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Executed on short notice, at reasonable prices, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we solicit competition as to style, quality and price.

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Office: - Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.
October 29, 1867. d-w-11

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has retained 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 and Cigars

And the table will be set for the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 12 to 1 o'clock.

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

JOHN MILLER,

Proprietor,
Labs of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. d-w-11

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Patented May, 1867.

THIS Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of the material sewed, and will run on any kind of thread. It is simple in construction, and is so arranged that it can be used for five years. It is sold at a low price for the reason, that the manufacturer of the machine is a native of Ontario, and wishes to encourage the local trade and travelling agents, to whom all inquiries will be cheerfully answered. For circulars, samples of work, and terms of sale, apply to

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Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Lard, Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

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(OPPOSITE THE MARKET SHED.)

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CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN,

Guelph, December 2, 1867. d-w-11

THE RED MILL.

THE subscriber having put a steam engine on his Mill, further business in the City of Guelph, is now open, and the following

Clipping done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.

GEORGE BALKWILL,
Guelph 19th December, 1867. d-w-11

Sewing Machine for Sale

FOR sale a superior Family SEWING MACHINE. Apply at this office.

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
(From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.)

Toronto, 13th September, 1866.

Messrs. Mesrobian & Wright,
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial purposes obtained by the young men educated at your College.

We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he never had any previous experience, has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient book-keeper.

We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, we gave a decided preference to one of your graduates. In short, we have no hesitation in saying that, as far as our experience goes, your course of training is admirably adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man.

Yours truly,
LYMAN & MACNAB,
(From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.)

Toronto, May 21, 1867.

Messrs. Mesrobian & Wright,
B. A. Com. College, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—We can emphatically recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers, as the system in your employ bears testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different houses pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated by your system of tuition as to render the knowledge applicable to each new feature in each peculiar system.

Your officers are worthy of every appreciation in forming a sound Council of Examiners, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part, and not the incompetency of the tutor. We shall ever give and advise preference to your pupils for an office, and feel glad to thus attest our experience of the same.

We remain, Gentlemen, yours, &c.,
MORRISON, TAYLOR & CO.,
Wholesale Provision Dealers,
Pat. Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c.,
Guelph, 4th Feb., 1868. (d-w) Toronto.

MESROBIAN & WRIGHT,

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Home Depot at London and Liverpool,
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THE India and China Tea Company beg to call the attention of the Canadian community to their directly imported Teas, which for purity and excellence will be found unequalled.

The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce of some of the best plantations in Assam and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by a judicious blending of these magnificent Teas with the best varieties of China produce, they are enabled to offer to the public a quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the general consumer. These Teas are in high favour in England and France, and a single trial will prove their superiority.

The Company supply two qualities only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great brilliancy and flavour, combined with colour and strength, and to be entirely different to the flat and rapid article usually sold as Black Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether free from the objectionable mineral powder commonly used for coloring the leaf.

PRICES: Rich full-flavoured Tea for family use a real genuine and fine quality 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable one dollar per lb.

The above can be had either Black, Green or Mixed.

To be had in packets of Quarter Pound Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 5 lbs. and upwards. From the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada.—N. B. All the packages are lined with tin foil paper, and the Tea will consequently retain its flavour any length of time.

On sale.—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGGINBOTHAM,
Agent, Guelph,
Guelph, August 13, 1867. d-w-11

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Tooth Brushes,

Nail Brushes,

Soaps & Perfumery,

No. 1 WHITE COAL OIL

Only 15 cts. per gallon.

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Opposite the English Church, Weymouth,
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Goods are all made of the best material, and made by our own hands, and having no cost to pay, as prepared to other.

Goods cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.

JOHN HARRIS,
Market Square, Guelph,
Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867. d-w-11

Cow Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the Fair Ground yesterday, a red cow, giving a little milk, in good order, was bought of a man near Morrison. Any one returning her, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery, will be rewarded.

JOHN ROBERTS, Butcher,
Guelph, 2th Feb., 1868. d-w-11

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (P. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.

Guelph, 26th December, 1867. w-11

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS.

SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

B. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN.

427 Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, William Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December 1867. d-w

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OFFICE: - - - - - MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 13, 1868.

Local News.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.—The sum of \$292 97c was collected in the churches in Galt on Sabbath last, in aid of the Nova Scotia fishermen.

PASSED.—The last Gazette contains the name of a Mr Robert K. McLachlan, of Wellington, as the winner of a second class Military Certificate.

NOTICE.—We noticed some days ago the burning of Mr Henry's mill, at the village of Neustadt. The latest intelligence puts the loss at \$10,000. A grist mill close by, the property of Mr Winkler, had a very narrow escape.

CURLING MATCH.—A curling match will be played to-morrow (Friday) on the Eramosa River, in rear of Mr. George Hood's, between three rinks of the Fergus Club, and three rinks of the Speed Club. Dinner at Nichol's Hotel in the evening.

SILVER SUBSCRIPTION.—The London Board of Trade recently appointed a committee to canvass the city for subscriptions of silver for exportation. The reward of their toil is \$60,000, which it is thought may yet be considerably increased.

PIANO TUNING.—Prof. E. H. Sherwood of Ramsford's Music Depot, Brantford, has by request visited Guelph, and will remain for a few days, thus giving our citizens an opportunity of having their instruments put in first class condition. Orders left at Conlson's Hotel will be promptly attended to.

LARGE REWARD.—On account of some robberies which took place at London a short time ago the city offered a reward of \$400 for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties, but in consequence of the recent burglarious entrance of the Treasurer's office the sum has been increased to \$600.

LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION.—At the annual meeting of the County Lodge of Wentworth, held on the evening of the 4th inst., the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—R. W. Bro. Thos. Minnes, C. M.; W. Bro. Henry Ellis, D. C. D.; W. Bro. Wm. Wells, Secretary; W. Bro. George Watson, Treasurer; W. Bro. Alex. Marshall, Proxy; W. Bro. Robert Aikens, Chap.; W. Bro. Jas. Macabe, D. of C.

YET ANOTHER.—The last issue of the Huron Signal contains a notice of the demise of Joseph Seal, Esq., on Limestone Ridge, county of Welland, aged 53 years. His premature death is traceable to the Fenian raid. At that time Mr Seal was with his team acting under the orders of Dr. Thorburn, and while proceeding along one of the by-roads was upset by a quantity of logs having been thrown across the road by the Fenians. He had not been himself since. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss.

THE CHILD-SHOOTING CASE IN FLAMBORO.—We gave last week, from the Dundas Banner, the particulars of a child shooting case in Flamboro. A boy named Wm Ferguson, aged 15 years, had been left in the house with her child by a Mrs Washington, while she went out for a few minutes. On returning she found it shot dead in its cradle, and the boy on being interrogated gave no satisfactory answer, but made off to Dundas, where his parents reside, and where he was apprehended. A coroner's inquest has shed no light on the mystery—the boy denied the crime, and said that some one else came in and did it, but the jury taking into consideration the fact that there was a gun in the house containing a small charge before the mother went out, and afterwards found empty, returned a verdict of "Death by the accidental discharge of a gun."

CORRECTION.—Mr. C. Whildaw, of the Elora Mills, requests us to contradict the report which our Elora correspondent yesterday gave currency to, in his letter, that he had sent orders to his millers there not to buy any more wheat, in consequence of the failure of some grain speculators in Toronto. He wishes us to say that he has no connection with Toronto grain dealers, and that the report that he has stopped buying is totally unfounded. We may state for the satisfaction of Mr. Whildaw, that the statement was made by our correspondent from no malicious intent, as he imagines, but that he carefully guarded his words by saying that it was reported.

The Concert Last Night.

The Concert of sacred music, in aid of the organ fund, came off last night in the new Congregational Church. The church was nearly filled, but the audience was not so large as it should have been, considering the character of the concert, and the excellence of the music. A large, well trained and well balanced chorus had the pieces in rehearsal for some time previous, and they were ably led and assisted by some of our best amateur singers in town, who sang the solos and recitatives. The opening piece was a very appropriate motet, "What beauty Lord appears" which was carefully and correctly sung by Miss Jenner.

Mrs. Hodgskin and Messrs Warburton and Brown. Miss Jenner followed with the solo—"Thou didst not leave his soul in hell," which she sang with much expression, doing full justice to the fine music of the great composer. In the second part she sang "Consider the lilies, which though simpler pleased us even better, for her rendering of it was clear, yet marked with all the feeling which the music and the words so well convey. Mrs. Howitt sang "Resignation." It is a simple air, yet sublime in its simplicity, and she threw so much tenderness and pathos into the music as to stir every heart with emotion. This is the greatest triumph of the singer's art. In the second part she volunteered to sing "Angels ever bright and fair," and the sweet yet solemn music was never better or more feelingly rendered. Mrs. Cuthbert sang "With Verdure clad." This is the one of the most elaborate and ornate selections which could have been made from Haydn's masterpiece, but Mrs. Cuthbert's power and range of voice was quite equal to it. Even the highest notes were given full and clear, and the rendering of the whole piece evinced thorough and careful cultivation, and a complete mastery of the music. Mr. T. Brown acquitted himself well in his solos. "Comfort ye my people" is confessedly a difficult selection, as it requires a great range of voice, and tasks the utmost powers of the singer. Mr. Brown, however, did full justice to it, and the same remarks will apply to his rendering of the more stirring and masculine production of Haydn "In splendour bright." The principal choruses were "Lift up your heads O ye gates," "And the glory of the Lord," "Hallelujah to the Father," "The Heavens are telling," "Worthy is the Lamb," "Glory be to God on High," and Handel's sublime "Hallelujah" chorus. They were for the most part remarkably well sung. Only once or twice there was an occasional slip in the time by some of the parts, which slightly marred the harmony. But this was hardly noticeable. Mrs. Budd presided at the organ. We would not be doing justice to this talented lady, did we fail to say that the success of the concert as a whole was in a great measure due to her skillful rendering of the music and the accompaniments on the organ. She played a couple of voluntaries in a very artistic style, and her accompaniments to the solos, especially those sung by Mrs. Howitt, were given with rare good taste and feeling.

Beyond the parts the Rev. W. F. Clarke, the pastor, made a few remarks on the use of instrumental music in congregational worship. At the close the choir and audience sang the Doxology, when the company dispersed, highly delighted with the rich musical treat they had enjoyed.

The Fight over the Narrow Gauge.

The Railway Committee of the House had the Bill to incorporate the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company before them. When the clause specifying the gauge (three feet six inches), came up for consideration, it met with considerable opposition. Our member, Mr Gow, spoke ably and well in favor of the broad uniform gauge. The following is his speech as reported in the Globe:

"Mr Gow regretted the absence of Mr Cumberland, who, he said, was better posted on this subject than any other member of the committee. He (Mr Gow) felt that this was a question of great importance, not only to the particular locality concerned, but to the Province at large. He should be very sorry if they were to depart in this instance from the standard gauge of the Province. To do so would entail a large additional expense on parties sending produce. He had listened with much pleasure to the clear and candid statement of Mr Fox, but that gentleman had failed to convince him that there was any advantage in favour of the narrow gauge. As to the cost, he had stated it at from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per mile, but they had an estimate from Mr Reed, who knew what he was talking about, for the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway, which, he said, with the broad gauge, would cost \$15,000 per mile—including rolling stock, stations, etc.—which would cost \$2,000 or \$3,000 more. But even admitting there was a difference in the cost, he had always found, as between cheap and dear things, that what was the dear thing in the beginning was invariably the cheapest in the end. This narrow-gauge system might suit the small countries in Europe, such as Norway and Sweden, but he did not think it would suit Canada. The question of defence with reference to this matter, he thought, was paramount to all others. It has been stated by Mr Cumberland and others, in the raid of June, 1866, the whole of the rolling stock of the country had to be used, indiscriminately, over all the lines. He did not then think it was asking too much of these gentlemen, that they should be required to conform to the national gauge of 5 ft 6 in. It would be a grievous mistake to grant a departure from that gauge. He had no desire to deny the charter, however. The business men of Toronto were deserving of all credit for their zeal in undertaking this work. They had also a Bill for a narrow-gauge railway in another direction, on which he would be prepared to offer his views when it came before Committee. But as to this road, he thought the country needed it. He hoped, however, the Committee would set its foot firmly, and tell the promoters of the Bill that they must conform to the national gauge."

Police Court.

Before T. W. Summers, Esq., Justice of the Peace.

Thursday 13th, Dr. Parker appeared this morning to answer a charge of having allowed the snow to remain on the sidewalk opposite his house a longer time than he was permitted by-law. He was summoned to appear before the P. M. yesterday, but having waited for twenty minutes and his duties making his presence elsewhere imperative, he addressed a note to his Worshipful stating the length of time he had waited for his arrival, his inability to remain longer, and his belief that he had not violated the By-law. The case went against him this morning, and he was fined \$1 and costs.

Dieken's has sent \$1000 to Mrs. Clemm, Edgna A. Poe's mother-in-law, who is in needy circumstances.

Guelph Horticultural Society.

The Annual Meeting of this Society took place at the Wellington Hotel yesterday, at two o'clock. Mr. Thos. Holliday occupied the chair. Mr. Geo. Murton, Secretary, read the

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors of the Guelph Horticultural Society have much pleasure in again congratulating the members on the continued success of the Society. Many new members have been added to the list, and what is better, several fresh exhibitors have entered their productions for competition, showing that our Society is steadily gaining the good wishes and co-operation of our Amateur Gardeners. We would urge all who take an interest in Horticulture to assist in promoting the welfare of the Society.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and the subjected statement shows the receipts and expenditure for the past year. Balance in hand 50c, amount received from members \$154.00, receipts at door \$104.50—total \$258.00. Out of this was paid in premiums at the Spring Show \$62.75, at the Fall Show \$122.55; paid to judges \$10; for prizes to the Band \$20; incidental expenses \$39.29 leaving a balance on hand of \$1.21.

The Spring Show was held on Thursday the 4th of July, at which there was a slight decrease in the number of entries as compared with last year, but no falling off in quantity. Many things showing great improvement, especially the strawberries, which were as fine, if not superior, to any heretofore shown. The varieties principally exhibited were Triomphe de Gand, Wilson's Albion, &c., and a splendid sample of Trollope's Victoria, the first we have seen exhibited here, which promises to be a great acquisition to the cultivators of this delicious fruit. The number of samples shown were in excess of last year. Gooseberries, Currants and other small fruits were well represented, but the quality scarcely equal to those of the previous year. In Flowers the Show would compare favourably with any of our former Spring Exhibitions, especially the Bouquets, which for number and taste displayed in their arrangement have never been excelled. Vegetables were also good, and although not quite so numerous were superior in many classes to what we have seen so early in the season. The premiums offered amounted to \$83.50; amount paid \$65.75.

The last show was held on Tuesday Sep. 17th, and the Directors feel gratified in stating it to be the largest and best ever held, for while the number of entries last year were 210, this year they amount to 210, giving an increase of 15, which our directors feel sure will be looked upon as evidence that the Society is progressing.

In plants we cannot boast of much improvement, there not being enough greenhouses in the Town to create competition, we therefore depend principally on house or window plants, and many of our subscribers are either afraid of the trouble of bringing them to show, or think them too valuable to risk out of their sight. We can assure those who feel so that if they will make a trial, their fears will be dispelled, as we are not in the least desirous of bringing any article for neglect or damage to any article or plant exhibited.

Cut flowers, such as asters, stocks, zinnias, petunias, balsams, pinks, &c., were excellently well represented, and many fine specimens were on the table. Bouquets of all classes were beautiful, and gave the judges much trouble in deciding them, being of a high merit. The attention in classifying them seems to have given general satisfaction, as it obviated the difficulty felt last year.

The display of fruit was larger and the quality better than we have seen before. Such a variety of apples, pears, and plums was certainly gratifying to see, and shows great interest is taken in the department of horticulture.

No less than 42 entries were made in pears, many of which were of the best varieties, such as the Bartel, Flemish Beauty, Vicar of Wakefield, &c., and really good specimens were exhibited. This is a large number for this part of the country. A few years ago we scarcely saw a sample. This goes far to prove that our climate is better adapted to the pear than many persons thought. Plums were good, and many fine samples were shown. Among the principal varieties we may mention the Lombards, Smith's Orleans, Walwer's Washington, and a few samples of Damascene, the latter we should like to see more cultivated; the tree seems to grow well, and the fruit escapes the curculio, which is a great recommendation.

Vegetables of all sorts were better than could have been expected, after such a severe drought, and the numbers of entries exceeded that of any previous year. The specimens were not so fine as we had last season, but as a whole there was a most creditable display.

We may mention that the Judges, Messrs. Fleming, Gray and Armstrong of Toronto, expressed great surprise at seeing so large and fine a collection of Horticultural products, and stated that in many things we could compete successfully with any Society in the Province.

The new trial of Surratt, which was set for the 24th inst., will probably be again postponed. The Tribune's special committee on Reconstruction, chairman of the Reconstruction Committee, has prepared a strong report recommending the profranchise articles of impeachment by the House, which he says he is determined to push through the committee at the meeting to-morrow morning. He bases the proposed action on the alleged violation of the civil tenure law by the President and on his alleged incitement to insubordination in ordering General Grant to disregard the direct authority of the Secretary of War. There are other points in the report touching upon the alleged endeavors of the President to defeat the execution of the reconstruction laws, and the whole is said to be as strong an indictment as Mr Stevens' logic can frame.

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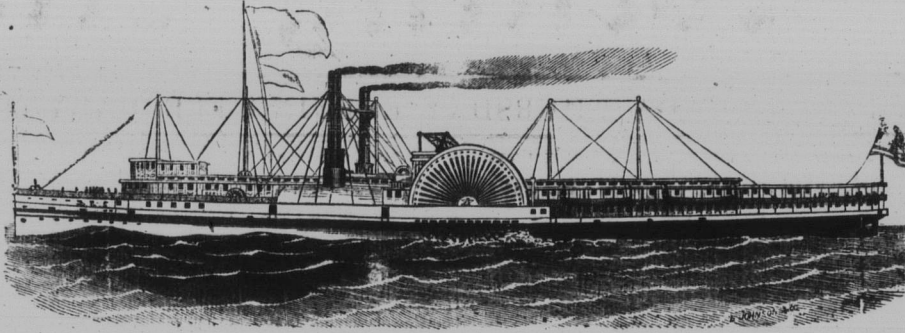
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Iron \$2.15 per 100 lbs., Sleigh Shoe Steel 4 cents per lb.

Spring Steel, 4 cents per lb., AXLES 1 inch \$2.25, 1 1/2 inch \$2.25, 1 3/4 inch \$2.50. AXLES, half patent, 1 inch \$2.50, 1 1/2 inch \$2.50, 1 3/4 inch \$2.75, Springs 10 cents per lb. Borax 17 cents, Shot 8 cents per lb., Cow Chains 25 cents each: Horse Rasps 14 in 37 1/2 c; Bellows, 30 in., \$12, 32 in. \$12.75, 34 in. \$13.60, 36 in. \$14.45, 38 in. \$18.70; Cast Steel 16c; Mould Board Steel 5 cts; Coil Chain 5-16 6c per lb; 3-8 5 1/2 c. per lb., 7-16 5c per lb.

COAL OIL ELEVEN CENTS BY THE BARREL.

And all other Goods equally low, including Lamps, Glasses, Wicks, &c.

Guelph, 8th February, 1868.

JOHN HORSMAN.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET
THURSDAY EVEG. FEB. 13, 1868.

A NEW FEATURE IN EDUCATION.

The severity of the present winter has rendered it apparent that in American and Canadian towns and cities the surplus population is very large indeed, else whence the misery, tales of which are every day wafted with dolorous cadence to our ears. Lower Canada, too, is unable to maintain her people, and many of them are pulling down their household gods from the niches where they have been established for the best part of a lifetime, and taking their departure over the border. There is no country under the sun where there is not suffering, varying its magnitude at times, from lack of the necessities of life. Even when no national calamity, such as an unfruitful season has befallen a nation there are always too many lazy and improvident, who are, like the grasshopper in the fable, content to sing and dance and pass a merry time in summer to beg from their more industrious neighbours, or starve when winter with its congealing terrors comes upon them. Again, there are other countries where a despotic government or a population more than proportionate to their limits or industrial resources inevitably dooms a certain class, and that often a very large one, to misery. But here in the wide domains of British and Republican America it is more frequently a fault than a misfortune that any man feels the pain of starvation. There are millions of acres that the plough has never furrowed amply sufficient to place want above all, and many more than all, that are now raising their famished voices in supplication to their neighbors for aid. We have said that migration was making an immense drain on the population of Quebec. And it appears that in order to arrest such an evil an endeavor is to be made to settle the whole country with French Canadian cultivators and to erect new parishes as fast as the settlements extend. The difficulties in the way are: 1. That the lands to be occupied are, for the most part, of poor quality; 2. That they are inaccessible; and 3. That the youth of the country prefer to come to the cities or go to the States in order to work for wages, to learn trades or professions, or to embark in commerce. The remedies proposed are: 1. To open up the country in all directions by roads, at Government expense; 2. To give free grants of land, protected from legal process for a time; and 3. To give the youth a taste for agriculture by suitable instruction at school. It would appear that it is upon the last means most reliance is placed, and that a demand is pretty general for the introduction of agricultural instruction into the common schools as a branch of education. The opinion that such instruction would have something of an effect in correcting the mischievous tendency among young men to spurn the labours of the field, and seek for promotion and fame and ease in cities, is not confined to Lower Canada. It is daily gaining ground,

and perhaps ere long may demand to be practically tried. All right; and if the experiment be successful, and prove efficacious in correcting a pernicious idea so much the better, and we shall heartily rejoice. But we fear very much that mental training or theoretical knowledge no matter of what description will have no more power to subdue a constitutional dislike to manual labour than the Ethiopian has to change his skin. Geology may let the student into the secret that the crust of the earth consists of certain strata differing from each other, and no one of them being ever found to trespass upon the space that another should occupy; stratum C being always found below A, though B. should be entirely wanting. He may further learn all about the nature of the soil, of what it is deprived in affording nourishment to bring a certain crop to maturity, and what is necessary to restore it to its original quality—all these these things and many more he may be taught; but will they have the desired effect in making him forego his inclinations? Will any kind of knowledge be efficacious to converting the lazy, indolent boy, disgusted with his father's occupation, into the hard-working energetic man? If it will the sooner that instruction be imparted so much the better for the country. It is possible to make a boy a very good theoretical farmer, to get him so well posted that he may talk Agricultural Chemistry quite fluently, but have his aspirations after a false gentility been smothered, and has he fully learned that it is a noble occupation to till the soil? In our humble opinion the best school to train youth to love agriculture, and to consider farm labour no hardship is on the farm. While parents complain of their lot, while they speak enviously of those who have softer hands, and wear clothes less soiled than theirs, what are they to expect from their children? What but an attempt to escape from what they are continually hearing is but ignoble drudgery? Time fails us to say more on the subject just now. The evil of which there is such complaint at present will correct itself by and bye. The most clever in the literary and commercial departments will be recognized and supply the wants of the country; the others will be neglected and necessity will force them back to the positions which nature designed they should occupy.

COULDN'T COME IN.—When Mr. Thornton, the newly-appointed British Ambassador to Washington, was first introduced to Mr. Seward, the latter immediately commenced trying to "pump" him respecting the Alabama claims. Mr. Thornton, however, was not disposed to be trapped into any sort of an admission on the subject, and the correspondent of the New York Journal says that Mr. Thornton, "stroking his whiskers with the true British hauteur, replied: "I do not desire, sir, to enter into any trivial conversation with the Secretary of State in regard to the so-called Alabama claims, or any kindred subject. Whatever remarks I might make upon such matters, I prefer to reduce to writing and submit at the proper time." Mr. Seward was terribly disgusted.

THE POPE AND THE EMPEROR.—The Pope is finding out once more that he has in Louis Napoleon a very untrustworthy protector. For the traditions and laws and censures of the Church, Napoleon cares just as little as Victor Emmanuel, probably even less. He opposes the incorporation of Rome with Italy, not in order to perpetuate the temporal sovereignty of the Pope, but in order to establish a permanent protectorate of France over Rome. He deems it, therefore, his right to forbid the Spaniards from sharing in the defence of the Temporal Power, and to force upon the Pope any changes in the administration of the Papal States which he deems proper. Such a course is too palpable a violation of all principles of justice to stand any chance of lasting success.

THE SUPREME COURT.—This august body has itself decided that it has no jurisdiction over the political acts of Congress affecting the reconstruction of the Southern States, and has dismissed the Mississippi and Alabama cases brought to test the constitutionality of those acts. It is a pity so much grandiloquence was wasted by the press, to show that the rights of the Court were being infringed, when the House passed the bill rendering a two-thirds vote of the Court necessary to declare any measure of Congress unconstitutional.

New Advertisements.

Store to Let.
TO LET, a store on the Market Square. Apply to SMITH & BOTSFOED, Guelph, Feb. 13, 1868. dw

Strayed or Stolen.
STRAYED or stolen from the premises of the subscribers, Macdonnell Street, on the 29th January last, a white cow, medium size, 1 year old, with horns turned in at the top. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be handsomely rewarded. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Guelph, 24th Feb, 1868. dw

NOTICE.
PERSONS having claims against the estate of the late Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair will please send particulars of them to D. Guthrie, Esq. Barrister, Guelph, for adjustment. G. D. FERGUSON, Executor Guelph 28th January, 1868. dw2

BOARDERS.
TWO or three gentlemen can be accommodated with good rooms in a first-class private house. A gentleman and his lady not objected to. For information apply at the Post Office, or at this office. Guelph, 25th January, 1868. dw

Good Reading
CHEAT AT
Day's Bookstore.

Pickwick Papers,
Oliver Twist,
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Nicholas Nickleby,
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Christmas Stories,
Sketches by Boz,
Hard Times.
Each complete in one Volume.—
Price 25 cents each, by mail, post-paid for 30 cents.
AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Guelph, 6th February, 1868. Opposite the Market dw

FRENCH'S
Condition POWDER,
—AND—
HEAVE REMEDY.



FOR THE CURE OF
HEAVES
Thick and Broken Wind,
Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,And all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.

It is the best medicine known for treating all Impurities of the Blood and producing Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in cleansing the skin. As a Diuretic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made. Prepared by

A. B. PETRIE
Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, 29th Jan, 1868. dw

G. A. D. C.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club intend giving another of their popular entertainments in the TOWN HALL,
On Wednesday, 19th Feb.,
When the celebrated Tragedy, in Five Acts, entitled
BARBAROSSA!

by John Brown, D. D., will be produced for the first time in Canada. To conclude with the stirring Farce of
THE HAPPY MAN
Tickets 25c—Reserved seats 50c.
M. ARMOUR, Manager, Market Square, Guelph, 14th Feb, 1868. dw

IN STOCK & FOR SALE
—AT—
Low PRICES.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

50 cases Martell's Old Brandy.
50 " Hennessy's do
50 " Otard Dupuy Brandy
50 " Ginger Wine.
Barrels of Malt, Old Rye and Common Whiskey.
200 bushels of Dried Apples.
100 doz new green corn Brooms
Porto Rico Molasses, Standard, Golden and Amber Syrups.
Coarse and Fine Liverpool Salt.
Oatmeal and Buckwheat Flour,
AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, Feb. 11th, 1868. dw

BOARDERS.
TWO or three gentlemen can be accommodated with good rooms in a first-class private house. A gentleman and his lady not objected to. Apply to MISS CARD, Quebec Street, Guelph, Feb. 8, 1868. dw

EMPLOYMENT WANTED
BY two men willing to act in any capacity as labourers or general servants. Character excellent. Apply at this office, or to M. Higginbotham, Druggist.
Guelph, Jan. 24th, 1868. dw

New Advertisements.

Commercial Union Assurance Co'y.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 23rd Viet., Cap. 33, Section 11.

THE Capital of this Company is £2,500,000 sterling, divided into 50,000 shares of £50 each. The number of shares issued is 25,000. Calls to the amount of £5 per share have been made, under which the sum of £125,000 have been received.

LIABILITIES of the Company on the 1st day of July, 1867, were:

On Notes and Bills	£ 25,148 3d
On Estimated Liabilities, including Duty, Fire, Life, and Marine Losses	50,000 0s 0d
	£ 75,148 3d

The ASSETS of the Company on that day were:

Government Securities	£ 51,032 0 0
Consols	238,787 13 4
New 3 per cents	35,000 0 0
	31,500 17 11
Bills (Drafts not matured)	412,193 8 3
Cash at bankers and office	7,800 4 3
Stamps in hand	482 15 0
On deposit at bankers, &c.	25,000 0 0
	44,482 8 6
Other Securities	£ 9,000 0 0
Madras Railway Debentures	2,750 3 3
London and York City Debentures	15,358 1 9
Ceylon Company's Debentures	10,000 0 0
Great Southern of India Railway Shares	29,876 5 7
Canada 5 per cent Stock (Discribed)	10,000 0 0
	78,000 10 7
Freehold Offices in Cornwall	65,283 0 0
Due from Agents, &c.	28,729 11 8
Loans on Mortgage, &c.	174,576 0 0
	£ 287,914 12 3

FIRE BRANCH.
Amount of Losses due and unpaid £12,805 0 0
do do on suspense 111 0 0
Payment received 13,000 0 0
Amount of Premiums Earned during the Year £32,753 8 1
Unearned 35,000 0 0
..... £ 67,753 8 1

J. JAMES ROSE, of the City of Montreal, merchant, one of the General Agents for Canada of the Commercial Union Assurance Company do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing statement is correct and true.
Sworn before me, at the City of Montreal, this 30th day of January, 1868.
A. M. DELLESE, J. P.
Agents for Guelph, McLACAN & INNES.
Guelph, Feb. 12th, 1868.

Particular Attention

Is solicited to another lot of
DUNDAS COTTONS

At 10c., 11c. and 12c., superior to anything in the trade at the present time. OPENED TO-DAY.
Guelph, Feb. 13, 1868. dw
A. O. BUCHAM.

Good Gracious Me!

Where did you get those delicious OYSTERS?
Why, at **BERRY'S** to be Sure!

WHO'S BERRY? WHY,
The Confectioner on Wyndham-st
WHERE ALL THE GOOD THINGS ARE KEPT
Guelph, 11th February, 1868. dw

ALLAN'S Barber SHOP.

IN THE BASEMENT OF
Castle Garden SALOON,
West Market Square.
SHAVING,
HAIR CUTTING,
SHAMPOONING, and
HAIR COLOURING,
Done in First-Class Style.
Making and doing up Curis for Ladies.
Guelph, February 6th. dw
Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT,
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 186 dw P. MOLTON

FIRE AT ALMA BLOCK.---REMOVAL!

JOHN M. BOND & CO.,

(SUCCESSORS TO HENRY MULHOLLAND)

HARDWARE IMPORTERS,

Corner Wyndham and Cork-sts., near the Gore Bank, Guelph.

NEW HARDWARE!

THE Subscriber's attention having been called to some prices of Hardware quoted in Saturday's daily issue of this paper, which are stated as being at cost, we think it proper to inform our customers and the public, that we have been selling at LOWER, remember LOWER than these prices for some time past. Nor do we desire to mislead the public by telling them we sell at cost, for we shall not advertise to sell at cost unless we should happen to have "old" and "unsaleable stock." Our reason for being enabled to SELL CHEAP is owing to our superior facilities for buying goods low for cash, and our selling at small profits.

Remember our customers and the public may now, as always, rely on their buying goods as low at our establishment, as in either Toronto or Hamilton, as it is from these cities we feel most competition.

Guelph, 10th Feb., 1868.

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JOHN M BOND & CO

Insolvent Act of 1864.

In the matter of Thomas M. Grier, AN INSOLVENT.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, BY virtue of the authority vested in me as Assignee of the Estate of the above-named Insolvent, under the provisions of the above Act, I shall offer for sale at the Town Hall, in the Village of Morriston, in the said County,

Saturday, 11th April, 1868

at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the right, title and interest of the said Insolvent, in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Village of Morriston, Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, composed of Village Lot number Eight, on the East side of Queen Street, in Donald McEdward's Survey, in the Village of Morriston, butted and bounded as is described in a deed from John M. Schlenker and wife to the said Insolvent, made the 23rd February, 1866, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stable and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with woodlots of an acre.

TERMS - CASH.

Further particulars may be had on the premises, or at the office of Messrs. McLennan & O'Connell, Barristers, Guelph, or at the office of the undersigned, with whom all hypothecary creditors are required to file their claims within six days of the day of sale.

THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee.

Guelph, 7th January, 1868.

Sale of Real Estate.

In the matter of Partition between John Carroll and Martin Dooley, and Ellen McDonald and others.

IN pursuance of an order made by the County Court of the County of Wellington in this matter, the Real Representative for the County of Wellington, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, to the highest bidder, at his Chambers, at the Court House, in the Town of Guelph,

On FRIDAY, 10th APRIL, 1868

at noon, the South-easterly half of the rear or South west half of Lot Three, in the first concession of Division B, of the Township of Guelph, containing thirty eight acres more or less, together with the right of road used by Green and Pallister. This property will be sold subject to a Lease expiring on 2nd May, 1869, yielding \$800 a year rent.

TERMS OF SALE - Five Hundred Dollars cash and the balance in three equal annual payments with interest on the unpaid principal, at 8 per cent per annum to be secured by a mortgage on the property, and bond of the purchaser. Further particulars as to lease, title, &c., may be had on application to Messrs. Lemon & Peterson, Guelph, Solicitors for the Petitioner, and to Mr. T. W. Saunders, Solicitor for Infants.

Dated at Chambers, Guelph, Jan. 8, 1868.

A. MACDONALD, Real Representative of the County of Wellington.

Funerals, Funerals!



NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual Coffins always on hand. Hearse to hire. His Steam Planting Mill in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Crescent Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.

Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

Has on hand a varied stock of GENERAL GROCERIES for Christmas & New Year consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

NEW FRUIT!

Figs, Dates, Raisins. Lemons at 25c per dozen.

Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel, where you can get the best and cheapest lot of Fancy Goods in Guelph.

MRS. ROBINSON, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph Dec 12th, 1867. daw

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WORLD-RENOUNDED

OYSTERS

Received daily by Express. Wholesale and Retail.

GEORGE WILKINSON, Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.

Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868. daw 1f

W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Apothecary. Graduate of New York Homeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store - entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Feb., 1868. dwif

The Fruit Depot.



The Fruit Depot.

ORANGES and LEMONS

Just received, Wholesale and Retail, at

HUGH WALKER'S

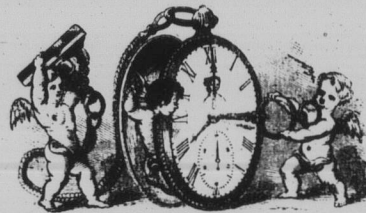
Guelph, 10th February, 1868.

dw

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Where do you get your Watches,

CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?



AT SAVAGE'S.

Guelph, February 6, 1868.

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NATIONAL SERIES OF

SCHOOL BOOKS

ANOTHER LOT OF THE

NATIONAL SERIES OF SCHOOL BOOKS

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AT R. CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 6th February, 1868.

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RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

JUST RECEIVED. A SUPPLY OF

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Salmon Trout and Herring!

Also, 70 half Barrels Salmon Trout, 70 half Barrels Lake Huron Herring, 50 Barrels Prime Labrador Herring. Two cases of Finnan Haddies just arrived.

Guelph 16th January, 1868.

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BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

OPPOSITE THE MARKET,



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SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Will sell, during the next six weeks, the balance of

THEIR WINTER STOCK AT COST.

Call and see their prices, and be convinced that this is a hand-out. ONLY ONE PRICE.

SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Sign of the Elephant, Opposite the Mark

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ESSENCE OF

RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,

Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.

Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867.

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Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Fresh Codfish.

Fresh Haddocks.

Sea Herrings.

Finnan Haddies.

Yarmouth Bloaters.

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Guelph, 5th February, 1868.

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DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,

LAND, LOAN, INSURANCE,

And General Agents.

Office - Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

AGENTS FOR THE

Royal Insurance Comp'y

AGENTS FOR THE

Standard Life Assurance Co'y

AGENTS FOR THE

Trust and Loan Company.

AGENTS FOR THE

Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society.

A large amount of private funds to lend upon real and personal security. Rates moderate.

Guelph, 4th Feb. 1868.

JOHN KIRKLAND, Guelph Tp.

Guelph, 29th Jan 1868.

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REMOVAL!

GRAND CLEARING SALE!

JAMES CORMACK,

HAVING leased that large and New Store next to JOHN HORSMAN'S, he has determined to dispose of the balance of his large Stock of first-class

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

CLOTHS AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,

At a Tremendous Reduction

OF PRICES. As the Goods are all new, the Clothing well cut, well made and well stayed, the public will find this one of the best and cheapest sales ever offered in Guelph.

Goods booked charged the regular price.

JAMES CORMACK,

Guelph, 30th December, 1867.

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Wyndham-st., Guelph

FOR THREE WEEKS

CLEARING SALE!

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE AT THE

Canada CLOTHING Store

WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS LONGER, so as to clear out the balance of the Stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

HATS, CAPS, &C.,

Which will be sold at COST and UNDER for CASH ONLY.

Parties indebted to me must settle up their accounts immediately, or they will be put Court for collection.

N. CROFT,

Guelph, January, 9th, 1868.

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THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE AT PRESENT A FULL SUPPLY OF

GROUND PLASTER

And while strength is good, farmers should get their supplies. By advices from Paris, York and Calcutta, we learn that all that can be produced is already engaged, and that the demand will far exceed the supply. We have been able to secure only

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Instead of 500, and we would therefore advise those requiring any to purchase early.

A small lot of very fine Clover Seed on hand

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