

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. PRIZE PENMANSHIP! Superior Advantages Offered!

The attention of young men looking forward to a mercantile career is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits.

One of the direct objects of establishing and holding this high position has been the constant and varied selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1865, 1866, and 1867.

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WILD DUCKS.—The Huron Signal says—Wild ducks, of the largest kind, and in countless numbers, have for the past day or two been enjoying themselves in the clear waters at the mouth of Goderich harbor.

NEW LIVERY STABLE. HORSES FOR HIRE. PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.

CORDWOOD for SALE IN GUELPH. GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at BROWN'S WOOD YARD.

THE WIZARD SOAP. W. F. FOX & CO. HAVE commenced to manufacture the celebrated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is superior to any other.

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING. IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR. Does not injure the hands, takes less labor, and gives the clothes a better appearance.

JOHN HOWARD, Agent. W. F. FOX & CO., Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

STRAY CATTLE. CAME on the premises of the undersigned on the 9th December 1867, 2 Heifers 3 years old and one two years old.

Store House to Rent. TO RENT, the premises formerly known as Williams' old Brewery, with three floors 80 feet long by 25 wide, suitable for either storing wheat or packing work.

TROTTER & GRAHAM. DENTISTS! GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store. REFERENCES.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. J. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattillo, M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold, Dr. Maydon, Dr. Barnham, Warsop, of Preston; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

W. K. GRAHAM, Guelph, 2nd Avenue, 1867.

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN. SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

Office over C. C. Freeman's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Evening Mercury. THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26.

Local News.

THE TEA MEETING TO-NIGHT.—We would remind our readers that the annual tea meeting of the Wesleyan Sabbath School will take place this evening in the church at 6 p. m.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

MECHANICS' BALL.—The Mechanics' Ball, held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, was a most successful affair. Upwards of seventy-five couples were present and kept up dancing till an early hour on Wednesday morning.

For the best flavored, strongest, f. rest and cheapest Green, Black and Jap. Teas in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

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Nearly all gone are those large lots of Poultry. The reason why, J. M. ... sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them.

ACCIDENT FROM THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF A GUN.—We regret to learn that Mr. Archibald Johnston, son of Mr. John Johnston, Eramosa, and a member of the Volunteer Company in that Township, met with a serious accident a few days ago.

STILTON CHEESE.—Tugersoll Factory Cheese at John A. Wood's.

SAD ACCIDENT IN FERGUS.—A man named John Nelson, about fifty years of age, a farmer in Garafraza, came to a sad and untimely end in Fergus on Saturday night last.

TO the farmer, mechanic and laborer: Spend your hard earned money where you can get the most General Groceries for the holidays at the lowest prices.

SOIREE IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—The second annual Soiree in connection with the school in Section 44, Guelph Township, was held on Friday evening last.

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

FIRE IN PAISLEY.—The Paisley Advertiser has the following:—We regret to have to record the destruction by fire of the premises used by Mr. Halston as an ashery, which took place Tuesday evening last.

A COUPLE OF NICE SLEIGHS.—We happened to call at Mr. Robt. Parker's carriage shop the other day, and saw a very handsome sleigh and cutter which he had just made to order.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

Municipal Elections. ERIN TOWNSHIP.

The nomination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the township of Erin took place at Brisbane, on Monday 23rd inst. Mr. Wm. Cornock was elected Reeve by acclamation.

NASSAGAWETA. The nominations in this Township were as follows:—Archd. Campbell Esq. was proposed for Reeve and elected by acclamation.

The nominations for Puslinch were held at the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on last Monday. The attendance of electors was not large, there being about fifty present.

Mr. Thos. Ingram proposed Wm Leslie, Esq., for Reeve. Mr. Donald Grant proposed D. Stinton, Esq., for Reeve.

Mr. Duncan McFarlane gave a lengthy explanation of the proceedings of the Council in connection with the erection of the Town Hall.

Mr. J. McCorkindale was present, applying for the ditch in front of his farm, and for a depth corresponding with the level cut across the south corner of his land.

Police Court. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. THURSDAY, Dec. 26th.

HORSE STEALING.—David Herkimer, an Indian, and Wm. P. Henry were brought up on a charge of horse stealing. The prisoners had lived at one time at Muncetown in the County of Middlesex.

CHRISTMAS.—Christmas Day was duly observed in town. The weather during the day was far from pleasant, which kept a number in doors.

IT gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62 1/2c per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham St., Guelph.

For pure Coffees in Mocha, Java, Jamaica, Rio and Laguayra, ground fresh on receipt of orders, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

SMITH & METCALF.—It will be seen by advertisement that this firm since the fire have opened a shop next door to Mr. Coffee's hotel, where they will carry on the ordinary business as before in all its branches.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Bowly, of Berlin has been appointed County Attorney of Waterloo, in place of Mr. Miller appointed Judge of Halton.

ROBBERY IN LONDON.—The Grand Trunk Office was broken into on Tuesday night. The safe was broken open by means of a chisel and "jimmy," and a bag containing \$900 stolen.

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School Examination in Garafraza. The annual examination of the school taught by Mr. Tovell, section No. 14, Garafraza, was held on Friday, 30th inst.

Although the weather was rather unpleasant it did not prevent the attendance of a large number of spectators, among whom were Messrs. Petrie, Chisholm and Johnston, teachers.

THE ABBYSSINIAN EXPEDITION. The following is an extract from a letter received by Sir Stafford Northcote, from Colonel Merivether.

There were some very bad places in one part, but the road has been made in one part, and the road has been made in one part, and the road has been made in one part.

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Items from Elora. (From our Correspondent.)

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BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. The French Government is seriously contemplating the necessity of ordering the troops of the French expedition remaining at Civita Vecchia to return to Rome.

LONDON, Dec. 24, noon.—The Fenians are still active. The newest sensation is the effort made last evening to destroy the Gas Works at Glasgow.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—At a banquet given at the Royal Polytechnic, on Saturday night last, in a reply a congratulatory despatch from the Duke of Wellington, a felicitous telegram from the President of the United States was read amidst great enthusiasm.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The accounts received at Massowah of the condition and progress of the British expedition in Abyssinia are all favourable.

PARIS, Dec. 24, even.—The unsettled condition of affairs in Florence causes much anxiety here, the changes impending in the Italian Government, it is feared, place Italy in a menacing attitude towards France.

FLORENCE, Dec. 24.—The existing Cabinet is not to be dissolved. Some changes in its composition will be made; but Gen. Menabrea will remain at the head of the Government, and under his direction the reorganization of the Ministry will proceed.

LONDON, Dec. 25th.—The precautions of the government against the Fenians continue very great and unusual preparations have been made to-day, which indicate that the authorities are in possession of information that a general attempt is to be made by the Fenians to rescue the prisoners confined in various parts of the United Kingdom for complicity in the late outrages, both in England and Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Times to-day in an editorial on the Abyssinian war, says it fears the war will be protracted till next year. It blames Sir Wm Napier, the commander of the British forces, for the delays which the expedition has sustained, and says nothing of consequence has been done during the present season.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

The first Legislature of the Province of Ontario meets tomorrow in Toronto. The event is one of much importance to this Province, for it is the fruit of a long and persistent struggle by the Reformers of Western Canada in behalf of just and equitable representation. Viewed in this light, it is the victory secured after a hard-fought battle, and our hope now is that the system brought into operation under Confederation may realize the expectations of all who wish it well, and give a new impetus to the prosperity and progress of this and all the other Provinces composing the Dominion. Seventeen years have passed since the late Province of Upper Canada, baptised at the birth of Confederation under the name of Ontario, had a separate government of its own established at Toronto. Under the late legislative union, the seat of government shifted about from time to time; having been successively at Kingston, Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. But the legislative union served its purpose, and has now given way to Confederation; under which the General Government has its seat at Ottawa, and the Local Governments at Toronto, Quebec, Halifax and Fredericton respectively. Did not the Imperial Act enjoin that the Assembly of Ontario, as that of the other provinces, should meet before the close of the year, it is questionable if it would be called together for a few days yet—at any rate, till after the holidays and the municipal elections. But that Act is imperative, and the 27th is the time appointed, being within four days of the legal limit. And though some may not look upon the meeting with any degree of interest, yet it may be recollected that the population whose special legislation it will control is now nearly as large as that of both Upper and Lower Canada at the time of the union in 1840. Moreover, it is a population nearly as large as that of the three other provinces combined, and at the next census, it will, there is good reason to believe, be found to hold an equal place in the enumeration. Parliament will be opened by Governor Stisted, with the usual ceremonies, and the House of Assembly will proceed to elect a Speaker. On Saturday the Speech will be delivered, and there will be greater parade than on Friday. It is said that the Garrison will be out, regulars and volunteers, and the Judges and representatives of learned and religious bodies will be present in the House. Toronto has voted itself a half holiday on Friday, and everything gives promise that the opening ceremonies will come off amid great eclat. We believe it is now considered good as settled that the Speaker to be chosen will be a Reformer. This will of course disappoint the Conservatives greatly, who were counting some time ago of carrying everything their own way. But John Sandfield Macdonald is not so pliable as they imagine, and though since he became premier he has gone dead against the wishes of Reformers, he is now anxious to make friends with them, and to make them and the country believe that he is as good a Reformer as ever.

RECRUITING FOR THE PAPAL SERVICE.—It is announced by telegram from Montreal that a recruiting office has been opened in Montreal with the object of raising a regiment for the papal service. It is also publicly reported that Capt. Desilets, Military Instructor, Melet College; Alfred Prendegast, Ensign in the Three Rivers Rifles, and one Henault of St. Cuthbert, left Montreal on the 19th inst. on their way to Rome, to enter the military service of the Pope. If these statements are true, then it is high time that the Government authorities had interfered to prevent any further proceedings of this kind. Of course it is impossible to prevent private individuals from leaving Canada to enter the military service of any foreign power they think proper, but the opening of a recruiting office in Canada to enlist men for the Papal or any other service, is an open violation of the Imperial Foreign Enlistment Act, which applies to all Her Majesty's dominions. The Journal of Commerce publishes a prospectus of a joint stock company now in process of formation, to be called the Anglo-American Peat Company, with a capital of \$200,000 to be subscribed in 8000 shares of \$25. It further says:—It is proposed by this Company to purchase a large bed of peat in the County of Welland. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated, we believe, that a ton of the peat is equal to a cord of the best hard wood, and that it can be advantageously used, with a little adaptation in stoves and furnaces, for domestic and manufacturing purposes and for steam locomotion.

AMERICAN WATCHES. Recommended by Railroad Engineers, Railroad Conductors, Express men and others requiring the use of an accurate durable and reliable timepiece. See advertisement. 3m.

MR. HORSMAN has a Magnificent Stock of Articles suitable for Christmas.

The Hurricane at Calcutta.

The arrival of the India mails bring us tidings from Calcutta to the 8th of November. These accounts increase the seriousness of the disaster. In Calcutta 109 deaths have been recorded, 101 brick built houses destroyed, and 2,338 tiled and thatched huts levelled with the ground. In the suburbs the loss of life is estimated at 285; and 62 brick-built houses, 1,945 tiled huts, and 25,148 thatched huts have been destroyed. On the river, 622 lives have been lost. In addition there have also been lost two ferry steamers, 67 sloops, 81 dinghies, 82 native boats, and 386 up-country boats. The greater portion of these boats, together with those lost in the canals, were laden with jute and grain. The grand total of lives ascertained to have been lost is therefore, 1,016; of brick built houses destroyed, 163; and of tiled and thatched huts, 20,231. Of the larger shipping in the river, only 26 ships have escaped uninjured, and three have sustained serious damage, one of them being a complete wreck.

The cyclone has occurred at a time when the rice crops were in the ear, and the whole Province, wasted by famine and pinched by high prices, looked forward to an abundant harvest. Where the ear was formed it was torn off; where the stalk had reached mature height it was snapped. On a low estimate at least one-half of the rice crop has been destroyed in the 10 miles to the south of the Hooghly, over which the cyclone extended. From Nuddea, still suffering from an inundation of the Ganges more severe than those of 1863 and 1856, we learn that vegetation which survived that calamity has been almost destroyed. Not only will the rice crop yield but half its tale, but of the cattle which had been sent to the high lands from the inundated tracts, a tenth has perished, for they had to withstand the storm for two days and a half without shelter or food. All the crops recently sown within the tract blasted by the whirlwind have been destroyed. The condition of Jessore is worse. Not 5 per cent of the brick houses in the district have withstood the blast.

A general system of relief was contemplated. The balance amounting to about 19,000 rupees, of the previous cyclone Relief Fund, has been made over for the purpose of affording relief; and Government had promised to contribute doubling the amount of subscriptions. If you want Wine, Brandy, Rum, Gin, Extra Old Rye, Malt, Scotch Family Whiskeys, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

New Advertisements.

SPECIAL.

MR. HORSMAN is desirous to notify his customers that in future his store will not be closed till 7 o'clock each evening, and on Saturday until 9 o'clock, believing that 6 o'clock as formerly was inconvenient for many good customers. Guelph, Dec. 26th, 1867. dwf

STRAYED PIC.

CAME to the premises of the subscriber, about the 10th December, a pig. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take it away. JOHN MACK, Lot 14, 1st Con, Erin, Guelph, 26th Dec, 1867. wt

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. wly

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffee's Hotel. Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel. Everybody in want of a good Trunk, Valise, or Travelling Bag, can be supplied at the new shop, two doors from the Post Office.

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Belts

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church. We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of cotton blankets. What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Belts? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr Hoover's Livery Office. We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Saddlery line, a few doors South of the Registry Office. Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual. In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present staff of expert workmen.

SMITH & METCALF, Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block. Guelph, 26th December, 1867. dwf.

STORE TO LET.

A STORE to let on Wyndham Street. Apply to MRS. CORDET. Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1867. (d t f)

MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF

RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,

Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.

3rd lot h. 24th Dec, 1867 dw

ATTENTION!

GUELPH ARTILLERY.

THE Quarterly Inspection of the Company will take place on Thursday, the 26th

instead of Friday the 27th, at 10 o'clock, at the

JAMES

New Advertisements.

GREAT SALE BY AUCTION.

GREAT SALE BY AUCTION OF THE GROCERIES!

Saved from the Fire at the Alma Block, on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, The 27th and 28th Instant.

All to be Sold in Lots to suit Purchasers, Without Reserve.

ON FRIDAY—THE UNBROKEN PACKAGES will be offered to the Trade, together with all the Goods bought at the time of the fire and in transit. TERMS LIBERAL.

ON SATURDAY—The balance will be PUT UP IN LOTS FOR FAMILY USE.

The Goods can be seen during the week at the Warehouse of Messrs. ROBINS & TOLTON, near the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

J. MASSIE & CO. Guelph 16th Dec. 1867. daw

CHRISTMAS.

THE subscriber, though unfortunately left to battle alone with the trade of Upper Wyndham Street, begs to assure the public that he is determined not to surrender, but will, as usual, keep a full supply of

GENERAL GROCERIES!

Wines and Liquors, Crockery, China and Glassware, which he will sell as cheap as any house in the town.

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Tobaccos. Good Green and Black Teas from 50c per lb., Green and Ground Coffees. SUGARS—Muscovado, Loaf, Ground and Crushed. First class Chewing and Smoking Tobaccos.

Fruits and Sauces for Christmas & New Year ALL TO GO OFF CHEAP.

WINES AND LIQUORS

will be sold as low as the Tariff and Excise Laws of the Dominion will permit. Always good value for your money on Upper Wyndham Street.

JAMES MURPHY. Guelph, 21st December, 1867. dwly

No. 2, HEADQUARTERS.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY Christmas Presents, And New Year's Gifts, that will be appreciated, you should call and see my Stock, which is the largest and most varied ever opened out in Guelph, including a large assortment of splendid

FRENCH GOODS DIRECT FROM PARIS.

I don't intend advertising by CAKES and CONFECTIONERY as from the rapid manner in which they are moving off I find they are very extensively known without it.

Platt & Co's celebrated Oysters arriving daily. Oysters in Shell and Count Oysters shortly expected.

H. BERRY. Guelph, 26th December, 1867. dw

A Merry Christmas!

PHOTOGRAPHS!

W. MARSHALL

HAS not time to write an advertisement for Christmas, and will only say that he returns his sincere thanks to his numerous friends for their liberal patronage during the past year. Everybody is particularly requested to call during the Holidays and leave their orders for Photographs. A large stock of everything required for every size, style and kind of Photograph constantly on hand, at prices to suit the times.

WM. MARSHALL, Artist, Day's Block. Guelph, 21st Dec, 1867.

The Bound Vol.

OF THE

Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour, for 1867,

NOW READY AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 20th December, 1867. dw

SHOOTING MATCH!

A SHOOTING MATCH will be held at the Wellington Hotel Range, Rockwood, ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, for Turkeys, Geese, Pigeons, &c. For the Turkeys and Geese shooting will be done against a target at a range of about 300 yards, and the Pigeons will be shot after being let go from a trap. Every arrangement has been made for procuring a day's good sport. Refreshments served on the ground free. WM. McHARDY, Wellington Hotel.

Private Boarding.

EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable boarding can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to WM. DYSON, sn., Waterloo-st. Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867. dsw

Corner's Hotel, ERAMOSA ROAD.

ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class dining and bar. Good stone stabling and attention.

Gift Books

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Illustrated Books

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Pocket Bibles

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Ladies' Satchels,

Gents' Satchels, Wax Dolls, Fancy Goods, of every description. VERY CHEAP, at Day's Bookstore, Opposite the Market.

DAY BOOKS

LEDGERS CASH BOOKS JOURNALS AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 19th December, 1867. dw

HENRY MULHOLLAND!

THE OFFICE of Henry Mulholland is removed temporarily to the

READING ROOM OF

ELLIS' HOTEL Nearly Opposite the Old Stand. Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dw

THE RED MILL

THE subscriber having put a steam engine in this Mill, farmers bringing in their Grists can rely on having them ground the same day. Chopping done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL. GEORGE BALKWILL. Guelph 10th December, 1867. dw2m

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.

1867 1867 GUELPH AGENCY. Steam to Liverpool, London and Glasgow.

Steamship MORAVIAN, Portland to Liverpool, 24th December, 1867. Tickets to and from the Old Country, Passage Certificates to bring friends out, Return Tickets for six months, issued at reduced rates State some secured, and every information given on application. Insurance Policies for the voyage issued at the low rate of \$1 per 1,000 up to 10,000. Apply to GEORGE A. OXNARD, Agent, G. T. R., Guelph. Guelph, Oct. 21 1867. da

BOUQUETS

OF Everlasting Flowers, SUITABLE FOR Christmas Decorations! At C. & A. SHARPE'S, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, 23rd December, 1867. dw

WESLEYAN S. SCHOOL

Tea Meeting! THE Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School Tea Meeting will be held On Thursday Evening Next, in the Church. Teas at 6 o'clock. Tickets 25c. A. O. BUCHAM, Secretary. Guelph, 23rd Dec., 1867. dw

Farm for Sale or Rent.

FOR sale or to rent that farm, being Lot No. 14, in the 8th Concession, Township of Fishwick, containing of 100 acres, 80 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation. There are on the premises a good Stone House, Frame Barn, with stabling under, a good bearing Orchard, excellent Spring Well, and plenty of water for cattle. For particulars apply on the premises or by letter (post-paid) to THOMAS BAILEY, Painswick, Oct. 3, 1867. w3m Aberfoyle P. O.

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

THE subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve sows during the season. Terms \$1. ALLAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith. Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867. dw4d

St. George's Church.

THE Archdeacon desires it to be known by the congregation that the Officers on Christmas Day is intended for the Curate. Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867. dw

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RETIRING FROM BUSINESS!

TREMENDOUS CLEARING SALE OF THE LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &C., BELONGING TO HOGG & CHANCE, GUELPH.

The Co-partnership Dissolved! Mr. HOGG retires from the Business!

The Stock to be Cleared Off at Cost Prices, commencing on Monday, the 9th of December.

GREAT BARGAINS! Families ought to take advantage of this rare opportunity of laying in their Winter supplies at once, as this Stock is very large and complete in every Department. **Actual Cost Prices** will be asked for all the Goods, and no second price or bantering. Store will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and close at 6 o'clock in the evening during the sale. All Goods will be sold for Cash only.

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

dw-1m

HOGG & CHANCE.

GO TO CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

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A Merry Christmas
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL.

GO TO CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

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NEW FRUITS

The most complete,
The most choice,
The most select,
The Best and Cheapest

- 22 lbs. New Currants for . . \$1
- 11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins 1
- 10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins 1
- 8 lbs. New London Layer do. 1
- Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

FILBERTS!

Brazil Nuts, Walnuts,
Almonds, shelled or unshelled,
Figs, Prunes,
Dried Cherries and Cranberries
Oranges, Lemons,
Dried and Green Apples,

Canned Fruits and
Vegetables
of every description.

HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
Guelph, 10th December, 1867. dw

Medical Dispensary

JUST received at the Medical Dispensary, a
large supply of
Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes,
TOILET SOAPS, &c.
Also, the largest and best assortment stock of Eng-
lish and French PERFUMERY in town.

COAL OIL

of the best quality always on hand.

E. HARVEY

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.,
Guelph, Ontario.
11th Dec. 1867. dw

Wood Wanted,

700 cords of good hard wood. Ap-
ply at Brown's Wood Yard, Woolwich-st.,
nearly opposite the Court House, Guelph.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

The Great Clearing Sale of
DRY GOODS!

IS STILL GOING ON AT

WM. STEWART'S,

Guelph, 11th December, 1867. dw

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE
of the
AMERICAN WATCH

THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeit Watches, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the **NET GOLD VALUE OF AMERICAN CURRENCY.** The Company by thus paying all duty, costs and charges on their Watches into Canada, will supply to the people of the Dominion the

Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation, to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, and quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch. Our grades of **Extra Heavy Casod Watches** for Railway Engineers and Lumbermen deserve particular attention in Canada, as nothing can equal them for the purpose. Our leading Watches in **18 Carat Gold Cases** for Ladies and Private Gentlemen, at medium prices, will also be found very desirable.

We are frequently asked why we don't advertise prices. We reply that as we only supply the trade and as our Watches are now kept by most respectable houses, the public can rely on being served at a fair advance on the Manufacturer's List. Our trade marks are AMERICAN WATCH CO., APPLETON TRACY & CO., WALTHAM WATCH CO., P. S. BARTLEY, WM. ELLERY, HOME WATCH CO. Guaranteed in all cases by special certificate (except the HOME CO., which is warranted by the seller. The purchaser should always require the guarantee, as there are Swiss counterfeiters for sale in some places.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, New York, } General Agents.
ROBERT WILKES, Toronto and Montreal. }
D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

LOOK OUT For No. 1.

WILKINSON'S

BY going to WILKINSON'S for
XXX OYSTERS
They are admitted by customers to be the best, largest and cheapest in Guelph.

FINNAN HADDIES

If you want real Finnan Haddies, fresh Cold Fish, fresh Haddock and Yarmouth Blowers, go to **GEO. WILKINSON'S.**

SEALED GOODS!

FOR hermetically Sealed Goods, consisting of Strawberries, Lawton Blackberries, Peaches, Cherries, Tomatoes, Green Peas, Lobsters and Sardines, go to **GEO. WILKINSON'S.**

FRUIT, FRUIT

BUY your Fruit at Wilkinson's, and save 20 per cent. To convince you of this fact, below are quotations:

- 10 pounds Layer Raisins for - \$1
- 10 " Seedless Raisins - - 1
- 12 " French Prunes - - 1
- 20 " Currants - - 1

GEORGE WILKINSON.
Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1867. dw 4f

MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE,

West Market Square.

JUST received, a large lot of FANCY GOODS, all kinds, suitable for PRESENTS for

Christmas & New Year's

She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

Berlin & Fancy Wools

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery.
MRS. HUNTER.
Guelph, 11th Dec., 1867. dw

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 25¢ 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. dw

FURS, FURS, FURS.

WE have opened our stock of FURS, from our own manufacture, which will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

- Extra Dark Mink.
- Royal Ermine,
- Siberian Squirrel,
- River Mink,
- Ladies' Hoods,
- GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS -

F. GARLAND,
Market Square, GUELPH.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

NO. 40. GREAT CLEARING SALE!
FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.
Canada Clothing Store
N. CROFT
WILL POSITIVELY SELL OFF HIS ENTIRE STOCK OF
Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underclothing, &c.
At Prime Cost for Cash only.
NO SECOND PRICE. Call early and secure some of the Bargains, as the whole Stock must be sold. THIS IS NO HUMBUG.
N. CROFT,
Canada Clothing Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1867.

CROWDED TO EXCESS.

Extraordinary Bargains

The Great Clearing Sale continues to attract an immense number of customers anxious to participate in the

being offered. The store is daily crowded to excess, and an immense quantity of Goods have been sold to the entire satisfaction of the purchasers. The sincerity of this sale, when compared with "other sales," will never be questioned by the most skeptical. CALL AT ONCE.

Guelph, 20th Dec., 1867. **A. O. BUCHAM.**

MONTREAL BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM.

Low Prices
CLEAR THE TRACK
BOOTS AND SHOES.
New Goods

SKATING BOOTS!

JUST RECEIVED a large lot of Ladies' Skating Boots. An early call is solicited. **REDUCTION IN PRICES.** Ladies' Skating and Walking Balmorals from \$1.25 to \$3. Ladies' Finest lined Gaiters from \$1.25 to \$2.50. Men's Thick Boots from \$2 to \$3. An immense stock of Ladies, Gents, Misses and Children's Foot Balmorals, Gaiters and Overshoes, at prices that cannot fail to give satisfaction. Home manufactured Goods always on hand. All work warranted. **TERMS CASH.**

REMEMBER McLAREN'S OLD STAND.

JOHN McNEILL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Emporium, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario
Guelph, 14th December, 1867. 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.
Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867. dwsm

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT,

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1867 (dw D. MOLTON

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also Straw for beds
TERMS CASH.
JOHN WEST

MIDWINTER

MRS. MORTIMER, 1000 Re. Residence, 1000 Re. Street, half way between the Market Square and Holiday's Street, first house east of 30' Mine

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury...

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 26.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LADY OF BIRKENHEAD.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER II.—THE MANSION OF BIRKENHEAD—

A MIDNIGHT MARRIAGE—THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGE.

The mansion-house of Birkenhead stood on the edge of a deep rocky ravine...

From this ravine the place evidently derived its name, and gave that name to the mansion-house...

In feudal times, it must have been a place of great strength and security...

It will be seen, therefore, that the house of Birkenhead had been originally a stronghold...

Such was the building, at the closed entrance to which Walter Elliot dismounted...

"We are obliged to take certain precautions in these troublous times," observed Walter to his companion...

"Not as yet, I think, else the curate would have had his hands on the secret."

At the open door there stood an elderly man with a white beard...

"I have brought strangers with me to-night," Andrew, whom you must receive with hearty welcome...

"I am, indeed, a humble and unworthy servant of Christ, my good Andrew, and have, like others, suffered somewhat in my master's cause."

"As I'm a leevin' man, it's Maister M'Kail," exclaimed Andrew, with another start of joyful surprise...

Hand the light, Maister Walter, for any sake hand the light till I draw the bolts."

Walter laughed as he took the light out of the honest fellow's hand...

Bas's Pale Ale and Guinness' Dublin Beer in pints and quarts at Geo. Will-

COMMERCIAL

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, December 26, 1867.

In the early part of the week, especially on Tuesday, the market was largely supplied with every kind of produce.

Table of market prices for various goods like Flour, Wheat, Oats, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, December 24, 1867.

Cold, 12 1/2; Greenbacks 60 at 73 to 74; Sold at 74 to 74 1/2.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Flour—Fancy, \$7.50 to \$7.60; Superior No. 1, \$7.15 to \$7.25.

TORONTO, December 25, 1867.

Flour—Receipts, 200 bbls; No. 1, at \$6.75.

HAMILTON, December 25, 1867.

Fall wheat, \$1.45 @ \$1.50; spring do, \$1.30 @ \$1.35.

Valuable Tavern Stands FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the following valuable Tavern Stands in the village of Rockwood.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, close to the Railway Station, is only recently built, contains 12 parlours, and is a very large and well furnished building.

The Guelph Mercury

DAILY AND WEEKLY.

OFFICE: EAST MACDONNELL STREET.

McLAGAN AND INNES,

PUBLISHERS AND PROPRIETORS.

The EVENING MERCURY

CONTAINING the latest News by Telegraph up to the hour of going to press, is published at 5 o'clock every afternoon (Sunday excepted), and mailed to all parts of the county by the evening mails on the following

TERMS:

Single copy, one year, \$4. Single copy, 3 mo's \$1.60.

"The Weekly Mercury"

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

in the DOMINION, containing 40 columns of reading matter.

Valuable Building Lots for Sale

IN EVERTON.

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Orsters, &c., &c.

Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DEVON BULL FOR SALE

FOR sale by the subscriber, the Devon Bull "Prince William," 4 years old.

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING,

Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art.

NOTICE

To Debtors & Creditors.

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CARD OF THANKS.

THE subscriber begs to acknowledge the payment in full of his claim against the Fusinech Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the loss sustained on the 8th July last, by fire, in the destruction of his dwelling house and contents.

THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.

FRANK SMITH & CO.

77 Front Street, Toronto.

BEG to intimate to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of

Fresh English Groceries, Wines, Brandies, &c.,

Ex. 'Planet,' 'Chandlere,' 'City of Hamilton,' 'Glenborie,' from London.

'Avena,' 'Onelda,' 'Hibernia,' 'Peruvia,' 'Summer,' and 'Pericles,' from Liverpool.

'Abeona,' and 'Gleniffer,' from Glasgow.

'Agnes' from Charente. And are daily expecting the arrival of

Fresh New Crop Fruit and Mediterranean Cargo

Ex. 'Deodara,' 'Canny Scott' and 'Mary Ann,' from Malaga, Marseilles and Denia.

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE,

363 Hbls and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars.

222 Hbls Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.

5175 Half Chests and Caddies Souchong, Congou, Japan, Gunpowder, Young and Old Hyson Teas.

With a full assortment of Tobaccos, Refined Sugars, Wines and Liquors and Dry Groceries. All of which will be submitted to the trade, equal to and below Montreal prices.

Inspection invited. Terms Liberal. Cash and prompt paying customers desired.

Toronto, 6th November, 1867. dwf

CHRISTMAS BOXES. SMITH & BOTSFORD

will sell their CLOTHING at prices much lower than that of any other house in Guelph. It is now generally admitted that this is the only Store in town where real Bargains can be obtained.

Commercial Bank Bills taken at par.

SMITH & BOTSFORD.

Guelph, 11th December, 1867. dw-if

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

step in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever.

D. SAVAGE.

Guelph, December 14, 1867. dw

Apothecaries' Hall,

MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED

A large supply of

SYDNEY BROWN'S

PERFUME

WATCHES!

Superior to either the "Russell" or "American" Watch, containing as it does a new and

DELIGHTFUL PERFUMES

for the Handkerchief, unrivalled for the sweetness of its odour and lasting properties.

Funerals, Funerals!

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

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1,000 MEN WANTED

At the ELEPHANT Clothing Emporium

TO FILL THOSE

OVERCOATS and PEA JACKETS

which range in price from \$3.50 upwards. During the present month

SMITH & BOTSFORD.

Guelph, 11th December, 1867. dw-if

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS

OF STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured.

REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHES,

MANTLE CLOTHS,

Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph, September 21st 1867. d

GREAT SALE OF

BOOTS AND SHOES

PREST & HEPBURN

WILL COMMENCE

On Monday next, 23rd Dec.,

To sell off their entire Stock of Imported Goods

At Cost and Under!

and will continue until the whole is CLEARED OUT, as they intend in future to keep nothing but their own manufacture. This will be the best opportunity ever offered in the Town of Guelph to buy cheap Boots and Shoes, as the

Whole Stock will be sold without Reserve for Cash only.

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph, 16th October, 1867.

Come and See the Bargains at the

RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING

And a Cheap lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underclothing,

All of which we are determined to sell cheaper than any house in the town, and our

Groceries, Crockery and Liquors are Cheaper than ev

Just Arrived from Newfoundland

100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings,

100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings,

which can be confidently recommended as the best imported this year.

Commercial Bank Bills taken at par.

Guelph, November 14, 1867. dw