

To the Electors and Ratepayers OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

After a number of years' services in your council, as well as in the Board of School Trustees, I have resolved, at the desire of many partial friends, to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year. If the length of the term which I have spent in behalf of the interests of our good town can be a recommendation to your favor, I respectfully urge this claim. After nearly ten years' Municipal life, I think none will deny to me sincerity and fearlessness of purpose in the discharge of public duties, whilst I have ever sought to promote the welfare of the town in every possible way that lay in my power.

As there are many important and new questions affecting the public welfare likely to arise during the coming year, I have determined personally to interchange views with you during the short time left before the election. Amongst the most prominent of the questions, as you are aware, are the following, and which deserve the most anxious consideration:

1. The indebtedness of the town on account of the Municipal Loan Fund.
 2. The question of Railway Extension northward.
 3. The Union Station.
 4. The change in the Municipal and Assessment laws.
 5. The new School Law and Central School question.
 6. Town Hall enlargement.
 7. Increased economy in the expenditure on our roads and sidewalks, and the introduction of a thorough system by which they will be gradually made permanently good.
- It is not possible for me in the scope of a brief address like this, to discuss these important matters, but I shall have ample opportunity hereafter to do so. I may briefly here observe that I consider no step should be taken involving the expenditure of any large sum of money with reference to any of these questions without the opinion of the ratepayers being first duly obtained. Our present liabilities are heavy, taxation sufficient, and our future, in a measure, fraught with perplexity. Still, I think, with prudence and judgment, the town of Guelph is bound to flourish, and increase in general prosperity.

Respectfully soliciting your kind support and influence,
I am your obedient servant,
GEORGE S. HEROD.
Guelph, 16th December 1868. dwtf

NEW FLOUR AND FEED-STORE

East Market Square, Guelph.

A. GRAHAM & CO.

Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg.

First door East of Bell's Melodeon Factory,
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where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

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IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c., in the Village of Acton.

Public notice is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY, 23rd December, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, I will offer for sale by public auction, on the premises, in the village of Acton, in Ontario, at so much in the \$, the Stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton. Invaluable, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Biscuits and Shies, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, which, with certain Household Furniture and Book Debts, are valued at \$2,500. The Store is large and convenient, with a Dwelling House above, and a large garden in the rear. The rent, which is paid up to March next, is only \$120 per annum. The Stock and Book Debts may be viewed on the premises up to the day of sale, by application to Malcolm W. Donald Kennedy, residents of the village, and a copy of the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned.

THOMAS CLARKSON, Auctioneer.
83 Front Street Toronto, 14th Dec. dtd-w2

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Guelph, December 18th, 1868. d1w1

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WEDNESDAY EV'NG, DEC. 23, 1868.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

A GLANCE AT THE GROCERIES.

"Christmas comes but once a year," and it is a god-send that it comes at all. There are so many days in a twelve-month to be given up to care, reflection and regret that we may well afford a short holiday season to be devoted exclusively to joy and rejoicing. How it comes to pass that every person becomes good-humored about this time of the year, indulges his own follies and looks more charitably on the follies of others, it were of no use to enquire. The facts are there, and, not as in ordinary cases, so much the better for the facts. Every one looks out so that no share of his pleasure shall fall to another, who at the same time he is probably devising some plan which will augment his neighbour's enjoyment. — Youth projects sleigh-rides and other means of securing happiness, while hosts think over delicacies and other means of administering to comfort. "Every man to his trade," as Sixteen-string Jack observed, when refusing to listen to the exhortations of the chaplain, and about Christmas times not the least important trade seems to be that of GROCER. They are worthy men, these Grocers, and deserving of notice. "Good cheer, which contributes in a great degree to make a merry Christmas, consists, we opine, in something good to eat, with a drop of something not indifferent to drink; and these creature comforts, the Grocers, honest men, have been at the pains of importing for our special behoof. The philanthropists of this class in Guelph shall have honourable mention.

Beginning in Upper Wyndham Street, we find that Mr. Massie has got his retail store almost in order. It cannot be said that everything is in its proper place, but no article in the grocery line can be demanded that will not be immediately supplied. The store is a magnificent one, beautifully finished, and crammed full of the best of groceries; and altogether, the customer can scarcely regret that the old Alma Block was burnt, when such a splendid establishment has been erected on its ruins.

Mr. Langdon comes next. He has got a nice store, well filled with the choicest articles in his line. He has scarcely got into full operation yet, but he will soon have a full head of steam on, and his numerous friends will wish him abundant prosperity in his new venture.

Mr. Jas. Murphy is yet on the old corner. A lucky old corner it is, evidently, for Mr. Murphy still has about him the signs of prosperity. His store is amply supplied with all the luxuries of the holiday season. He has good tea, and splendidly flavoured tobaccos, and liquors—well don't make too free with them, that's all.

He has potatoes that any Irishman's heart would warm to, and poultry that no doubt were taken prisoners during a raid on a barn, and executed according to the twelfth article of war.

It is almost unnecessary to say that Mr. Rutherford is doing a large business. The number of customers which through his shop show the estimation in which his goods are held. Go on ladies and gentlemen, there is enough for you all, and the articles are by no means inferior quality.

Mr. Hugh Walker is as well prepared as ever to accommodate his patrons with the choicest groceries and liquors. His oysters are also of the very best quality. They are imported direct from Baltimore, and are fresh, well flavoured, and (important consideration) low-priced. We need scarcely add that for fruits in season and out of season Walker's is the house. As fruits and oysters are almost a speciality with him the public know where to find these articles good in quality, and at a reasonable rate.

Mr. Berry has on hand, a novice might suppose, delicacies enough to satisfy the entire population of the Province. He has given up bread baking, and now confines his attention exclusively to the manufacture of cakes, candies and cigars. He employs a large number of hands and every workman has his speciality. Some bake cakes, others ornaments in that style, and frequently attract our admiration when we see them displayed in the window; one manufactures those dear, sweet, useful conversation lozenges with remarkable rapidity, and two are employed rolling out sugarsticks for the sole purpose of appeasing the babies. Four men are employed in the cigar factory, and the article they turn out is most soothing and fragrant. We speak from experience. There is a magnificent wedding cake that has for some time occupied one of the windows. As nobody seems willing to marry in the purpose of making an opportunity to purchase it, it will be cut tomorrow, and retained for 30 cents per lb. There are 400 lb of it.

E. O'Donnell & Co. This is a comparatively new firm having been established last summer, but appearances indicate the transaction of a good business. There is certainly nothing against them; the situation is good and the look of the store quite attractive. They are well prepared to answer all requirements in their line, and to give satisfaction to all customers not peculiarly inclined to be captious.

Mr. John A. Wood has everything in apple pie order for the holidays. Very strong and well flavoured teas, still stronger liquors, the best of cheese, and several articles in crockery and glassware of which his neighbours do not possess copies. These constitute the staples in a store that is known to be one of the best in town.

Jackson & Hallett have subjected their establishment to alterations that amount almost to a complete renovation. They do a large jobbing business, and they have on hand a surprisingly large stock of liquors. It is their boast to have in their cellar a large quantity of sherry that has attained the mature age of thirteen years. A little of it goes a considerable length. Fruits, lemons, &c., of the best quality, are to be found there in abundance.

Mr. Macklin, of the co-operative store, has a good stock; plenty of fresh canned fruits, plenty of every substantial that is required to add to the hilarity of a merry Christmas. May his shadow never grow less.

Mr. C. Meredith has transferred to the west side of Wyndham st., the taste which he evinced on the east. He has a neat store, with good articles tastefully arranged, and although he will be able to show to better advantage by-and-by he is now able to answer all the demands of Christmas customers.

G. & A. Hadden are as well off as their neighbours. They have excellent teas and liquors, and consider their fruits worthy of special attention.

George Wilkinson, in addition to the ordinary articles to be found in a grocery store has canned fruits, and the best of oysters in the can, shell or keg. Try Wilkinson's bivalves; they are said to be delicious.

Mr. Massie still keeps the retail store on the corner of Macdonnell and Wyndham streets. It is unnecessary to add more. Mr. Risk is still there, and customers, we are sure, will not grumble. E. Carroll & Co. are still driving ahead with energy. There is a vast improvement on their establishment since we last gave it a Christmas notice, both as regards accommodation, and the quantity of stock. They are heavy on teas, chests upon chests being piled all around the store. The contents of these are fresh and good, and they are still driving ahead with energy. There is a vast improvement on their establishment since we last gave it a Christmas notice, both as regards accommodation, and the quantity of stock. They are heavy on teas, chests upon chests being piled all around the store. The contents of these are fresh and good, and they are still driving ahead with energy.

Mr. Doran still holds out his inducements on the Market Square. He has something to fill the cup which cheers and does not inebriate, and something to put in the cup which cheers and does inebriate, so "you pays your money (a moderate sum) and you takes your choice." His preparations for the holidays are ample, and his goods will prove satisfactory. Just try them and assure yourselves that our assertions are correct.

Mr. Robinson, of the Dominion Store, has enlarged her premises since we last noticed her, and now has a first-rate general assortment of groceries and fancy goods. Her stock of toys is large and suited to the dimensions of every purse.

Presuming that jewellery would be in demand for Christmas gifts our jewellers have added largely to their stocks. Mr. Cuthbert makes a very fine display, and his window is well worthy of admiration. Not to mention the large number of costly watches exposed to the best advantage, there are many rare and costly toys, well calculated to gladden the youthful heart at a time when it expects favours. What is useful and beautiful in his line is to be found at Mr. Cuthbert's. Mr. Porte who has lately commenced business in Guelph has a very handsome store, and bids fair to ingratiate himself with the public.—Mr. Savage is as well supplied as usual with clocks, watches, electro plated ware, &c. His stock of silver plate is very extensive, and very valuable, not to his establishment by any means wanting in those more delicate articles considered suitable for holiday presents.

School Examination.
The pupils attending the Senior Girls' School were examined yesterday by the Local Superintendent, in presence of Messrs. Knowles, McNeil and Bruce, school trustees, who expressed themselves well pleased with the proceedings. There was also present a large attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars. The examination occupied the greater part of the day. The exercises, in addition to the usual branches taught, included music and singing, in which departments, as well as the others, the pupils made a most creditable exhibition. That Miss Walker is a superior teacher, is beyond a doubt, the rapid increase, as well as the progress made in the school, fully attest this assertion. She thoroughly inculcates the rudiments of every department, and the pupils yesterday from the apt, appropriate and prompt replies, showed that they fully understood, and had acquired a thorough knowledge of all the branches taught them. In the languages the examination was particularly interesting. But the greatest proficiency shown was in the fancy knitting and needlework. In this department, which is a comparatively new one, beautiful specimens of the handiwork of these young ladies, who had plied their willing fingers for many a long hour to make such a display, was greatly admired. So also was the drawing. Four prizes had been sent to the school, two from Mr. McNeil, one from Mr. T. J. Day, one from Mr. John Anderson, to be distributed amongst the scholars. They were awarded as follows: Writing, Miss Keables and Miss Heuer; Miss J. Collins for needlework, and Miss M. Parker for drawing. At the conclusion of the examination Miss Tovel, in the name of the school, presented Miss Walker with a handsome writing desk, accompanied with the following address:

TO MISS WALKER.
RESPECTED TEACHER.—On behalf of the girls attending the Senior Girls' School I give me great pleasure upon the present occasion in presenting you with this Writing Desk as a slight token of the respect and esteem we entertain for you as a teacher.

During the brief period you have presided over our intercourse has been peculiarly pleasant, and our prayer is that you may be long spared to watch over us with that vigilant and careful attention which has characterized you as a teacher in the past.

We are fully sensible of the great responsibility that devolves upon you in teaching us and moulding our minds, as it were, for all eternity. These duties are arduous, and in the performance of them we are also aware that, like all successful teachers, you have to undergo measures which at first appearance seem somewhat hard to our youthful ideas. But we are persuaded that while thus acting you are only doing your duty to our Heavenly Father to those who are the guardians of the school and to us, your young pupils.

Take then this gift, and when you gaze upon it, we trust the remembrance of those who have been greatly benefited by your instruction will arise in your breast.

In conclusion it is our most earnest wish that the future may be fraught with many happy and profitable days, and that the same reciprocal feeling will exist between us as in the past. Praying that God may reward and bless your labours and crown your efforts amongst us with success, and wishing you the compliments of the present festive season.

We are, dear Teacher,
YOUR LOVING PUPILS.

Miss Walker made a feeling and suitable reply.

The schools have been closed for the holidays, and will be re-opened on the 7th January.

SOUTH WARD SCHOOL.—This school was examined on Friday. The average attendance for the current quarter, has been

73 boys and 43 girls, 116. The following pupils were promoted to the senior schools:—Wm. Simpson, Robt. Emalie, Chas. Burgess, Jas. Currie, George Bloomfield, Welland Marshall, William Sallows.

The educational progress and orderly conduct of this school are highly creditable to the teachers, Mr and Miss Ferguson.

WEST WARD SCHOOL.—This school was examined on Monday. Average attendance, 68; promoted to senior schools, J. Sockett, Roland Heuer, Alex. Cross, Alex. Robertson, Elizabeth Dyer, Emeline Potts. This school, under the charge of Mr. J. Hunter, is making favourable progress.

Musical Exhibition by Miss Wightman's Pupils.
The pupils attending Miss Wightman's Boarding and Day School gave a Concert in the Town Hall last night, in presence of their parents, guardians and other friends. The platform and Hall were tastefully decorated with flags, and the scene was greatly enhanced and rendered more interesting by the orderly arrangement of the young ladies, who, all neatly dressed in white, were seated on the platform. The following are the pieces and the names of the pupils who executed them on the piano: Duett—"Edinburgh Quadrilles," Misses F. Wightman and Swinford; duett—"Lucia de Lammermore" the Misses Holiday; duett—"Lucretia Borgia," Misses Swinford and Hood; trio—"Shells of ocean," Misses Warner, Russell and Howard; duett—"Annie Laurie," Misses Duffield and Hortop; duett—"La Crosse Galop," Misses Smith and Holiday; duett—"Il Corricolo, Galop de Salon," Misses Russell and Holiday; duett—"Clara Polka," Misses Newton and Howard; duett—"Vienna March," Misses Bradley and Holiday; duett—"Stamp Galop," Misses Wightman and Hood. The various pieces were very correctly rendered, and with a freedom and expression in the execution which showed that the pupils had mastered the difficulties of the music, and that great pains and much time had been spent by their teacher in thoroughly grounding them in the principles of the science. Miss Wightman deserves all credit for the abundant proofs of proficiency her pupils displayed, which could not have been attained without the exercise of talent, energy and perseverance on her part, and close attention as well as perseverance in their studies on the part of her scholars. Mrs. Lemon, Miss E. Jones, and Mr. C. Murton also favored the company with some choice pieces, and led in the choruses. At the close of the Concert, the younger portion of the company indulged in a dance, which was kept up with spirit for a few hours. We might also state that previous to the holiday vacation, the pupils presented Miss Wightman with a handsome silver butter cooler, and Miss F. Wightman with several articles of jewellery, as tokens of the respect entertained for them as their teachers, and in appreciation of their unweary labours in promoting their education.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

Wednesday 23rd.—Nancy Dolan was charged with vagrancy. She objected to being taken back to gaol, nevertheless she had to go for 21 days.

Andrew Barry was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He denied the imputation, and said he was not drunk but crazy, for he could not find work. He was provided with a job for 10 days.

Mary Ann Grey was charged by Wm. ... having stolen from his house, on Monday night last, two dresses, a muffler, a mantle, a table cloth and 10 lbs of butter. She had been in his employ from the Friday previous, but on this eventful night she bolted, taking with her the articles enumerated, which were afterwards found in her possession. She was sent up for trial.

PRESENTATION AT ROCKWOOD.—On the evening of Tuesday the 22nd instant, the students of the Rockwood Academy waited upon the teachers and presented them with a handsome Malacca and silver mounted cane each, suitably engraved, costing \$14.50, together with an address to the teachers, Messrs. McCaig & McMillan, made suitable replies. The Rev. J. Kilgour, Local Superintendent of Schools, also addressed the meeting, which was composed of the students and a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen from Rockwood. The presentation was made on behalf of the students by Messrs. Charles McLellan and M. A. Campbell. We are sorry we are unable to find room for the address and reply. This mark of the students' appreciation of the labours of Messrs. McCaig & McMillan is well deserved, for they are talented, painstaking and energetic teachers, and they have raised the Rockwood Academy to a first-class position among the schools in the Province.

HOWORTH'S COLOSSAL TABLEAU.—This panorama opens this evening in the Town Hall. The *Globe*, speaking of it when exhibited in Toronto, says: "The entertainment is no commonplace affair, but is altogether superior to the usual run of travelling exhibitions. The various scenes are executed with high artistic skill. The smallest details have been carefully attended to by the artist, and the truth, which the natural history of Eastern countries is depicted in the various views, is exceedingly interesting and instructive. We have not for some time seen an exhibition so healthy in tone, and so fitted to elevate the thoughts of an audience; and if parents feel at a loss for a proper place to which they may take their children for an evening's entertainment, we advise them to embrace the opportunity now offered by Mr. Howorth."

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—We are pleased to state that Mr. John McNeil intends to be a candidate for School Trustee for the West Ward. Mr. McNeil has been an active and efficient member of the Board, and deserves re-election at the hands of the electors of the West Ward.

Mr. Kennedy, the famous Scottish vocalist, was entertained at supper in Washington, a few evenings ago. The chair was occupied by Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and among those present were a number of Congressmen, and leading citizens of Washington.

GUELPH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—This association has received a grant of \$100 from the Government, like sums having been granted to all affiliated Rifle Associations in the country.

Mr. Swinford denies the report that the New York Central Railroad Company have offered to lease the Great Western Railway of Canada.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The following despatch dated Constantinople, 21st, is just received, and embraces the latest news from that quarter.—The Sultan has extended the time to three weeks for the departure of Greeks from Constantinople. The Emperor of Russia has authorized Greek vessels, probably those carrying away refugees, to use the Russian flag. Hobar Pasha, the Turkish Admiral, with 7 men-of-war, is blockading Syria, where the Greek steamer Eros took refuge. Phaedris Bey, the Turkish Minister at Athens, has returned to Constantinople. The Grecian Government is making rapid preparations for war.

American Despatches

San Francisco, 23rd.—Advices from China state that the English fleet reached Nankin on the 8th Nov. On the next day the British Consul, with a guard of marines, called on the Viceroy and demanded full reparation for the insults offered missionaries at Hong Chow. The Viceroy complied with all the demands. The fleet has returned to Shanghai.

Lord Scott proceeds to Formosa to adjust the missionary question there. Capt. Dunlop, of H.M.S. *Dove* is duly engaged in surveying the Grand Canal.

Dinner to Mr. C. J. Brydges at Montreal.

The complimentary dinner to Mr. C. J. Brydges, Managing Director of the G. T. R., came off at the St. Lawrence Hall, on Tuesday night. There were one hundred and seventy present. Mayor Workman occupied the chair. None of the members of the Government were present.

In responding to the toast of his health, Mr. Brydges, after thanking the company for the great honour done him in this expression of their confidence, proceeded to refer more particularly to his connection with the Grand Trunk. He was, he said, in no way connected with its original inception or construction. In these there might have been great mistakes, but every man, nevertheless, must admit that the Grand Trunk had been productive of immense advantage to Canada. Without the Grand Trunk Railway, Canada would not have occupied the position she did today; and he believed they would all agree with him, that without the continued existence of that Great arterial highway, Canada would never be able to rise to that position which he believed she was destined to fill. He then contrasted the position of the Grand Trunk to-day with what it was seven years ago, when he assumed the management. Only a few months before that period, a commission appointed by the Government had declared the expenses of working—the railway, during a period of three years, exceeded its receipts; that its labour was impaired, and the wages of its workmen months in arrears. Scarcely a merchant in Montreal at that time could sell goods to the Company with any feeling of certainty that he would be paid. There was such a feeling of distrust through the country that it seemed a matter almost impossible to be avoided that that great highway should be closed to the commerce of the country. What was the position today? It was true they had not been able to pay those suffering shareholders whose money had made this railway and whose country what it was, the interest they were fairly entitled to, at any rate they had been able to place the company in a position, where its credit stood as good, he believed, as any of any merchant even in the city of Montreal, in speaking of the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty, he said the Grand Trunk was able to come to the aid of the commercial interests of Canada, and to open up for its produce markets which were denied to them on the American frontier.

During the year about to close, the Grand Trunk has transferred from the producing portions of this country upwards of 400,000 barrels of flour, its great product to the Maritime Provinces, which used to find a market in the United States. Canada had derived enormous collateral advantage from the existence of the Grand Trunk, to which she has contributed something like one-fifth of the cost of its construction. In return for that expenditure, she had seen the growth of such great cities as Montreal, and her sister city, Toronto; she had seen the value of her lands increased enormously, and had obtained markets for produce. He pointed out that all the expectations which had been anticipated from the organization of the Company in 1853, have been disappointed mainly in consequence of the American war, which in five years had abstracted from the profits of the Grand Trunk no less a sum than one million pounds sterling. The result has been a feeling of disappointment, almost of exasperation, on the part of the stock and bond holders, and a not unnatural disposition to visit their indignation on the head of the first man they could find. After referring to the slanders attacks made against him during his absence in England, he read a resolution unanimously adopted on the 23rd of Nov. by the Grand Trunk Board of Directors, composed of men like Haring, Glyn, and Hodgson—that when none stood higher in the City of London. The resolution was as follows:—"Mr. Brydges having stated that he proposed return to Canada on Thursday, the President moved, seconded by Mr. Kirkman Hodgson, and unanimously resolved—that this Board records its unanimous belief in the honour, integrity and ability of the chief officers in Canada, Messrs. C. J. Brydges to make known this resolution in Canada, as the Board's best answer to the false and scandalous charges so persistently made. A portion of the press of Canada had found great fault with his appointment as a Commissioner for the construction of the Intercolonial Railroad. He felt he was justified in occupying that position and he would tell them why. If he had consulted higher in his own feelings, his own ease and his own comfort, it would have been easier for him to have stated that his avocations were already sufficiently engrossing to prevent his adding anything to them. But when the position of Intercolonial Commissioner, entirely in every possible way unsought by himself, was tendered to him by the Government—when they told him that their object in asking him to take it was that he should give them whatever benefit his quarter of a century's experience of the construction and working of railways would afford—he felt, as one who had a material interest in the prosperity of Canada, that he was not justified, under the circumstances, in preferring his own ease and comfort to what they were pleased to tell him was the welfare of public duty.

Thornton has Planchette. Sale tonight at Shewan's old stand.

NOTICE.—Hereafter local editorial business notices will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line in every edition of the Mercury.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

After several attempts to frame a law providing for the proper registration of births, deaths and marriages, a bill has at length been drawn up so satisfactory in its provisions that it has received its second reading in the Local Legislature, and will in all probability pass the remaining stage and become the law of Ontario on the first day of July, 1869. Every person is aware that such an act is of no less importance in this Province than similar ones have been found to be in other countries, where the properly certified record of one or more of the three great events, two of which are common to all, and the third to the greater part of humanity, have proved of much moment. We propose, therefore, to summarise as briefly as possible, the provisions of the bill.

The Provincial Secretary is to be Registrar-General of the Province. Each county, or city or town withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the country shall be a registration district, and the Clerk of the Peace shall be District Registrar.

Again, each township, incorporated village, town, and every ward in cities shall be registration divisions, and the Clerks of such municipalities shall be the Division Registrars. The latter will be obliged to make their returns on or before the 10th of January of each year to the District Registrars, and these in their turn shall transmit them to the Registrar General before the first of each February. The father or mother of any child born in the Province, or in case of their death or inability, then any person standing in their place, or the nurse or any person present at the birth, shall give notice within thirty days to the Division Registrar, paying ten cents, and answering the following queries: When born? Name? Sex? Name and surname of father? Name and maiden surname of mother? Rank or profession of father? And there will be entered at the same time a description of the informant with signature and residence, the date of registry and the name of the accoucheur. Although births should be registered within thirty days, nothing shall prevent their subsequent registration within one year.

In the same manner, deaths are to be reported by some one of the persons residing in the houses in which they take place, or by any one who was present; but if the death has not occurred in a house, then by any person who has any knowledge of the circumstances attending the demise. The report is to be made before interment, if possible, or ten days after. Answers are expected to the following questions: Name and surname of deceased? When died? Sex? Age? Rank or profession? Where born? Certified cause of death and duration of illness? Name of physician, if any? Religious denomination? The other entries are the same as in the case of births. Physicians are required to report births or deaths at which they have attended professionally.

Ministers and all persons authorized by law to celebrate marriages must report to the Division Registrar within thirty days, paying twenty-five cents, which the happy bridegroom will be supposed to have previously forked over. Information is required on the following subjects: The name, age, place of birth, residence, condition and profession of the contracting parties, together with the names of their parents, and the religious denomination or denominations to which they belong. Also, whether the lady is a spinster or a widow, and whether the authority for the marriage has been a license or the publishing of banns.

All persons shall have a right to search these records, and to receive, for the sum of fifty cents, extracts duly certified by the Registrar General, which shall be evidence of the entry certified, and prima facie evidence in any Court of Law or Equity in this Province, of the facts therein stated. Registrars neglecting their duty may be fined fifty dollars for every offence, and parties neglecting to report births, deaths or marriages, may be fined any sum between one dollar and twenty dollars, the prosecution in all cases to be a summary one before a magistrate.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.—Our best thanks are due to Mr. Joseph Kirby, of Milton, for a couple of splendid turkeys which he has sent us as a Christmas present. It is seldom the editorial larder is graced with two such fine birds, and we think all the more highly of them from the fact that last Christmas Mr. Kirby sent us as handsome a present. He evidently appreciates the manifold services of the Mercury in the cause of agriculture and has done his best to make us forget our thousand and one trials and vexations in the enjoyment of a feast at Christmas. May his stock always take first prizes, (which is generally the case) and his turkeys be ever the biggest and fattest in Halton.

ERIN FALL SNOW.—We are requested to state that the ram lamb (long-wooled) which took the first prize at the Erin Show, belonged to Mr. Robt. Kennedy and not to Mr. T. Tolton, as formerly published.

A case of death from small-pox occurred in town this morning.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE,
GUELPH, Dec. 23d, 1868.
J. A. C. Hein, Toronto; Wm. Maxwell, Toronto; Chas. Roe, Cobourg; J. Wilkes, Mount Forest; Mr. T. H. Adams, Walkerton; Thos. H. Green, Cairo, Ill.; A. Gillespie, Toronto; Isaac Fenton, Brookville; J. F. Cross, Fergus; Jas. Smellie, Toronto; J. Leamont, Toronto; J. Marshall, Toronto; J. Denny, Saugeen; S. Davidson, Marshall; Saugeen; J. P. Coulson, Owen Sound; Hugh Jones, Dundas; R. Johnson, Fergus; A. McDonald; Park Hill; Miss Burns, Owen Sound; Mr. Corlick, Proton; R. Larter, Owen Sound; Chas. Brown, Toronto; Lyman McGee, Hamilton.

DIED.

McEwen.—At Guelph, on the 21st inst., Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. William McEwen, aged 21 years.
The funeral will take place from her father's residence to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

CHRISTMAS

AND
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

AT
JOHN HORSMAN'S,

HOUSES TO LET.

To let two dwelling houses. There are seven apartments in one and four in the other. Apply to
DAVID McCRAE, Senr., London Road,
Guelph, 23rd Dec. d2

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market sheds. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage.
Guelph, Dec. 23. d4 B. B. PRESANT.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Place before an intelligent public this notice, and bespeak for it a kindly reception from young and old, rich and poor.

Our Platform is sufficiently broad and comprehensive, that every one can stand upon it to advantage. We simply seek the general good of the whole community by giving good advice and showing how to SAVE MONEY, which, we take it, is something every intelligent person is desirous of doing.

In the first place we wish to inform the public that we are in
The Grocery,
Liquor and
Crockery Trade
at our usual stand, Wyndham-st.

20 lbs New Currants for One Dollar.
E. O'DONNELL & CO.

In order to meet the wants of all classes, our Stock has been greatly enlarged and improved. Every line of Goods has been carefully classified and made as complete as possible, and now we flatter ourselves that our Stock is equal in every respect to any in the Dominion.

Everything in stock is fresh, new and sparkling. No old shop-keepers' rust and decay upon our shelves to be palmed off on the unsuspecting. We buy the VERY BEST GOODS which the markets of Europe and the Dominion afford, and sell at the very smallest margin of profits.

12 lbs. New French Raisins for \$1.
E. O'DONNELL & CO.

The success which we have already met with since commencing business in Guelph warrants us in the belief that our efforts to conduct a First-class Grocery Establishment is fully appreciated by the public.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching, when all make an effort to obtain good cheer wherewith to enjoy festivities of the season. It is of importance that purchasers should get value for their money, and a visit to E. O'Donnell & Co's will convince the most skeptical that it is just the place to obtain the choicest Goods at the very lowest prices.

11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins for \$1.
E. O'DONNELL & CO.

During the past two weeks we have been in DAILY RECEIPT of large quantities of Goods, which are now opened and offered for inspection at
E. O'DONNELL & CO'S,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 23rd December. dw

SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED,

And is superintending the RETAIL DEPARTMENT of the
Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works
WYNDHAM STREET.

THE MAMMOTH CAKE

To be Cut and Sold at 30c. per lb., worth 50c.

Every person should have a piece of the LARGEST CAKE EVER MADE IN THE DOMINION. Please leave your order by Wednesday evening. Also, an endless variety of GOODS for

Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts!

For large and small. Come one and all, come all, and see for yourselves.

H. BERRY.
Guelph, Dec. 23, 1868. daw tf

R. RAE & CO.
IMPORTERS OF

China, Crockery, Glassware,
AND FANCY GOODS.

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH, ONT.

HAVING purchased of Messrs. JAMES MASSIE & CO. their stock of Crockery and Glassware, imported this Fall, and rented the large and commodious premises adjoining their wholesale Grocery Store in the New Alma Block, we propose carrying on a large and exclusively Wholesale business in the above line.

From the facilities we possess in a practical knowledge of the business, and by buying for cash in the best markets of England, France, Germany and America, we are prepared to offer our Goods at prices that will compete favorably with any House in the Province.

Guelph is a specially central point, offering facilities for the transmission of Goods in all directions. Under such circumstances we have confidence in soliciting an examination of our stock before purchases are made elsewhere, confident that we can offer inducements unsurpassed in the Trade. We are now opening

500 Crates of Granite and Common Ware,
And 300 packages of Glassware, China & Fancy Goods
Comprising a complete assortment in these lines.

Prompt attention given to all orders, and all Goods carefully packed by experienced warehousemen.
Guelph, 19 December. d4w-w1y R. RAE & CO.

Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to
JOHN R. PORTE'S

JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE,
Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street.

The following choice articles will be found in Stock:

Ladies' Companions
Ladies' Work Boxes
Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks

Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c.

WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY

Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.
Guelph, 17th December. dw JOHN R. PORTE.

PLANCHETTE,

The Maquette Fortune Teller
Hundreds of thousands of this the greatest curiosity of the age have been sold in the United States and Canada. To be had at
SHEWAN'S OLD STAND,
Wyndham Street,
Guelph, 23rd December. d2

THE WHEEL OF LIFE!

—OR—
ZOETROPE and PLANCHETTE
AT
CUTHBERT'S.

CUTHBERT'S

ATTRACTIONS

For the Present Holiday Season
Exceed anything that has ever been in Guelph.

CALL AND SEE.
Guelph, December 23 dw

SPEED LODGE, No. 180.

An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, Dec. 23d, at half-past 7 o'clock, for installation of officers.
JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.
Guelph, Dec. 23. d1d

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to
S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph,
November 19. daw tf

New Advertisement.

FRUITS.

FRUITS SOLD
EXTREMELY CHEAP

DURING THE
HOLIDAYS

AT
E. CARROLL & CO'S.,
Day's 2 Block.

Guelph, December 21st. dw

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Beautiful Jewellery!

When you buy your Christmas Presents,
DON'T FORGET TO CALL AND SEE
D. SAVAGE'S

Beautiful Stock of Jewellery.
Wyndham Street, Guelph, 18th December. dw

ARRIVED

The First Lot this Season

FRESH HADDOCK
FRESH LOBSTERS, in the Shell

ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY
Superior Haddies

PTATT & CO'S
BALTIMORE
OYSTERS

SELECT, ARRIVING DAILY.
SOLD TO THE TRADE AT HAMILTON
AND TORONTO PRICES.

GEORGE WILKINSON,
Guelph, 18th December. dw SOLE AGENT FOR GUELPH.

B. L. S.

Lately with Messrs. James Massie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of
Groceries, Wines and Liquors
DINNER and TEA SETS, GLASSWARE, &c.
Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the Store.

Next Door to THE ALMA BLOCK, Guelph.

LANGDON FOR WINES and LIQUORS.
LANGDON FOR TEAS.
LANGDON FOR SUGARS.

LANGDON For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.
LANGDON For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY
LANGDON For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE

JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. SALT; 100 Bbls and half bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 60 bbls. Labrador HERRING.
Guelph, 15th December. daw

ELECTION OF MAYOR

FOR 1869.
TOWN OF GUELPH
THE VOTE AND INTEREST OF the Electors are respectfully solicited in favor of
Mr. ROBT. MELVIN
FOR MAYOR.

A MUSEMENT.

TOWN HALL, GUELPH.
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
December 23, 24 and 25.

MATINEE on Christmas afternoon at 2. Children admitted to Matinee for 10 cents each. Every child receives a Christmas present.

M. E. HOWORTH'S

Grad Teacher of
THE HOLY LAND,
AND PARADISE LOST,
Printed on 141,000 feet of canvas, have been visited by thousands in Europe, Canada, and the United States. For particulars see programmes.
Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents. No reserve seats.
Doors open at 6.45, to commence at half-past seven.
G. SMITH, Business Agent.
J. HOWORTH, Manager. d3

HARTFORD

Fire Insurance Company
Of Hartford, Conn.
INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000
Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.
Guelph, Dec. 21. E. MORRIS, Agent. d1y

WELLINGTON LUMBER YARD

GUELPH.
Notice to Farmers and Others.
No. 1, Sawn Shingles, @ \$1.35
No. 1, Cut Shingles, @ 1.65
No. 2, Sawn Shingles, @ 1.65
No. 2, Cut Shingles, @ 0.85
GOWDY & STEWART.
Guelph, Dec. 21. d6t-w1f

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders for cross-cutting a quantity of hardwood logs into short lengths. For particulars apply at my office.
DAVID ALLAN, Guelph Mills, d4w1
Guelph, 22nd Dec.

SHOOTING MATCH.

A grand shooting match will take place at the Bull Frog Hotel, Emmaus Road, on FRIDAY, 25th of December, when a number of capital turkeys, geese and ducks will be shot for. Ranges for both rifles and guns will be provided. Sport to begin at noon.
Guelph, 22nd Dec. dw JAMES HOOD

Guelph Evening Mercury
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1868.
OLD GUBBY.

BY CLEMENT W. SCOTT.
She was either not sensitive enough to see that the old man was pained that she did not cling to him, or too willing to own it if she did. The little selfish child who would scamp among the furniture piled up in Old Gubby's curiosity shop, and grin at her father from the top of some carved wardrobe or bookcase, endangering her life, and destroying her father's peace of mind—this wild, undisciplined creature, who would change from an hysterical laughing scene into a passionate fit of crying, grew up and became more and more estranged from her father.
Her companions were none of his choosing. Old Gubby had prayed by the side of her cot, years ago, that she might be in some sort of way the joy of the little back-parlour, and the light of his remaining life. And now look how it turned out. She hated the little back parlour, did Miss Polly Gubbs, and declared it was not genteel to have a father in trade. This cut the old man to the heart, but he still humoured her. He was not a rich man, and a smart acquaintance made him not so well able to attend to his business as formerly. But he gave Miss Polly an excellent education, and, perhaps, by this final act of kindness put a finishing stroke to his misery.
Polly was sharp enough; but the education she received, although it taught her French and Italian, and made her a good singer and pianoforte player, did not teach her that most necessary article—common sense. There was no denying that Polly Gubbs was a pretty girl; but, besides her pretty face and her sunny hair, she had such a grimy little figure and small feet, that she soon began to sigh for that inevitable womanly comfort—dress.
She did not ask in vain. Old Gubby's slender capital, reduced by Polly's education, became smaller and smaller with the constant calls that dress made upon it.
"She looks so sweet," said the old man, as she whisked out of the little shop with one of her smart acquaintances. "What is there I would not give her if I could?"
But there came a day when he was unable to give her some luxury she wished for, and for the first time in the girl's life Polly's father was compelled to say "no."
Then there was a sad scene. Polly was up in arms in a minute; she said hard things about the shop, harder things about her father's position; she actually taunted him with their humble life "after the education she had received;" but, happily, she was not dependent on her father. "She had, however, made up her mind. She would go out as a governess, and see the world." This scene nearly broke Old Gubby's heart. He was unable to move her from her determination, and she only relented so far as to accept a daily situation for the present.
"Don't leave me, Polly!—don't quite leave me," he had said. But the drudgery of a daily governess was too great for Polly. She had heard of governesses who went into good places, and eventually married well; and Polly was a pushing girl.
One night she packed up all her pretty dresses, and her father's presents, and on another night they were conveyed away; and on the third night Old Gubby came home, and found his daughter's nest was empty. His darling daughter Polly had left him; and Old Gubby was alone in the little back parlour!

CHAPTER II.—ONE CHRISTMAS EVE.
It was a terrible blow for the poor old man, and he naturally feared the worst at first.
"What have I done," he kept saying to himself, "that Polly should leave me? Where can I wander to find her? I shall go mad!"
In a few days, however, Old Gubby received a short note, on fine crested paper, dated from one of the most fashionable London squares, written in a fit of Polly's flowing spirit, and telling her father that she had obtained an excellent situation as governess in a rich man's family; where she was very happy, and was thoroughly appreciated. It was the last paragraph of this thoughtless—it would be unfair to call it heartless, when the writer had no affection in her—letter which cut Old Gubby to the heart.
And now, dear father, I hope that you will believe that I am very, very happy, and will not trouble yourself any more about your willful child. The neighbors, I know, will look after you, and I am sure you will want for nothing. Above all things, do not attempt to come and see me. I do not know what would be the consequence if they saw you, and knew what you were. The world is now before me, and it will be my fault if I do not get on. I will come and see you when I can do so safely. Till then, believe me to be, dear old daddy, your affectionate child.
The old man crumpled up the letter, and raged against the selfish folks who had taken Polly away from him. Notwithstanding Polly's wickedness, he had not the heart to scold Polly.
"If they knew what I was," he muttered to himself. "And what if they did? They must be snobs to alter their conduct to her because of my shop, and scoundrels to separate a father and his daughter. And my little Polly is eating these people's bread."
Poor Old Gubby! he could not see Polly's sin. The shock of Polly's sudden disappearance, and the seeming impossibility of his ever seeing her again, except on sufferance, brought on a very serious illness, from which Old Gubby with difficulty recovered. When he rose from his sick bed he was an altered man. His business went to rack and ruin. Besides being disinclined to do any work, he was too weak to attend to it properly.

TO BE CONTINUED.
Ladies' work boxes, gents' writing desks, dolls, ladies' companions, and a large quantity of fancy goods for Christmas gifts, at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.
30 doz. 50c books, 40 doz. 27c books, 50 doz. 40c books, 60 doz. 12c books, 100 doz. 8c books, all suitable for Christmas gifts, just received at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.

Special Notices.
ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM!
FOR THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION!
And all diseases that lead to it, such as Coughs, neglected Colds, Pain in the Chest, and all Diseases of the Lungs.
AS AN EXPECTORANT I HAS NO EQUAL.
It has now been before the Public for a number of years and has gained for itself a
World-Wide Reputation.
Physicians recommend it in their practice and the formula from which it is prepared is highly commended by Medical Journals. Call at the Druggists and get a pamphlet. Every Druggist sells the Balm.
PERRY DAVIS & SON, Proprietors, 17, Dawson Street, Montreal, P. O.
HALL'S VEGETABLE SICHIAN HAIR RESTORER
Is the only infallible Hair Preparation for RESTORING GRAY HAIR TO ITS COLOR AND PROMPTLY TO GROWTH.
It is the cheapest preparation ever offered to the public, as one bottle will last longer and accomplish more than three bottles of any other preparation.
Our Restorer is not a Dye—it will not stain the skin as others do. It will keep the hair from falling out. It cleanses the Scalp, and makes the Hair Soft, Lustrous and Silken.
Our Treatise on the Hair sent free by mail.
P. HALL & CO., Nashua, N. H., Proprietors.
For sale by all Druggists.

BACHELOR'S HAIR DYE
This splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless, reliable, instantaneous. No disappointment. No ridiculous tints. Remedies the effects of bad dyes. Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers, and prepared at Bachelor's Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond St., N. Y.

OPENING NOTICE.
The GUELPH BAKERY
Upper Wyndham Street.
H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST
Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the Store
NEXT DOOR TO M. SODEN'S,
Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.
A. GILCHRIST,
Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker.
Guelph, Dec. 19.


AUCTIONS SALE
OF
BOOKS,
TO-NIGHT,
At M. Shewan's Old Stand,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. B. THORNTON,
Manager of Sale
Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868.

Removal.—Card of Thanks.

Wm. Hoover, Coachman and Livery Stable Keeper, begs to thank his patrons and the public for their support, and to inform them that he has removed to the New Stone Stable, in rear of Miller's Hotel,
WEST MACDONNELL STREET
Orders may be left at his office in the Stable, at his house, near the Alma Block, or at Miller's Hotel, and will be promptly attended to.
THE CAB STAND
For the winter will be at the corner of Mr. Hogg's Dry Goods Store.
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1868.

Books for
CHRISTMAS
Presents.
Just received, a Large Stock of
BOOKS
Suitable for Christmas Presents. A Splendid Stock of
Juvenile Books
Pocket Bibles
Gift Books
Illustrated Books
Good Books
You are sure to get what you want in the above lines at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market.
Guelph, Dec. 19.

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

CELEBRATED
CARRATRACA WATER!
From the Mineral Springs, Plantagenet, Ont.
A fresh supply
JUST RECEIVED.
This justly Celebrated Mineral Water, so highly recommended by the Faculty, should be found in every family, and in order to meet the increasing demand, the subscriber has made arrangements to supply his customers
By the Gallon, Quart, or Glass.
As a mild Tonic, gentle Purgative, and Alternative. This Water is especially adapted to those suffering from
INDIGESTION, HEARTBURN, HEADACHE, and GENERAL DEBILITY.
The analysis by Dr. Girwood, Military Surgeon, Montreal, shows this water to contain—Chlorides of Sodium and Potassium, Bromide and Iodide of Magnesium, Sulphate and Carbonate of Lime, Carbonate of Magnesia, Iron, &c.
E. HARVEY & CO.,
Sole Agent.
Guelph, December 7.


Executors' Notice.
ALL parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned.
GEORGE ELLIOTT,
NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE,
Guelph, Nov. 6.

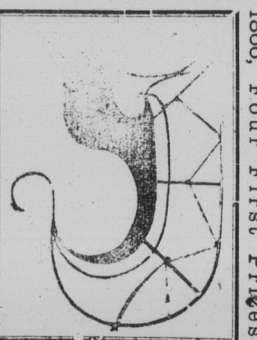
RUTHERFORD HOUSE
JUST ARRIVED
Direct from Labrador,
60 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring
60 half do. do do
15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod
Fish, highly recommended for table use.
50 qts. Dry Cod Fish.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD.
Guelph, November 18th.

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE,
OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK.
A Very Superior Article
COAL OIL!
NOW ON HAND,
AT PETRIE'S
Drug Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Undertakers!
MITCHELL & TOVELL
Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have
A full ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS
always on hand.
Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.
JOHN MITCHELL, NATHAN TOVELL, JR.
Guelph, December 12.

TROTTER'S

Canadian Dentifrice
Is recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleaning, whitening and preserving the teeth: B. W. Day, M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association; W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Donnell, Secretary, Dental Association; L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott Toronto.
Price 25c. per box. For sale by all Druggists.
Guelph, June 22

150
Cutters for Sale
L. X. L.
CARRIAGE WORKS,
Awarded at Provincial Fairs

1866, Four First Prizes.
1866, Two First Prizes.
1866, Five First Prizes.
The Subscriber has now on hand a stock of these ELEGANT and SUBSTANTIAL
CUTTERS
Which have taken prizes wherever exhibited, to be sold at LOW PRICES for cash or short credit.
J. B. ARMSTRONG,
Guelph, Nov. 19.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
The subscriber begs to intimate to the public that he will remain one month longer in Guelph, for the purpose of selling his farm and leasing his hotel. If the farm is not sold by the end of that time it will be let on shares.
JAMES O'NEIL
Guelph, Dec. 11.

BILLIARD HALL!
Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,
GUELPH, ONT.
Four New Belgian Standard American tables.
W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor
Guelph, Dec. 24.

MONEY TO LEND.
The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.
LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.
Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868.

The Sale of Cloths, Clothing,
AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
STILL GOING ON
AT JAMES CORMACK'S,
MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 1, Wyndham
Street, Guelph.

now on hand the Largest, Best Assorted and
Cheapest Stock of Goods in the Province,
Being purchased by, and the Cloth manufactured under, the personal superintendence of the subscriber, he can with confidence recommend them to his numerous customers and the public. Another lot of these FINE
BEAVER OVERCOATS
Just made. Will arrive in a few days,
ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE CHEAP SHIRTS AND DRAWERS
For which there has been such a run. Keep up the demand, and I will keep up the supply at as low prices as can be bought at cost or under.
Guelph, December 10th. **JAMES CORMACK.**

Distinguished Arrivals
AT
A. O. BUCHAM'S.
An Immense Stock of **CLOUDS, in every color,** from Three to Six Shillings up.
Another lot of the celebrated
"GRECIAN BEND."
THE
AMERICAN "FELT SKIRTS,"
Something quite new for Ladies and Misses.
DRESS AND JACKET BUTTONS, a splendid lot just in.
BREAKFAST SHAWLS for \$1 and \$1.25, worth nearly double the money.
DUNDAS COTTONS at 10c. 11c. 12c. An extra heavy article, 1 yard wide, 14c.
BLANKETS—On hand, 200 pair extra heavy Canada Blankets, from \$2.50 up, well adapted to meet the wants of the people during the cold weather.

Visit our establishment during the coming week. We are now opening up and showing an immense stock of New Goods suited for the present season, at remarkable prices. Call and see.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Wyndham St., Guelph, December 19.

Commence a Clearing Sale on Monday 21st Dec.
When they will offer their immense stock of
Cloths and Clothing,
Shirts, Drawers, Hats, Caps, &c.
AT COST AND UNDER. As this is a rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at auction prices, they would recommend all to take advantage of the great bargains which shall be given.
There will positively be no credit given during this sale. All indebted to the firm are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts at once.
A. THOMSON & CO
Guelph, 17th December 1868.

G. B. FRASERS,
CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR'S
GIFT SALE!
WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.
\$40,000 worth of Dry Goods to be
Disposed of.
CHOICE OF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE!
A GIFT FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF ONE DOLLAR
and Upwards,
Consisting of Fine Gilt Scarf Pins, Jet Earrings and Brooches, Combs, Brushes, Needle Cases, Cluny Ties, Cluny Collars, Worked Muslin Sets, Ribbon Ties, Cluny Crinolines, Gloves, Stockings, Socks, India Rubber Braces, Breakfast Shawls, Chest Protectors, Hoods, Muffs, Damask Covers, Piano Covers, Table Cloths, Table Napkins, Tiddles, Antimacassars, Buffalo Robes, &c., &c., or
FIVE PER CENT. DISCOUNT WILL BE RETURNED IN CASH ON PURCHASES OF ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.
A PRIZE OF a MILK DRESS
OR A SUIT OF CLOTHES
Will be given to the LARGEST CASH BUYER DURING THE SALE, in addition to the GIFT awarded at the time of purchase.
The GIFTS will be given away Pro-Rata, so as not to cause disappointment to either large or small buyers.
The party who receives the PRIZE will confer a favor on the Montreal archouse by an acknowledgement through the public press.
G. B. FRASER,
December 13, 1868.

ESTATE OF LATE JAMES E. LINDSAY.
PEREMPTORY NOTICE.
ALL parties having claims against the above Estate are required to send them in at once.
A. MCORINDALE,
W. C. BAISE,
Guelph, Dec. 15. **daw 1w** Executors.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR
—AND—
AMBER SYRUP
At John A. Wood's.
SNOW MATS,
SNOW BROOMS
At John A. Wood's.
SPLIT PEAS,
At John A. Wood's.
SPANISH CHESTNUTS
—AND—
ENGLISH FILBERTS,
At John A. Wood's.
IMPERIAL
Fire Insurance Company
OF LONDON.
(Established 1803.)
HEAD OFFICES.—1 Old Broad Street, and Pall Mall, London.
GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA—24 St. S. Crescent Street, Montreal.
Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve Fund
£1,965,000 **STEELING**
Funds invested in Canada—\$168,000
INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid without reference to the Board in London. No charge made for policies or endorsements.
RINTOUL Bros, General Agents, 24 St. S. Crescent Street, JOHNSBURGH, Inspector.
JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph.
Guelph, 14th Nov. **dw**

SPECIAL NOTICE.
The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as
New RUSTIC Accessories.
He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds
From the Locket to Life Size
Equal as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.
In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.
Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.
Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.
WILLIAM BURGESS,
Guelph, December 12. **dw**

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,
(Successor to John W. Murton),
Banking and Exchange
OFFICE,
No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.
BILLS OF EXCHANGE, Discount Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.
5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.
Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.
Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R., and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R. for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports.
Agent for the Keishav & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.
Guelph, Dec. 1. **daw 1y**

MONTREAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
GUELPH AGENCY.
CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.
GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.
CABIN.—Guelph to Liverpool, \$88.50 and \$93.50
STEERAGE, do do \$32.00
CABIN.—Guelph to Glasgow, \$73.50
INTERMEDIATE, do do \$47.50
STEERAGE, do do \$31.00
Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends and family at the lowest rates. For Tickets, late-rooms and every information apply to
GEO. A. OXNARD,
Agent, G. T. 2, Guelph **daw**
Guelph, April 1, 1866.

F. M. WILSON,
Banking, Exchange & Passage
OFFICE,
No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.
American Money and Silver, Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold.
Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, Londonderry and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania, Havre, &c., via Leith.
Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mail Line Steamship Company to California.
Guelph, Dec. 1. **daw 3m**

NOTICE.
SILVER CREEK BREWERY.
Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged.
GEO. SLEEMAN,
Guelph, Nov. 20. **daw 1t**

CALL TO CHALMERS' CHURCH.—On Tuesday, the 15th inst., the Guelph Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church met at Rockwood. Commissioners from Chalmers' Church, Guelph, were in attendance, and laid before the Presbytery a call from that recently constituted Church to the Rev. Mr. James, of Paris, signed by 121 members, and 62 adherents. The call was sustained, and the Rev. Mr. Middlemiss, of Elora, was appointed to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Paris, and to endeavor to promote an early settlement.

A METEOR.—A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fleecy cloud, a meteor ball, very luminous, of a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and so the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into one immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows:—
"If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callouses, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Briggs' Curative. It will effect a cure, in cure, in incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for British Possessions.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry
This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs, whooping Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.
From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me.
"About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the Lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a 'Scurvy Consumption.' He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition, for it is, I think, the best of its kind. I have used it myself, and it has cured me of my cough and general debility. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues. Yours with respect,
JAMES BEAN.

GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.
AMESBURY, Mass., Oct. 13th, 1864.
Mr. GRACE—Sir, Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe abscess upon my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues. Yours with respect,
JAMES BEAN.

WHOLESALE ONLY.
Merchants desiring to assort their GROCERY LIQUOR Stock for Christmas and the Holidays, will do well to take quotations from the subscriber before buying.

COMMERCIAL.
Guelph Markets
Merchury Office, GUELPH, December 23, 1868.
The market is considerably firmer than it was last week. Wheat has taken a step upwards and is now \$1.02 with good demand. The deliveries are light, 3000 bushels of wheat being the maximum receipts. Generally at this time of year the advance from 6,000 to 10,000 in advance of the present delivery. Peas and oats are short, and there is no change in the prices of these articles. Barley comes in slowly, and is not so high as it was last week. The receipts of this grain do not amount to more than 120 bushels "per diem." There is a large business done in pork, as many as 400 hogs being dismanned every day. The price is good, the best hogs readily bringing \$7.75. Hay is from \$8 to \$12, there being a very marked difference in the quality offered. Wood continues at last week's quotations, beef, hides &c. remain as they were.

Money Market.
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,
Guelph, Dec. 23, 1868.
Gold, 135.
Greenbacks bought at 73 to 75, sold at 73 to 74.
Silver bought at 4 1/2; sold at 4.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c to 70c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's report by special Telegraph to Evening Mercury.
MONTREAL, December 23, 1868.
Flour receipts 2000 bbls. Rate quotably unchanged. Market dull with little business to report from. Wheat no reported sales. Peas—one or two car loads sold at \$1.03 per 65 lbs. Provisions quiet at former rates. Ashes—peas quiet; pears in fair demand.
Flour—Extra, \$5.40 to \$5.60; Fancy, \$5.70 to \$5.75; Welland Canal Superior, \$5.65 to \$5.70; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, \$5.00 to \$5.20; Superior No. 1 Western wheat, \$5.05 to \$5.10; No. 2 do, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Barley, \$2.45 to \$2.55; Wheat—Canada Fall, \$1.14 to \$1.15; Spring, \$1.15 to \$1.16; Western, \$1.10 to \$1.11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 47c to 48c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1.20 to \$1.30; Butter—dairy 20c to 23c store packed 1c to 2c; Ashes—Pots \$2.62 to \$2.67; pearls \$5.00 to \$5.45; Pork—Mess, \$21.50 to \$21.90; Prime, \$7.00 to \$7.50. Peas, 22c to 25c.

TORONTO MARKETS.
Toronto, Dec. 22.
Fall wheat \$1.10 to \$1.15; spring wheat \$1.00 to \$1.05; flour, No. 1 super, \$4.60, extra \$5.25; barley \$1.25; peas, 38c to 40c; oats, 38c to 44c.

HAMILTON MARKETS.
Hamilton, Dec. 22.
Barley, 1.25 to 1.25; peas, 38c to 39c; oats, 38c to 45c; spring wheat, 1.00 to 1.03; winter wheat, 1.15 to 1.20; red winter, 1.00 to 1.08.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
GENERAL AGENTS,
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, } GUELPH,
Agents for investing Money for the
TRUST and LOAN COMPANY
OF UPPER CANADA, AND
THE CANADA PERMANENT BUILDING and SAVINGS SOCIETIES
OF TORONTO.

HEFFERNAN BROS.
ARE now opening out a choice assortment of NEW AND FASHIONABLE Materials for BALL AND EVENING DRESSES.
Irish Poplins Colored Crapes Colored Tulles Fancy Alpaca
Mullins, Tiaratas, &c. ALEXANDER AND OTHER WHITE KIDS—Cheap. A beautiful variety of
SILK and VELVET RIBBONS for SASHES
Artificial Wreaths, Head-Dresses, &c.
HONITUN, CLUNY, and VALENCIENNES LACE SETS, COIFFURES, HANDEKERCHIEFS, &c.
OPERA CLOAKS—New, Fashionable and Cheap.

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.
Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph.

A CARD to THE PUBLIC.



THE GOLDEN LION

IT IS certainly marvellous that any community should be so excited over the great success that has attended the efforts of MR. HOGG to obtain in the first Manufacturing Districts of the World the very excellent, novel and substantial fabrics in all of the various classes of
Fancy and Staple Dry Goods & Millinery
Shawls, Bonnets and Mantles,
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
Buffalo Skins, Grain Bags, &c.
Indeed everything in the Mercantile line usually kept in a first-class establishment. That MR. HOGG's efforts have been crowned with unprecedented success is beyond a doubt. The great Bargains that he is daily giving causes his immense establishment to be crowded from early morning until night. His stock to select from is so large and varied that parties get suited without loss of time, let their taste be ever so difficult; and in addition, by being able to import all of his goods direct from the Manufacturers, to offer a saving of 12 1/2 per cent (12 1/2 cents on every dollar, over any establishment in Town.
All classes and descriptions of Clothing made to order by a first-class cutter and sent free of charge to any part of Canada.

JOHN HOGG,
Golden Lion, Guelph,
Guelph October 31st, 1868.

BUSINESS STILL GOOD

AT THE
BRADFORD HOUSE
DRESS GOODS!
Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.

JACKETS! JACKETS!

Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Seal Skin Jackets, Whitley,—Black and Coloured. Petersham,—Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of
FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.

Table Linen and Sheetings.

The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

MILLINERY!

For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE
PHILIP BISH
Wyndham St., Guelph, November 2

WANTED.



Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.
Customers to buy out one of the Largest and Cheapest stocks of

BOOTS AND SHOES

TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.
JOHN CRIDIFORD
INVITES inspection to his stock of NEW FALL GOODS, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.
Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the KINGSTON PENITENTIARY BOOT and SHOE STORE, No. 41, Wyndham-st., Guelph. FOR CASH ONLY.

JOHN CRIDIFORD.
Guelph, September 26th

WILLIAM C. BAINE,

ACCOUNTANT.
Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.
Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.
OFFICE—At Messrs. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.
Guelph, Nov. 26.

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS!
OF the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or van. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.
DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, 17th October.

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TRUST and LOAN COMPANY
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OF TORONTO.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Have also Large amount of
PRIVATE FUNDS
On hand for Investment.
Money Invested and interest collected. Mortgages, and give him the privilege of selling, and valuation of property offered.
Debentures, Stocks and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
Are Agents for the
Royal Insurance Co'y
OF ENGLAND.
CAPITA - - \$10 000 000.
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
are Agents for the
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,
Established - - - - in 1853.
The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK
Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.
Also, Town Lots and Houses
In Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.

For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered, the Speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 25x40 feet, a stone kitchen story and a half high 21x22, back kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x40 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosa to Fergus, and is distant from that village 8 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and Post Office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter (post paid) to
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph.

BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE.

Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on
Wednesday, 6th January, 1869
At one o'clock, p. m.
Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street Guelph, on which there is a two-story house—part brick, part stone—containing nine rooms, with good cellar, woodshed, hard and soft water; stable, cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: One-tenth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Possession on the 7th March, 1869. Title indisputable.
For further particulars apply to
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Agents for the Vendor.
Guelph, Dec. 16.

CARTER'S
(LATE WEBSTER'S)
FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell
Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain,
CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.
Cheaper than the Cheapest
IN TOWN.
A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.
Guelph, Nov. 24. do tf
JAMES CARTER

Still on the War Path

THE subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the public that he is still hale and hearty, and as able as ever to attend to all orders that may be left with him at the well known old stand,
ON CORK STREET,
Opposite Deady's Hotel,
Where he is prepared as formerly to make up
CLOTHING
of every description at short notice, and in a superior style.
TO FARMERS,
Having had 30 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up **Home-made Cloth** and trim it cheaper than can be done at any other establishment in Guelph.
All work carefully finished; and at moderate rates.
W. MITCHELL.
Guelph 2nd Nov. do wsm

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England,
Established in London, Ont. 1852 and in Guelph 1863.
WORKING WATCHMAKER
AND JEWELER
DAYS BLOCK,
Opposite the Market Guelph.
Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery.
Guelph, December 17th. do w

THE UNRIVALLED
MASON & HAMLIN
CABINET AND METROPOLITAN

ORGANS,
Have Just ARRIVED at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE.

They are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than Three Hundred prominent American artists, and a great many European musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These Organs are provided with all the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS, including the
Mason & Hamlin Improved Vox Humana, or Fan Tremolo,
Which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effect, including a remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the nearest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the MASON & HAMLIN Company are now so great that they can afford and undertake to furnish, not only the best, but also the **Lowest Priced Organs made.** Every instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1000 and upwards.
Illustrated Catalogues with full description and prices of the various styles of Instruments sent free to any applicant. **Canvassing Agents Wanted.**
W. WARNER CLARKE,
Guelph, Dec. 13. do wtf
Market Square, Guelph

CARD.

James Massie & Co.,

Have pleasure in intimating the re-opening of their RETAIL STORE in the recently re-erected "ALMA BLOCK." Having given special attention to the selection of suitable and seasonable articles, they can, with confidence, recommend their **FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c.,** to their numerous friends and customers, who will ever find an ample stock of superior goods, and a courteous welcome at the **ALMA BLOCK.**
Guelph, 9th Dec., 1868. do wtf

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS FRUIT

At WALKER'S, this year's Crop, 1868.
CROWN LAYER RAISINS, LONDON LAYER RAISINS, WEST END LAYER RAISINS, SULTANA RAISINS, VALENTIA RAISINS, SEEDLESS RAISINS,
CURRANTS, new and large; Turkey Figs in layers, very large; Dates, German and French Prunes.
HUGH WALKER,
Sole Agent for Ludington & Co., Baltimore.
Fruit Depot, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

JACKSON & HALLET,

GROCCERS,
NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
We have ALWAYS ON HAND as below, which will be sold as CHEAP as quality will allow
Hyson, Japan, Congu and Gunpowder Teas,
Which for Strength and Flavour is not to be surpassed
McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal. Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal
Fruit and Fish. Cigars, Pickles, &c.

NEW LAYER RAISINS, NEW VALENTIA RAISINS, NEW SELECTED CURRANTS, NEW FIGS AND LEMONS, NEW CANNED PEELS, FRESH RED HERRING (100 Boxes), NEW LABRADOR HERRINGS, NEW CODFISH (dried), FRESH WHITE FISH, FRESH TROUT FISH.
Genuine MATELL'S and HENNESSY'S BRANDIES, in wood and bottle. **SHERRIES, PORTS, GINS, RUMS, &c.** Wholesale and Retail. **Hiram Walker's WINDSOR OLD RYE WHISKY and WINDSOR OLD MALT WHISKY.** ALLISON'S ALE, BASS' ALE, BLOOD'S PORTER LONDON PORTER
Goods Delivered in all Parts of the Town with Promptness
D. JACKSON.
Guelph, November 16th, 1868. do w

WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block.
JOHN A. McMILLAN is now turning out over six hundred pairs of Boots and Shoes per week at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. An immense Stock of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Children's
RUBBER OVER-SHOES and BOOTS
At the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. The cheapest and best Boots in the County of Wellington, without exception, are got at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory. Ten thousand people can testify to the fact.
Observe, you lose money if you do not get your Boots and Shoes from John A. McMillan, Boot Maker for the million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.
Guelph, 31 Oct.
J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor.
Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

FUNERALS

REMOVAL. REMOVAL.
C. THAIN
The inventor and manufacturer of the first prize Double Moulded Plough at the Provincial Show, held in Hamilton in September, 1868, and manufacturer of Steel Mould Ploughs, Cultivators, Double Drill Turnip Sowers, Scarifiers and Horse Rakes, the Dominion Roller, Oustron's champion subsoil Plough Attachment, patented April, 1868, the best patent ever introduced into the County of Wellington, has now ready Turnip Cutters, Revolving Clothes Dryers, Churns, Washing Machines, &c., and is resolved, without bunkum or boast, or any of these so-called weapons so common in the cloth and leather war, to produce as good an article as any establishment in the Dominion, at his shop, opposite Stewart's printing mill, Eramosa Bridge, Guelph, Ont. Ropes of all sizes neatly and strongly spliced.
March 20 1868. do wsm

WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER,

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. House in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.
The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend
FUNERALS
As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.
WM. BROWNLOW
Guelph, December 17th. do w