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McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.  
Office—Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.  
October 29, 1867. daw-1f.

## Sewing Machine for Sale

FOR sale, a superior Family SEWING MACHINE. Apply at this office.  
Guelph, 28th Jan, 1868. ad

## AUCTION SALE.

THE undersigned is instructed by Mr GEO. A. BRUCE to sell by Public Auction,  
Guelph, 29th January, 1868. 1nd4

## Cutters and Sleighs.

THE undersigned is instructed by Mr GEO. A. BRUCE to sell by Public Auction,  
Guelph, 29th January, 1868. 1nd4

## On the Market Square, on Fair Day

(5th February) at 12 o'clock noon, and number of new and second-hand Cutters and Sleighs, single and double.

Terms cash, or credit on furnishing approved endorsed notes at nine months.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer  
Guelph, 29th January, 1868. 1nd4

## JOHN A. WOOD

WITH WARE

## INCERSOLL FACTORY

## CHEESE!

AT THE

## Goderich SALT

AT THE

## LOWEST RATES,

## Wholesale and Retail

WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

Guelph, Jan. 20th, 1868. dw

## THE RED MILL.

THE subscriber having put a steam engine in the Mill, farmers bringing in their grain early on having them ground the same day.

## FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2, near the Railway Crossing.

GEORGE BALKWILL,  
Guelph, 10th December, 1867. dw2nd

## H. HOGG'S

## FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Clipped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

## Cormeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sausages, Ham, and Potatoes,  
Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw

## NEW LAW OFFICES

## FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,  
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,  
CONVEYANCERS, & C.

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

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

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

## Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

TUESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 4, 1868.

## Local News.

### To Advertisers & Correspondents

We have respectfully to request advertisers and correspondents to furnish us as early as possible in the week with manuscript intended for publication. From all parts of the country we receive numerous communications only a short time before going to press. To secure insertion of advertisements or communications in the same week in which they are sent, they must be mailed in time to reach the office by Wednesday morning at latest. Attention to the above on the part of our correspondents will ensure the early publication of their favours. In consequence of the very large increase to our subscription list within the last two months, we are compelled to go to press two hours earlier with the WEEKLY MERCURY in order to meet the early mails.

### PENNY READINGS.—A series of penny readings are to be begun in the Town Hall, Georgetown. The Herald says the object is threefold: To enable the inhabitants of the village and vicinity to spend a pleasant evening once a week during the remainder of the winter for a small sum; to bring out publicly native talent; and to add to the fund for planting shade trees.

### THE QUEEN'S BOOK.—One may form an idea of the demand for the Queen's Diary from the fact that Mudge who has the largest subscription library in England ordered 3000 copies to meet the demand of his subscribers, Smith & Low, of the second greatest subscription library, ordered 3000 copies also. The book is sold in England at half a guinea. The American reprint is sold in Guelph at \$1.25.

### ESQUEJING FARMERS' CLUB.—The township of Esquejing boasts what few townships do, namely a Farmers' Club. The next meeting, we learn from the Herald, will be held at Georgetown on the 7th inst., when J. S. Bossey, Esq., will read an essay on the breeding, raising, breaking and management of horses. The inter-communication of practical mind with practical mind as they are brought into contact by the club will no doubt be productive of much benefit.

### RESCUITION.—The following is from the Huron Signal, and we must say, that did it not come from such a respectable source we should look upon it as rather fishy. That paper says:—On Wednesday morning last (29th), Mr. D. Ferruson, of this town, amongst which, as sometimes happens, were a few nice perch. The whole lot was frozen quite hard. Mr. F. threw one of the perch into a pail of water to thaw it and when he went to look at it a few minutes afterwards he was astonished to find the fish swimming about quite lively. We saw the astonished perch and can vouch for it that it was a real case of resuscitation, if not a very common one.

### TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE.—One of the most important paragraphs in the annual report of the Toronto Board of Trade, presented last week was that which expresses the hope that "the fiscal changes contemplated by the Legislature of the Dominion" will remedy the evils produced by the error of employing a single fiscal agent for the issue and circulation of the Provincial notes, "thereby placing a controlling power in the hands of an institution which had no circulation to protect, and whose interests are antagonistic to those of the western banks." The report also deprecates any suggestion of the Bank issues, and asserts that the public safety would be secured by making the bills a first charge upon the assets in the event of a suspension.

### THE BUTCHERS OF St. Catharines have threatened to raise the price of beef to 15 cents per lb. for the best cuts, and 12 cents for the worst. The Journal de Commerce says why it should be done, when the price of first class beef in Toronto is 7c to 7 1/2, and second rate article costs 5c or 6c. It thinks a good stroke of business might be done by bringing cattle from Toronto, if meat can be sold readily at such a figure in St. Catharines.

### FEBRUARY.—In Canada this is one of the most severe months of the year. The Pagan Saxons called February "Solmonat" or "pancake" month, because they then offered cakes to the sun. In our own calendar, February contains several holy days. The second day of the month is entitled the Purification of the Virgin Mary. It was formerly called Candlemas day, because it was celebrated in christian churches with an abundance of wax tapers. St. Valentine's day, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday are also days of note in this month.

### France is in so great a hurry to strengthen her eastern fortresses, that the works are not even suspended during the winter. Prussian military operations are also being carried on, despite the inclemency of the weather.

## Town Council.

The Council met on Monday night, the 3rd inst., at 8 o'clock, in the chair, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Day, Mitchell, Thomson, Howard, Sayers, Chadwick, Hoffman, Holliday, Melvin, Harvey, McCarty and Peterson.

### The Clerk read the minutes.

The Clerk read an account from J. Wilkinson, for advertising Board of Health regulations, amounting to \$7.50. The advertisement had been inserted on the 14th of April, 1867, but when the account was sent in previously it had been disallowed as being a double charge. That it was so Mr. Wilkinson denied, two different advertisements having been inserted—Referred to Finance Committee.

### The Clerk read a communication from Constable Griffiths asking to be relieved from paying the costs, amounting to \$2.60 incurred in an action he brought against the boy Stemitz, who he believed had broken one of the Town lamps, although he was unable to substantiate the charge. Referred to Finance Committee.

### Mr. Melvin read a petition from Mrs. Robert Cairns praying for aid, as she was blind and unable to work.—Referred to Relief Committee.

### Dr. Herod read the report of the Market House Committee. They recommend that the petition of John Tyson and others for the use of the Engine House as a store ice in during the summer months be granted under the conditions named in the petition. The report was adopted.

### Mr. Harvey read the report of the Fire and Water Committee as follows:—Your Committee beg leave to present, That in view of the present necessity of providing for the town, immediate and effective means for guarding against the destruction of property by fire we have most carefully examined and considered the various schemes brought before our notice, and after due deliberation are of opinion that a Steam Fire Engine with Tanks in such parts of the Town as are not in close proximity to the river would be the best adapted to the parties. A committee were therefore recommended that one of Silby's 3rd class Steam Fire Engines with 1500 feet of hose be immediately procured to cost as follows:—Steam Fire Engine \$4,500 American currency at 72c, or \$3,240 gold; 1,500 feet rubber and gutta percha hose, at \$1.70, \$2,550 Am. currency, or \$1,837 in gold; boiler, \$700 Am. cur., or \$504 in gold. Total \$7,750 Am. cur., or \$5,610 in gold. Tanks, say \$1,000. Grand total \$6,610. Accompanying the report was a circular filled up by Mr. Silby, showing what he would agree to perform. He would manufacture and deliver within 60 days from receipt of order, one of his third class engines, capable of discharging 500 gallons of water per minute, with from 50 to 75 lbs. of steam. The hose will stand a pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch. He would pay the freight from Seneca Falls, and lay the engine down in Guelph for \$7,750 U. S. currency. It could then be subjected to a proper test, and if it did not give satisfaction he would take it back, and give a receipt for the money down, and wait a year for the remainder.

### The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report, Mr. Sayers in the chair. The report was read and Mr. Harvey made a motion for its adoption. He said that he had seen Mr. Ashfield, and the gentleman spoke highly of the merits of the engine. It would throw water a quarter of a mile. Those which were used in Toronto gave perfect satisfaction. While there lately he had seen the first one purchased by the city in 1861. It looks bright and effective still, and had not cost \$20 for repairs in the intervening period. The gentleman told him that they were using was heavier than they would buy again. He considered the combination hose very good; in Toronto they reckoned on its lasting six years, and in Guelph he thought it ought to be serviceable for ten years. A company of forty men would be necessary to work it for five years, that cannot be reckoned. Then the tanks could be filled at a distance from the river of 1500 feet. In reply to questions put to him by some of the Council, Mr. Harvey said that the annual expenses would be what would pay the engineer, perhaps \$100, fireman \$100, and coal \$200. The difference between the engines manufactured by Mr. Silby was merely, that a first class engine threw 600 gallons of water per minute, a second class 550 gallons, and a third class 500 gal. The prices were \$5,500, \$5,000, and \$4,500 respectively. Further the manufacturer would agree to keep the engine in ordinary repairs for five years. Steam would be raised from cold water in from five to seven minutes.

### Mr. Melvin thought that any of the engines would require horses, and that he should have a second class one at least. He was glad, however, that something definite had been proposed, and thought the plan was in the old scheme he was not going to manifest a factious opposition to the present one. He believed that at the end of ten years the \$6,000 or \$7,000 would be all gone—there would be nothing to show for it, for the engine would not likely be worth much any more than the horse. As to guaranteeing repairs for five years that cannot be reckoned as of much account; Mr. Silby may die, or remove, or other unforeseen events may render it necessary for the Council to pay the requisite repairs themselves.

### Mr. Harvey believed that with proper care the engine would last a man's lifetime. He liked the principle of the waterworks, but under present circumstances they could not be made extensive enough.

### Mr. Peterson said if the statistics were correct he had no doubt the people would prefer the Steam Fire Engine to waterworks, and the jealousy concerning taxation would be avoided. The time for hand engines had gone by, and we would not now be under obligations to an un-patriotic Fire Company. It had been said these Engines were of delicate organization, liable to go astray, but he did not see that the same objection might not be urged against any other.

### Dr. Herod congratulated the committee on their report. Of all the reports they had brought down, the present was most satisfactory to him. The Revenue had not forsaken his first love he regretted that Toronto firms would average one a week in Guelph for the last six years there have not been more than two or three firms annually, and if an engine lasts for six years in Toronto we can look for good service from one for at least ten years, and it may last longer than waterworks, and a third class engine better adapted to our requirements than a first.

### Mr. Thomson could not congratulate the committee on their report, but he

## Free Lecture.

We would remind our readers of the Lecture in the Town Hall this evening, by Mr. Reid of Glenallan. His subject is, "The general and medical bearings of the Temperance question." Mr. Reid delivered a lecture on the same subject last spring, and we are convinced that those who heard him on that occasion will hail his reappearance with delight. The brothers Reid—of whom there are three: Thomas, Robert, and the Rev. Wm. Reid of Edinburgh—have for many years been among the foremost and ablest advocates of the Temperance cause in Scotland and they have contributed in no slight degree to the wonderful advance of this great moral movement in that country.

### The gentleman who lectures to-night occupied for some time the position of editor of the Temperance League Journal, and was also for a considerable period the active Secretary of that Association, and there are few who have acquired a fuller and more intimate knowledge of the workings of the Temperance cause, who have a clearer understanding of the religious, moral and physical principles on which its laws are based, or know better its principles as they are applied to those who adopt it as one of their rules of life. All then who desire to learn the true bearings of this important subject—those who admire lucid statement, logical argument, and earnest eloquence, will not fail to be present in the Town Hall this evening, at 7 o'clock, to hear Mr. Reid. The Temperance Choir, we understand, will also add the charm of fine music to the meeting. Admission free.

## The Silver Nuisance.

We are glad to see that in several of our cities steps are being taken to abate the silver nuisance. We learn from the Montreal Daily News that at a meeting of merchants and others in that city last week, statements were submitted from which it appeared that nearly one hundred and fifty firms and individuals, comprising a large number of the principal wholesale and retail houses, had tendered sums of from five hundred to five thousand dollars each, at a rate of discount sufficiently high to secure its uniform exportation; the aggregate amount so far reaching upwards of two hundred thousand dollars. A resolution was proposed and carried unanimously, recommending a general increase in the amount tendered, so that an additional hundred thousand dollars might be at once obtained, this amount being considered necessary to insure success.

### The London Board of Trade has also taken the matter in hand, and intend to deal with it in the same way as the Montreal merchants. At a meeting of the Board of Trade, held on Friday last, a committee was appointed who are authorized to circulate a subscription among the merchants, by which they would agree to forward a certain sum of American silver, through an agency, to be sold in New York. By the scheme adopted, it is presumed that each merchant will subscribe one or two thousand dollars, as the case may be, to be disposed of in New York, at a discount. The silver thus sent out of the country will remain away, and the first loss will be to the merchants the only one. It is estimated that three of the four millions of American specie at present in circulation in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, will be got rid of in this way, and the advantage by permanent. The committee is also instructed to solicit the co-operation of the Boards of Trades throughout the Province, in carrying out the subscription scheme.

### We hope the Guelph Board of trade, as well as others throughout the country, will take the matter up with spirit, and that this will be the commencement of a general movement throughout the country to buy up the obnoxious silver at a loss once for all, and thus get rid of a perpetually recurring depreciation of funds, entailing a heavy discount on all retail transactions.

### The last shipment of convicts has left England for Western Australia. By an engagement between the home and colonial governments, no convicts could be sent to Australia after the close of 1867.

## Agriculture in our Schools.

Much has been said and written in reference to the fact, that many of our young men in rural districts acquire a dislike to farm labor, deeming it a species of degradation, and suited only to the tastes of those who are fit for nothing else. It is indeed generally believed that a boy who is somewhat slow or dull while attending school will afterwards be best occupied in performing the mechanical work required of him in the woods or fields. On the contrary, he that exhibits a disposition to learn rapidly, and retain the knowledge imparted to him, is encouraged to follow some mercantile pursuit, or enter some of the professions, viewing such a course as far more ennobling and genteel, than submitting to the supposed drudgery of manual labor. These false notions have a tendency to perpetuate the evil of which not a few make complaint. The true remedy for this state of things, and that which lies entirely within our reach, has never been pointed out, at least to the extent its importance demands. Whether the parents of our Canadian youth, by representing to them the uncertainty and risk that attend the raising of crops, and the superior advantages of other occupations be partly to blame themselves, as has been asserted, it is needless to inquire. At all events there are not many persons of a thoughtful turn of mind can derive much gratification in acting the part of meta-instrument from morning till evening, through heat and cold, when no means are employed to bring them to an understanding of the simplest principles on which scientific farming is based. A good deal of prejudice, we are aware, exists against what is called book farming, as if men drew all their knowledge and practice of agricultural operations from books. They are esteemed as aids, and as infallible guides, and helps that no intelligent husbandman will be slow to appreciate.

### We sometimes meet with apparently shrewd and sagacious farmers from whom we might expect correct and rational views of their calling, who when the name of chemistry or botany in connection with agriculture is introduced into ordinary discourse, sneer at such (to them) mysterious things, as if these valuable sciences were altogether unworthy of their attention. To be consistent, they ought to object not only to books written on agriculture, but also to journals, yes, even to any intercourse with their neighbours on the subject. For, as on the one hand we are made acquainted with the experience of our fellow laborers, so on the other the experiments of different individuals are frequently generalized and made available to a variety of circumstances which otherwise might have remained hidden from us. There is, perhaps, no other branch of knowledge besides agriculture in which greater improvements are adopted without our being conscious of the source from which they have emanated.

### It is rather surprising that in common schools so much attention should be directed to teaching different branches of Mathematics, while the principles of scientific agriculture are entirely neglected. Such subjects as Algebra and Geometry however they may be regarded as a profusion of mental discipline, and in that respect they are certainly overrated can never be productive of such material advantages to us, an agricultural people, as a knowledge of the principles of chemistry and physiology. These have a direct bearing upon our national progress. It may be replied that we cannot make chemists or physiologists in our schools, but neither can boys be trained to become anything beyond very superficial mathematicians. We might assert without fear of contradiction, that the principles of Agricultural Chemistry, Geology and Physiology are as easy of comprehension, and can be taught more successfully and profitably than the elements of Euclid, Sangster's Algebra, or even the worst than useless array of fractions and repeating decimals that are to be found in our National Arithmetics. We have no wish to disparage the Mathematics, but no doubt can exist that too much value is attached to them at the expense of other subjects far more important and interesting. Under present circumstances, how few of our youth after leaving school, although conversant with Seris, Permutations, Combinations, gnomons, hexagons, and quindecagons return to the work on a farm with a greater degree of alacrity than if they had never heard of these abstruse terms. The probability is, that in many instances the farm is viewed with positive dislike and disgust. How different would the case be were the elements of a sound agricultural education imparted to those of our children who are capable of understanding circulating decimals.

### The knowledge to which we refer will teach the farmer the nature and composition of the soil; the materials of which he exhausts it in cropping; the various requirements of different cultivated plants; the nature and use of manures; the causes of sterility and impoverishment, and the cheapest and best modes of remedying the one and avoiding the other; and the material necessary to fertilize lands that have been already exhausted. This knowledge, we presume, will make him love his art, and realize its true position as no mere mechanical drudgery, but a scientific and learned profession.

### It is this scientific aspect of farming which can be taught in the Schools. We can teach the bearing of modern scientific discoveries on the improvement of the art, and we can thereby elevate the profession itself, make it more attractive to young persons, and contribute not a little to the industrial wealth of the country. And let it be observed, that while on the one hand agricultural education tends to the improvement of this important art, on the other it tends to the elevation of the school and the teacher, by more closely connecting education with the practical business of life, and improving and rendering more productive an art on which education mainly depends for its pecuniary support.

### Here it might be observed that in several of those School Stations where first-class teachers are engaged, trustees might as in the case of libraries, avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Educational Department in procuring a set of chemical apparatus by means of which the teacher during winter evenings, or Friday afternoons could perform interesting experiments, accompanied with appropriate lectures. Such a course would tend in a high degree to influence both old and young with a desire to become more intimately acquainted with the nature and properties of these elements and compounds out of which is elaborated the

## Food that ministers not only to our own, but to the wants of every living organism both animal and vegetable.

FARMER  
Arkell, Feb. 4th, 1868.

## BY TELEGRAPH

### Despatches to the Evening Mercury

#### BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Feb. 4.—Despatches from Japan, via Hong Kong, have been received here, which announce that the ports of Hiogo and Osaka were at the beginning of the year thrown open to foreigners, in accordance with the convention made with the Commissioners of the Foreign Powers.

London, Feb. 3.—The gate which passed over England on Saturday last was very destructive to life and property in this city and in Liverpool. Chimneys and signs were blown down and houses unroofed. Many people were struck by falling objects and seriously injured, and in some instances killed outright.

London, Feb. 2.—In accordance with a request from Lord Stanley, the Pasha of Egypt has recalled the auxiliary corps of native Egyptians which he sent to join the British expedition in Abyssinia.

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—His Majesty King Christian has signed the treaty with the United States for the sale of the West India Islands. A special courier has left Copenhagen for Washington with the document.

Cadix, Feb. 2.—Reports have been received here from Morocco, which represent that a severe famine prevails in Tangiers and Tetuan.

Florence, Feb. 2.—It is announced that the Crown Prince Humbert has been formally betrothed to the Princess Margherita, of Genoa.

## American Despatches.

Memphis, Feb. 3rd.—Great excitement was caused here yesterday during the trial of proprietors of the *Avalanche*, for contempt of court, by the appearance of a squad of soldiers, who reported to Judge Hunter, and were by his orders stationed about the court room. Several attorneys protested against such proceedings, and Mr Mackay left the court, saying he would never practice in it under such circumstances. The troops were subsequently withdrawn.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Col. Wiswell was nominated to succeed Commissioner Rollins upon the recommendation of several hundred business men.

New Orleans, Feb. 3.—A destructive fire occurred in Galveston, Texas, on Saturday last. Loss \$60,000.

New York, Feb. 4.—The *Times* Knoxville special says a destructive fire last night consumed an entire block. Loss very heavy.

New York, Feb. 4.—The *Times* special says it has been current in Washington for a week or two past that the President had actually issued an order to General Grant forbidding him to obey any orders from Secretary Stanton. This turned out to be true, and it is also true that Grant declined to obey it, whereupon a spy correspondence ensued, which lasted for a couple of weeks and covers not only the matter named, but also the charges made by the President against Gen. Grant of duplicity on the War Office question.—The resignation of Mr Adams has been tendered, but Mr Seward hopes to induce him to withdraw it.

New York, Feb. 4.—The *Sun's* special says General Grant called upon the President a few days since, and alluded to some statements made apparently by his authority, in two New York papers, that there has been a breach of faith in his surrendering the War Department to Stanton. The President disavowed both, and all newspaper articles, and assured him of his most distinguished regard.—Gen. Grant replied that he should take no notice of them, but when such aspersions were put in shape so that he could notice them, they would be properly attended to.

Secretary McCulloch sold, last month, \$10,000,000 worth of 10-30 bonds. The low state of Internal Revenue receipts rendered necessary the sale of bonds to meet the current expenses of government.

New York, Feb. 4th.—Herald's special reiterates the assertion that Government will make a firm demand for settlement of the Alabama claims.

## DEPRESSION IN FRANCE.—A Paris correspondent of the Montreal *Witness* writing on the 8th ult., says—The new year opens with a gloomy state of affairs in France. The liberal reforms promised by the Emperor are not granted as yet; business is everywhere in a suffering state; the metallic reserve in the bank exceeds one thousand million of francs; the winter is severe; and most lamentable accounts are received from Rouen, Lyons, and all the great manufacturing centres. Add to this the increase in the number of conscripts to be henceforth drawn from the rural populations, and the magnitude of the warlike preparations carried on in the principal seaports and frontier towns, and you can well imagine how this state of things is calculated to excite alarm, and to cause us to ask the question, What next?

## A London correspondent gives a list of the occupations of Mr. Thomas Hughes (Tom Brown). He is a chancery barrister in large practice, a busy member of Parliament, with a numerous and exacting constituency; a chairman of the Crystal Palace Company; a royal commissioner on Trades' Unions; an active director of the London Working-men's College; an author who still uses his pen (he has issued two magazine articles within two months and is writing a history of King Alfred, and is besides known all over England as a friend of the working-men, who with all his occupations, finds time to give unpaid aid to their interests and needs. He is also a colonel of the 19th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, a crack volunteer corps of the metropolis.

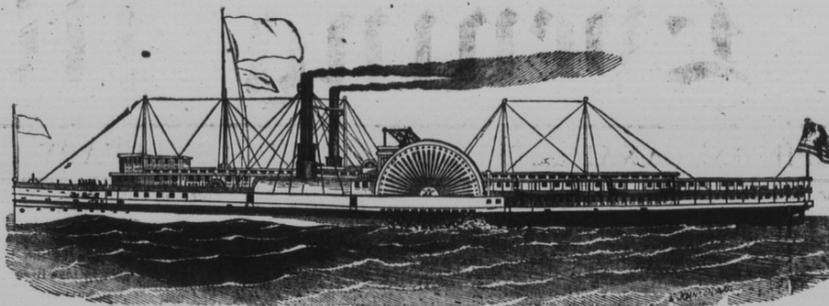
## COAL OIL.

Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

Note: for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil JOHN HORSMAN.

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Axes at cost, Knives and Forks at cost, Pocket Knives at cost, Electro-Plate Ware at cost, Cruet Stands, Toast Racks, Pickle Forks, Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons, Table and Dessert Forks, Dish Covers, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Tea Trays—ALL AT COST. Window Cornices and Curtain Bands at cost, Lamps at cost, Lanterns at cost, Enamelled Saucepans at cost, Stove, Scrub and Shoe Brushes at cost, Bed Cords and Clothes' Lines at cost, Locks and Hinges at cost, TOOLS of all kinds at cost, and the whole of his present Stock will be rushed off at Cost Prices.



An Immense Stock of Hardware, Oils, Paints, &c.

J. HORSMAN has ordered from the European Markets an Immense Stock of Hardware, Paints, Oils, &c., which for extent, variety and cheapness, will not be equalled in Canada. J. HORSMAN is determined to maintain the high reputation he has gained for keeping the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of Hardware in the Province. Remember the balance of my present Stock of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Oils, Paints, Window Glass, Cordage, &c., must be cleared off at once at Cost Prices, to make room for heavy importations to arrive shortly. Do not neglect this grand opportunity of laying in Cheap Bargains of Hardware.

Guelph, 1st February, 1868.

JOHN HORSMAN.

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OFFICE.....MACDONELL STREET TUESDAY EV'NG. FEB. 4. 1868.

At Rest at Last.

We beg to present our humble congratulations to our Municipal Fathers on the repose which their wearied virtue may now enjoy since the question of a water supply has been finally set at rest. We will all take comfort from the fact, that the proverbial "Something" has been done, that the Town will in a short time not be so utterly defenceless against accidental fires, or the flames kindled by the torch of the incendiary as it is at present. The question was one of more than ordinary importance, and we cannot say that it was at all surprising that there should be diverse opinions or stormy discussions indoors as well as outside; among those whose duty it was to mature a project as well as among those who would be taxed to pay for it. Even to a wealthy town like Guelph \$7,000 is a considerable item of expenditure, more especially when it is problematical what amount of benefit shall be derived from the outlay. It was not the sum necessary to put the Town in a proper state of defence against fire that protracted the discussions; that would have been willingly voted by almost every one—the difference of opinion arose concerning the scheme which would be best worth the money. It is useless at the present time to revert to the arguments that were used for and against the system of waterworks, when Mr. Hobson laid his able and elaborate plan before the Council, and when those who opposed that scheme proposed no other to supersede it; or to the reasoning of members for the steam engine, since it has been mooted, and against the waterworks, or vice versa. These are things of the past that it would be better not to attempt to resuscitate. We commend Mr. Hobson's scheme at the time it was propounded because of its perfect suitability to our requirements. But it has been voted down; and though we may still have a lingering regard for what was termed, facetiously, by a member of the Council "our first love," yet after the careful deliberations, the patient investigations of knowledge, which the Fire and Water Committee have recently made, after their own conversion from absolute faith in the waterworks to a firm belief in the efficiency of the engine, and above all in view of the large sum which is to be expended on the new machine, on apparatus and tanks, we would not consider that we were not honestly fulfilling our duty to those whose interests we always endeavour to promote, if we did not with the utmost earnestness hope that no person either in or out of the Council may ever have reason to regret the decision arrived at on Monday night, to purchase a Steam Fire Engine from Mr. Silby. We wish the project all the success, that its most enthusiastic patrons can hope for it; we rejoice at the solution of the knotty problem, and the termination of discussions in quietude, sapientia parum (plenty of talk to no purpose)—what can we do more?

PRESENT STATE OF AUSTRIA.

It is scarcely probable that Austria will ever fulfil the prediction which one of her sanguine rulers had carved on the walls of his palace, and engraven on his plate, in Latin, and which was to the effect that "Austria will rule the whole world." But there is one thing remarkable about this power—she possesses the faculty of repairing disasters faster than any other nation in Europe, or perhaps any place else. It will be remembered how quickly she shook off the dust which clung to her when the first Napoleon crushed her, and became again great and powerful, and that she is fast recovering from the calamities of the Bohemian campaign, a newspaper correspondent certifies. He says:

"While France is tearing out her heartstrings raising armies that shall leave the fields untilled and the vines untended—while Russia is straining every nerve to conjure gigantic hosts out of an empty pocket—while the contre coup of last year's triumphs is crying "Famine" with a piteous wail throughout Central Prussia—and while national bankruptcy and revolution threaten Italy, whose millions spent upon fighting material have brought her in nothing but defeat, disgrace and humiliation,—Austria has this year not added a man to her cadres de service, and has expended a sum comparatively trifling upon the conversion of her rifles into breech-loaders. She has not armed; she has not increased the burthen of her people; she has neither vapoured in the East, nor promised in the West; and yet she has more than recovered that influence in the Councils of Europe, which everybody, a year ago, deemed was irretrievably shattered on the plains of Bohemia. See what honesty, combined with earnestness, can effect in the short space of one year. But twelve months ago, Austria's case was well-nigh desperate; and now her best friends cannot wish her more prosperity than appears to await her. For fifty years she has wanted a great man and now she has got him. Already he has rescued her from the brink of destruction; and he will, unless I am much mistaken, guide her successfully to honor and well-being. Whilst according full acknowledgment to the value of Baron Beust's services (and it would be difficult to overrate them) it must not be forgotten that the Emperor has taken a grand and glorious part in the reconstruction of Austria. Heart and hand he has thrown himself ardently into the good work. Who has had so many trials, and so much sad experience, as he? Well, he has profited by them, and has come thrice refined out of the fire. Can any one wonder that he has become the most popular monarch in Europe? The people love and revere him, and the people are right; for he is a man of the age—a true patriot, and an honest Emperor. I hope this sobriquet will be his in future history; it is as noble a pseudonym as "Rudolph of the Iron Hand" or "Francis the Good" (der gute Franzer). And I hope that Englishmen will, one and all, wish Austria "A happy New Year."

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—The Ottawa Times of Saturday says:—The Privy Council had another lengthy meeting yesterday. It is understood that considerable progress has been made in the settlement of the several matters relating to the Intercolonial Railway, and that the further consideration of others had been postponed for a fortnight or three weeks. It is not probable, however, that the decision of the Privy Council on those points, which, according to the Loan Guarantee Bill, have to be submitted to the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, will be made public in this country until that approval has been obtained.

NEW SENATOR.—The Hon. J. C. Chapais, Minister of Agriculture and Statistics, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the senate, created by the Hon. M. Bosse's acceptance of a Judgeship. A writ for a new election in Kamouraska will be issued in consequence of M. Chapais' retirement from the Commons.

A petition to the Quebec Assembly to place the affairs of the city in the hands of commissioners appointed by Government, and suspend the corporation for a time, has been signed by a large number of citizens of Quebec city,—some of them prominent and wealthy.

The subscriptions already collected in the two provinces of Quebec and Ontario for the relief of the fishermen of Nova Scotia, amount to some \$20,000.

DIED.

WILLMOTT.—At Guelph, on the 31st inst., after a long illness, Miss Catherine Willmott. (The funeral will take place from her late residence, Glasgow Street, on Thursday, 6th inst., at 1 o'clock, P.M. The deceased was a near relative of George Elliott, Esq. The friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.)

New Advertisements. BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY. (From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants, Toronto, 13th September, 1866.)

Messrs MESROBEY & WRIGHT, B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial pursuits 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 eminently adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man.

Yours truly, LYMAN & MACNAB. (From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers, Toronto, May 21, 1867.)

Messrs MESROBEY & WRIGHT, B. A. Com. College, Toronto.

DEAR SIRS,—We can eminently recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their book-keepers. The young man in our 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 efforts are worthy of every appreciation in founding a sound Commercial Emporium of the intelligent youth of Canada, 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 incapacity 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. For Circulars, Penmanship, Bank Notes, &c., address MESSROBEY & WRIGHT, Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. (dw) Toronto.

NOTICE.

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

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. d

W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Acupuncturist. Graduate of New York Homeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dwtf

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

BY two men willing to act in any capacity as labourers or general servants. Character excellent. Apply at this office, or to N. Highbottom, Druggist, Guelph, Jan. 24th, 1868. dwt

New Advertisements.

G. A. D. C.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club intend giving another performance

ON THE 19th FEBRUARY, On which occasion will be produced a beautiful Tragedy, entitled

BARBAROSSA! Never played before in the Dominion. To be followed by the roaring Farce of

THE HAPPY MAN Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. dtd

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. w

TENDERS for CORDWOOD WANTED.

SEALED Tenders will be received by the undersigned, at Pallister's Commercial Hotel, Guelph, up to 12 o'clock noon,

On Saturday, 8th February, for the delivery of 300 Cords of good, sound Beech and Maple Green Wood, in such quantities as may be agreed upon, and 100 Cords Dry Wood. No tender will be received for less than ten cords. The place for delivery will be made known on application to the subscriber.

CHARLES HEATH. Guelph, 4th February, 1868. w1

Guelph Horticultural Society.



THE annual meeting of the Guelph Horticultural Society for the election of officers, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the Wellington Hotel,

On Wednesday, 12th of Feb., at 2 o'clock p. m. GEO. MURTON, Secretary. Guelph, 4th Feb, 1868. 3dlw

NOTICE.

MR. CHAS. GRUNDY who has been my book-keeper for several years in Guelph, is authorized to collect all debts due to me, and to grant receipts in my name for all payments that may be paid to him on my account. Also, to adjust and pay any accounts due by me. OFFICE: In the store of Messrs. John M. Bond & Co., Corner of Wyndham and Cork Sts. HENRY MULHOLLAND. Guelph, 22nd January, 1868.

THE KINGSMILL SURVEY

THE COURT OF CHANCERY has appointed the undersigned to sell the balance of this private property

PRIVATE SALE

The undersigned are prepared to treat with parties desirous of purchasing on favourable terms as to payment, &c. The property now offered for sale comprises

75 Building Lots

Ranging from one-fifth to one-fourth of an acre each, in the Kingsmill Survey, and 1 1/2 acres in one block, beautifully situated on the Paisley Hill. PALMER & LILLIE, Vendor's Solicitors. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. dw1

New Advertisements.

NEARLY GONE.

The CLOUDS which we received a few days since are nearly gone. The demand has been immense, thanks to a discerning public.

Grey and White COTTONS.

Just opened, a superior lot of Grey and White Cottons, in the various widths and qualities, at the lowest figures. On hand, 36 inch Dundas Cottons.

Guelph, Jan. 31, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM.

CONCERT!

Sacred Music

THE CHOIR

The Congregational Church

assisted by a number of the most talented Vocalists and Chorists of the town, will give a Concert, consisting of choice selections from the works of Handel, Haydn, Beethoven and Mozart, in the NEW CHURCH,

On Wednesday Ev'g, 12th February

when it is confidently expected that a musical entertainment will be furnished that will be well worthy of public patronage.

Tickets - - 25 cents each.

May be obtained at the stores of Messrs. Day, Higginbotham, McNeil, Thomson, Cuthbert and Savage, and at the door.

Doors open at 7.30, Concert to begin at 8 o'clock precisely. The proceeds will be devoted to the organ fund of the Church.

For further particulars see programmes. Guelph, 3rd Feb, 1868. dtd

NOTICE.

All Accounts and Notes due to

HOGG & CHANCE

remaining unpaid on the 5th February ensuing will, without any distinction of person, be handed in to Mr. Baker for immediate collection.

HOGG & CHANCE. Guelph, 28th January, 1868. dw2

SPECIAL NOTICE. CANADIAN

National Series of Reading Books,

Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario. NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES: First Book, with 31 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—thirty cents. First Book, 2nd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—fifty cents. Second Book, 56 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—twenty cents. Third Book, 41 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents. Fourth Book, 45 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—forty cents. Fifth Book, 50 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—fifty cents.

Storekeepers supplied at the lowest Toronto wholesale price for cash only.

T. J. DAY, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders. Guelph, 26th December, 1867. w17

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 and 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 on short notice, at reasonable charges. JOHN MILLER, Proprietor. Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittier. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Jan. 23, 1868. do 11

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 removing all Impurities of the Blood and producing a Sleek and 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, 20th Jan, 1868. wd

LOST.

LEFT by mistake yesterday, the 28th, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in a sleigh, painted blue, at Ellis' American Hotel, and either taken away in said sleigh, or abstracted therefrom, a Lady's green Morocco Satchel, containing purse in which were five two dollar bills on the Commercial Bank three or four dollars in silver, a card case with cards, and one or two other articles. Its restoration, with contents, will be suitably rewarded, by leaving at Ellis' American Hotel, Guelph, or with the owner, RICHARD SINCLAIR BRODIE. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. daw 11

# FIRE AT ALMA BLOCK,---REMOVAL!

## JOHN M. BOND & CO.,

(SUCCESSORS TO HENRY MULHOLLAND)

### HARDWARE IMPORTERS!

Corner Wyndham and Cork Streets, near the Gore Bank, Guelph.

## NEW & COMPLETE STOCK OF HARDWARE

The subscribers desire to inform their customers and the public that they are now receiving a Large, New and Complete Stock of Hardware, which, having been bought for prompt cash, they can and are determined to sell at prices LOWER than ever sold in Guelph before. Our Stock being entirely new and well selected, customers and the public will find it greatly to their advantage to call before purchasing elsewhere. Remember the Stand--Corner Wyndham and Cork-sts.

Guelph, 29th January, 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 Painsch, 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, bounded and bounded as is described in a deed from John M. Schlenker and wife to the said Insolvent, made the 21st February, 1866, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stable and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with woods of an acre.

#### TERMS -- CASH.

Further particulars may be had on the premises, or at the office of Messrs. McLennan & O'Connor, 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 Palliser. This property will be sold subject to a Lease expiring on 2nd May, 1869, yielding \$50 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 of Messrs. Lennon & Peterson, Guelph, Solicitors for the Petitioner, and to Mr. T. W. Saunders, Solicitor for the Defendants, at Chambers, Guelph, Jan. 8, 1868.

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

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### Mail Contract!

TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon

On Friday, 21st of February

for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, three times per week each way, between Erin and Guelph, from the 1st April next. Conveyance to be made in a Wagon, Cutter, Sleigh or Passenger Stage.

The mails to leave Erin on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. To arrive at Guelph " " " 12 noon Leave " " " 2 p.m. Arrive at Erin " " " 4 p.m.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tenders may be obtained at the Post Offices of Erin and Guelph.

J. DEWE, P. O. Inspector

Post Office Inspector's Office, Toronto, 29th Jan., 1868. 3w

### THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

WITHOUT any exception, the Barclay Sewing Machine, manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Company,

AT PARIS, ONTARIO, is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination is merely requested, which will be to the advantage of those intending to purchase. All machines warranted.

Also, agent for the DALTON KNITTING MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market. Apply to

MOSES BECHTEL, General Agent for the County of Wellington, Blair Post Office.

Agent for Guelph: MRS. HUNTER, Fancy Store, Market Square. Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868. dw

### PRIVATE TUITION.

The undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either at his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day.

GEORGE GRAFFETY, 1md Guelph, 3rd January, 1868.

### 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 is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, shingles, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

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

## CLOCKS - BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

Clocks direct from the Factory,

### VERY CHEAP!

A Written Guarantee given with each Clock.

D. SAVAGE.

Guelph, January 25, 1868. dw

### RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

JUST RECEIVED, A SUPPLY OF

## GODERICH SALT.

### 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.

R. RUTHERFORD.

## MANILLA CHERROOTS

JUST RECEIVED,

### A Lot of Fine Manilla Cheroots!

Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

H. BERRY.

### Medical Dispensary

Hair Brushes,

Tooth Brushes,

Nail Brushes.

### Soaps & Perfumery,

Of every description.

### No. 1 WHITE

### COAL OIL

Only 15 cts. per Gallon.

### E. HARVEY

Chemist and Druggist, Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario.

Guelph, 25th Jan. 1868. dw

### JOHN HARRIS,

CONFECTIONER, and

BISCUIT Manufacturer.

Wholesale and Retail!

My Goods are all made of the best material, and under my own supervision, and having no rent to pay, am prepared to offer to

### Wholesale Purchasers

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

JOHN HARRIS, Market Square, Guelph dwm

Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867.

### PLATT & CO'S



WORLD RENOWNED

### OYSTERS

Received daily by Express. Wholesale and Retail.

GEORGE WILKINSON.

Next door to Telegraph and Express Office. Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868. daw tf

### DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours. DENIS BUNYAN. Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawly

### 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. 17th, 1867. daw

OPPOSITE THE MARKET,

GUELPH.



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GUELPH.

## 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 no humbug. ONLY ONE PRICE.

SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Guelph, 4th January, 1868.

Sign of the Elephant, Opposite the Marke

### MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF

### RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Hair, Kerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,

Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.

Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867 dw

### JUST ARRIVED

## No. 2,

Day's Block, . . . Guelph.

### Finnan Haddies

### Smoked Salmon

### Smoked Tommy

### Mackerel, &c.

JUST ARRIVED.

### E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, 17th January, 1868. dw

### MAGAZINES for JAN., 1868,

RECEIVED AT

### DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Sunday Magazines Good Words Bow Bells English Mechanic Sunday at Home Leisure Hour Cornhill Temple Bar Belgravia

London Society Family Herald Argosy Boys' Monthly Boys' Own Saint Paul's London Journal

All the Year Round Cassell's Magazine The Quiver Chambers' Journal for Dec., 1867. Blackwood for December, 1867.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 21st January, 1868. dw

### 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. d

No. 40, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

## 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, 31st December, 1867. dw Wyndham-st., Guelph

## PLASTER, PLASTER

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE AT PRESENT A FULL SUPPLY OF

## GROUND PLASTER

And while sleighing is good, farmers should get their supplies. By advices from Paris, York and Caledonia, 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

## 300 TONS.

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

### A small lot of very fine Clover Seed on hand

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

Guelph, 17th January, 1868.

TO SUBSCRIBERS. Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury...

Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 4, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER XII.—THE NIGHT—WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS—AN EXCITING SCENE AT THE DROVER'S REST.

The daring rescue of the prisoners from the hands of Captain Allan and his troops in the Enterlin Pass...

The Royal army was immediately sent out against the rebels, under the command of General Dalziel...

Walter Elliot had been one of the first to join the insurgents, and he had been in the front ranks in this battle...

"Down with him!" shouted his leader, and Walter recognized the voice as that of Charlie Allan...

"Down with him, I say—give him no quarter!" roared the youth, as he made a dash in Walter's rear...

"And, raising himself in his stirrups, he bounded forward, and had Charlie bravely met him, a terrible hand-to-hand combat would have ensued...

"My men will save me the trouble of killing you," shouted Charlie, in reply. "But before you roll among the rocks, hear my words—Marion shall yet be mine."

"Liar!" shouted Walter; "I'll perish, you shall perish with me!" And nimbly he dashed forward to throw his horse with all its weight against that of his foe...

Charlie, however, did not wait to meet the onslaught, for as the stranger made towards him brandishing his clattering instrument, he uttered a bitter oath, and turning his horse's head, galloped away at utmost speed towards the loyal army...

"No for it Master Walter; let us make the most of our legs," cried the youth's singular deliverer, and Walter, turning upon him for the first time an inquiring gaze, was astonished beyond measure at recognising Andrew Weir.

"Good heavens, Andrew, is it you?" he ejaculated. "Do you share it's me, was the answer—" "Me and my Galloway flax, and braw work it has made w'e the chields and their horses."

"But what are you doing here? Why have you left Birkenleuch?" "There's nae name the answer questions," responded Andrew, as he adjusted the joints of his fell weapon, and placed it on his shoulder. "If we would save our lives we maunna let the sawm mill below our feet. This way, Master Walter—our folk are a' feintin' this way."

And Walter, recognising the necessity of following Andrew's advice, set off at once with him towards the western heights, speaking not to each other till they had placed many hills and hollows between them and that bloody slope where the battle had been lost.

"Bring now safe enough, at least for the present, they entered a deep sheltered recess, under an overhanging rock, and there sought the repose they so much needed."

drooping spirits, for now that he had time for a little reflection, he felt sick at heart at the thoughts of the issue of the battle...

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. Toronto, Feb. 3.

The house went into committee on Sir Henry Smith's Bill respecting Ontario College—Mr. Hooper in the chair.

Sir Henry Smith explained that a similar Bill had been carried through Parliament before, regarding a college in the diocese of Huron.

Mr McKellar said it struck him that the whole Bill was wrong in principle, from beginning to end. In the first place, the Government were to give these grants in districts which were not good for agricultural purposes.

What he would do, he said, if the Government seized it, he hoped they would lithograph themselves as they appeared in the act of passing the bill. [laughter.]

After some further discussion the report was received—amendments read a first and second time, and the bill ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

THE ONDARD STEAMERS.—The Times of the 13th January, after announcing the arrival of the Africa from Boston, says:—"The Africa brings home the first United States mails under the new Cunard contract, and she has been permitted to bring them on this occasion from Boston instead of New York."

It is expected that the Suez canal will be fully opened for the first time in its present shape, before the first of October next.

COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 4, 1868.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Hay, Straw, Wood, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Gold, Silver, Copper, etc.

MONTREAL MARKETS. Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'

Flour—Fancy, \$7 65 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 45 to \$7 60; Welland Canal, \$7 65.

HAMILTON, February 3, 1868. Flour—Superior, \$7 00 to \$7 10; Spring No. 1, \$6 50 to \$6 60; Barley—\$1 08 to \$1 10.

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SEED WHEAT. JOHN KIRKLAND, Guelph, Tp. Guelph, 29th Jan, 1868. dw

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Table listing English Papers. Includes The Illustrated London News, Bell's Life, Sporting News, etc.

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