchmaker, where Parties Furnishing their Own Goods

HARVEY'S PATENT BENZOLINE
For instantly removing Grease, Oil, Wax, Paint, Tar and other Spots from Silk, Velvet, Cloth and Kid Gloves, Carpets,

And all kinds of fabrics, without injuring the most delicate colors. Price 25c per box. Sole Proprietor, E. HARVEY, Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St., Guelph.

1868. NEW GOODS. 1868. Mrs HUNTER
HAS pleasure in calling the attention of the ladies of Guelph and vicinity to her extensive and well selected stock of BERLIN AND FANCY WOOLS

Slippers and Slipper Patterns, Crochet, Knitting and Mending Cottons, Corsets, Brasils, Frillings, Edgings, Sewing, Purple, and Embroidering Silk, Flows, Flosses, Belt and Bonnet Ribbons, Dress Buttons, Toilet Sets, and GENERAL FANCY GOODS

Juvenile Clothing, Infants' Robes, &c. **STRAW MILLINERY!**
Bonnets and Hats cleaned, dyed and re-made in the newest styles. Hair Hats and Bonnets re-nosed.

FRUITS
FRESH ARRIVALS AT No. 2, Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Canned Peaches, Pears, Plums, Cherries, Apples, &c. **BOTTLED JAMS**
Strawberry, Gooseberry, Damson Currants, &c. A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

E. CARROLL & CO.,
No. 2, Wyndham Street.
Guelph, April 29, 1868.

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TO CALIFORNIA via Panama, carrying United States mails, and also via Nicaragua.

North American Steamship Comp'y
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