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OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EV'G, FEB. 19, 1868.

Local News.

Remember the Amateur Theatrical performance in the Town Hall this evening.

Another competitive examination of the schools in Nassagaweya will be held in the beginning of March.

Mr. Alex'r Bowie was last week presented with a splendid family Bible by the congregation of Knox's Church, Mount Forest, for his services as proctor. A smaller Bible was also presented to Mrs. Bowie.

HONOURING THE DEAD.—On Saturday last the members of the Incorporated Church Society, London, erected a beautiful tablet in St. Paul's Cathedral, dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Cronyn, wife of His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. The tablet is of fine Italian marble, 6 feet by 4, with the inscription set in letters of gold. The design is Gothic.

THE NEWMARKET ERA.—The last number of this journal has come to hand with new clothes on, and it becomes them most amazingly. The Era is an excellent local journal and deserves the "helping hand" which the editor solicits, in order to increase the circulation, so as not only to remunerate him for his recent expenditure, but to warrant him in enlarging. With all sincerity we wish brother Jackson success abundant and enduring.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—The January number of this clever periodical has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. The contents are very attractive, and are as follows:—Dangers of Democracy; Physiological Psychology; Two Temporal Powers; The Church in Scotland; Extradition; The Origin of Electricity; Indian Writings; The Abyssinian Difficulty; The Land Tenures of British India; Contemporary Literature. For sale at the book-stores.

THE ROCKWOOD CASE.—Mr. John McLeod, merchant, Rockwood, who was on Saturday last arrested on a capias at the instance of a wholesale house in Montreal, was released on Monday. There is now a fair prospect that his affairs, which at one time assumed an ugly appearance, will be satisfactorily settled. He has made an assignment, and we understand that the creditors are willing that the estate should be wound up as speedily as possible and a composition made with Mr. McLeod.

THE AGRICULTURAL BANK.—A meeting was held in Hamilton, on the afternoon of last Saturday, to take into consideration the means to be adopted for the organization of the new Agricultural Bank. A resolution was carried to limit the subscribed capital of the Bank in the first instance to \$250,000, in shares of \$50 each; but that power be obtained to increase the amount, as the legitimate extension of the business may require. It was further resolved, that the operations of the Bank should commence as soon as the amount of \$100,000 of the capital was paid up, and that stock lists should be opened immediately.

STOCK SALES.—Mr. John Grieve last week bought a thorough-bred two year old heifer from Mr. J. Parkinson for \$116. A few days ago Mr. Joseph Kirby, near Milton, bought the thorough-bred young bull "Braedalbane"—eleven months old—from Arch'd Campbell, Esq., Warden of the County of Halton, for \$100. His girl round the heart is five feet ten inches. Mr. Wm Caulfield, of lot 18, concession S, Egremont, has procured at considerable expense a thorough bred Hereford bull, from the herd of Mr. F. W. Stone. This is the first of this fine breed, we believe, which has been brought north of the Grand River.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The Board of Public Instruction for the South Riding of Wellington met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday for organization, the Secretary, Rev. Mr. Torrance, presiding. Edwin Newton, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Rev. Mr. Torrance, Secretary. The first half yearly examination of teachers was fixed to commence on the 26th of May. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Innes, and resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the whole subject of admission of pupils to the Grammar School, and report to the Board at its next meeting, the committee to consist of Mr. Peterson, the chairman, Rev. Messrs. Torrance, Kilgour and the mover. The Secretary was instructed to purchase for the use of the Board a complete set of the new national series of school books, and a copy of the national mensuration. The Board then adjourned.

Sabbath School Soiree.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School soiree held in the Church, Edna Mills, last (Tuesday) evening was a perfect success, the tables were filled to its utmost capacity by an intelligent and respectable auditory. The juvenile choir from Knox's Church, Guelph, under the direction of Mr. Charles Thain, opened the proceedings of the evening by singing in fine style the 100th Psalm, after which the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson led in devotional exercises. The Rev. Mr. Barrie discharged the duties of Chairman, in that easy and pleasant style which is peculiarly his own. In his opening address he recounted the various difficulties young people in his early days had to contend with in obtaining knowledge, and enlarged upon the opportunities offered to the young of this country at the present day of storing their minds with that wisdom which even time cannot efface. Refreshments were then served, and the Superintendent of the School, Mr. John A. Davidson, made a few pertinent remarks upon the gloomy work in which he was engaged. He had been an ardent labourer in the Sabbath School cause for 40 years, and in that time many a one had crossed the river of life, others were scattered to the four quarters of the earth. But he sometimes felt like desponding, as he never saw any manifest result of his labours. However he trusted that at the proper time the "bread cast upon the waters" would bring forth its fruit. Rev. J. Little next addressed the meeting. He applied himself specially to the young, and gave them some wholesome advice as to the course they should pursue in passing through life. Mr. James Ferguson, Guelph, then delivered in capital style an appropriate recitation entitled the "Bachelor." Mr. McLennan made some lengthy remarks upon various topics in connection with the object for which the soiree was held. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, who expressed himself highly pleased as a Wesleyan, in being able to mingle with his brethren in the Presbyterian persuasion upon the present occasion. He eulogised the singing of the choir very much. He believed their music to be as good as any ever heard in Canada, and he had heard juvenile singing from Montreal in the East to Madras in the West, none of which was equal to what he had listened to that evening. Mr. Peter Watson followed with a pithy recitation, and some of the juveniles in the choir delivered appropriate and mirth provoking dialogues. Mr. M'Caig, of the Rockwood Academy, in the course of an excellent speech, made some very good points, specially showing the necessity of making us: of some portion of every book read, and also of laying up something that would "never fade away" from the instructions imparted in the Sabbath School. A little lad about eight years old, sang in a style that took every one by surprise, that beautiful hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea, O Lamb of God I come to Thee."

Mr. Wm. Weir was the last speaker, but not by any means the least. He kept the audience in laughter at his "olds and ends," and upon drawing his speech to a close made some excellent suggestions in reference to the selection of books that should be made in order to have a proper effect upon the minds of children of tender years. Mr. James Ferguson and Mr. P. Watson brought the proceedings to a close by each delivering in excellent style appropriate recitations. The choir sang many beautiful pieces at intervals during the evening, and enhanced the interest of the meeting very much by their presence. Votes of thanks were proposed to the choir, chairman and the speakers, and after singing the National Anthem, the benediction was pronounced and one of the most pleasant meetings we have ever attended dispersed at about 11 o'clock, all being highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. The proceeds netted about \$40.

Agriculture.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir—From a reliable source I have heard that in the estimation of our worthy Professor and now also assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Buckland, to pull up at Guelph for a day or two on his return from Huron next Saturday, for the purpose, if agreeable to the farmers of Wellington, of having communion with them on agricultural matters.

Now, Sir, it strikes me that the sooner this intelligence is publicly made known to my brother farmers the better, as it will give them the opportunity of making arrangements to be present on such an interesting occasion. And as the much and justly respected, worthy Professor has, as I have read and heard, been received in those counties where he has, for a length of time, been lecturing, with the utmost cordiality and friendly hospitality, I trust the farmers of Wellington will not be behind hand in extending the right hand of fellowship and hearty welcome which his undoubted worth, zeal, and position justly entitle him to, and which may prove alike acceptable to him and creditable to themselves.

The President, with other officers of the County Agricultural Society and its friends, and of Horticulture too, will, I hope, take the matter in hand and announce through your Daily and the Daily Advertiser, some place and hour on Monday next for the worthy Professor to meet them, as I am informed the hour will be immaterial to him. I think it well to say that he will be the guest of the Rev. Mr. Clarke on Saturday evening, and part of Sunday, and will then visit an old friend in the country, and remain till Tuesday morning, when professional engagements require his presence in Toronto.

Yours respectfully, A. TICOLA, Guelph Township, Feb. 19, 1868.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

WEDNESDAY, 19th.—Nancy Dolan was brought up this morning for her old offence, vagrancy. She told a doleful tale of the treatment she had received in gaol at the hands of Kate Ogilby, who "laid her" and broke a dish on her head, and left a lump on it as big as her hand, and would have scolded her only for the mistness." Notwithstanding these annoyances Nancy was obliged to return for the space of 21 days.

BRUSHES.

Whitewash, Cloth, Scrubbing, Hat, Stone, Hair, Horse, Shoe, and Bath Brushes. JOHN HORSMAN.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, FEB. 18.

Mr. Lander presented a report from the select committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Toronto General Hospital. The committee suggest that, in the event of a Parliamentary grant being made to the institution, the city of Toronto should contribute to such an extent and with such permanence as would seem to be consistent with the special local advantages which that city obtains from the Hospital, and they are inclined to recommend that the Parliamentary grant should to some degree be made dependent upon such local contributions.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From Mr. Wood then made his financial statement. The estimated revenue of the Province of Ontario was made up as follows:—First there was the subsidy from the Dominion Exchequer of \$80,000 per annum; and 80 cents per head on the population of the Province according to the census of 1861, amounting annually to \$1,116,872.80; the two sums making together \$1,196,872.80. From Crown Lands the estimated revenue was \$745,064, which after deducting from this receipts on account of special funds, such as common and grammar school funds, would leave \$419,447. In addition to these, there were certain small revenues which did not vary much from year to year, judging from the Public Accounts for several years back. Education, \$25,000; Provincial Lunatic Asylum, \$4,500; Maiden Asylum, \$600; Opera do, \$200; Reformatory, Penitentiary, \$300; fines and forfeitures, \$2,770; tavern licenses, which were estimated at the amount received last year, deducting 10 per cent for the collection, \$20,250. He did not include law stamps, as no revenue could be counted upon from that source. Taking these sums together, they gave a clear revenue, not subject to any doubt or contingency, of \$1,553,539.91. In this estimate, the Government would be observed, had entirely set aside any account of trust and special funds peculiarly belonging to Upper Canada. Deducting the estimated expenditure for the current year, and balancing up the account for the past half year, there would be about half a million of surplus. It was the intention of the Government, as already announced by the Premier, to bring down some supplementary estimates, but even allowing for these, there would still be a surplus of half a million on the statement he had now made.

But the statement he had given thus far, was the most unfavourable statement that could be made of the public revenue of the Province. If we took into consideration the special funds, we would arrive at a very different result. The first of these was the Municipalities Fund. This, on the 31st of December last, amounted to \$39,223.50, but of course afforded no revenue to the Province. Next, there was the Common School Fund, the amount of the credit of which on the 31st of December last, was \$1,792,037.17. Then there was the Grammar School Fund, amounting at the same date to \$368,963.93. Next, there was the Upper Canada Building Fund, which was peculiarly an Upper Canada property, amounting at the same date to \$1,590,933.96, against which there was an outstanding debt of only \$36,300. As to the amount of these it seemed, it would be no question about their being in a similar position. 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Sleigh Shoe Steel Four Cents per lb.

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

**Coal Oil only Eleven cts. per Gallon**  
BY THE BARREL.

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

Guelph, 8th February, 1868.

**JOHN HORSMAN.**

## Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 19, 1868.

### DRUMMED OUT.

The gallant Knight from Frontenac and the learned member for Lincoln have been ignominiously expelled from the Ministerial camp, and the record of their disgrace perpetuated by an editorial which appeared in the *Leader* of Monday.

One cannot but admire the plainness of the language employed to convey the intended meaning respecting these two political sinners, although one may justly differ from the arguments and reasons adduced by a journal whose vision in former days was ever dull to the blackest deeds of Sir Henry or the most slippery acts of Mr Rykert—provided always they were of the proper Tory dye, and such as suited the conscience—or the want of it rather—of the party. The following is a specimen brick of the article alluded to, and our readers cannot fail to see from its tone and temper that the two munitiners were east adrift with some, thing resembling the honors of war:—

"The member for Lincoln has not a very clear record as a politician. He has had an opportunity of wiping out the old stain, but as a certain animal not remarkable for its cleanliness returns to its nasty operations in the mire, Mr Rykert, somewhat naturally, it would seem, goes back to his old political ways. One's memory is not quite so short as to lose all recollection of what this same gentleman did in Quebec. Very much cannot be expected from the man who, professing to be a Conservative, met in caucus with the Conservative party, and accepted a motion which was there agreed upon to be moved in the House, but who in the House voted on the opposite side amidst the hisses of those whom he had betrayed. Mr Rykert had offered to him a good chance to redeem his character, but his natural instincts have proved too strong for him, and he has gone back to his old ways. Let him rest there. His support is not courted; it is not asked for; it is not desired. He has found more congenial company, and having made the bed of his choice, there let him lie. We might name one or two more whom a 'fellow feeling' of disappointment has made 'wondrous kind' to each other, but they have at least acted with a show of decency and ought not to be thoughtlessly classed with the members for Frontenac and Lincoln. It is infinitely better that the mask should be stripped from the faces of such hollow deceivers than that they should be permitted to follow out their dubious course unnoticed. We only want to place them where they seem anxious to be placed. Ministerial supporters they are not in any sense; nor is their support required. The Ministry is strong in the confidence of the House, and can afford to treat as they merit those double-minded men who, with fair professions on their lips, but seek the first opportunity to make a stab."

Now, what are the true causes for such harsh epithets, and such severe treatment? Really nothing more nor less than that Sir Henry, with much experience and some brains (which some of the members of the Government have not got), ventured to introduce on his own responsibility several bills calculated to benefit the country, without their divine sanction or authority. Hence arose "envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness." The Premier was especially active in compassing the defeat of these measures, for he used every effort to give them

the six months' hoist, and in several instances succeeded. Sir Henry naturally felt sore over the unkindness so defiantly manifested, and the want of urbanity on the part of those he had sworn fealty to during the elections. Since the cruel slaughter of these innocents he has used rather a free lance as time and circumstances permitted, without however forswearing party allegiance, for on more than one occasion he has gallantly come forward to the rescue of the Combination Cabinet.

But this independence of character does not suit the model regime in Toronto, which, like military rule, requires blind obedience to every command, and unless rendered with unconditional acerbity is punished with the direst penalties, such as have overtaken poor Sir Harry and his associate from Lincoln, whose names no longer adorn the muster roll of the so-called "Liberal Conservative" ranks, but must henceforth flicker amongst the duller lights of the Opposition, pure and simple.

The member for Lincoln certainly does not deserve all the treatment received from the Ministry and its hirelings. So far as we are able to judge, his fault consists in too much energy, as exhibited of late in pushing through a little too vigorously the Assessment and Municipal Amendment Act, which the Committee, of which he is chairman, had after a month's deliberation recommended to the House. The Premier wanted the measure postponed, but the chairman said "no" very emphatically the other evening, to the great disgust of Mr Macdonald and the Provincial Secretary. He also designated the new Registry Act of the Government as a blundering composition, whereas Sandfield pitched into him without gloves and gave him a lecture before the House which was equivalent to reading him out of the Ministerial ranks. No man with any sense of personal pride or self-respect can fail to appreciate such language and such treatment in a becoming way, and if the member for Lincoln be not a craven of the meanest sort, he will prove a thorn in the side of his old allies, more troublesome than agreeable.

The organ of the Government, of course, must follow up the attacks of Ministers on these two traitors, and officially promulgate their political delinquencies. How faithfully and with what zest it does the dirty work of its masters may be seen by the extract we give above. The attractions of Government patronage outweigh all considerations of decency, and two old political friends receive such treatment at the hands of a shrewd and time-serving journal which the veriest rascal would hardly deserve. But to the people this treatment of two old political cronies is very suggestive of the ingratitude of those who have no genuine attachment for any principles, but to whom all shades of opinion are alike acceptable, if they only lead to place and profit. One thing is clear, that there is no bond of cohesion among professed supporters of the government. The Patent Combination is worthy the name no longer. Our poor friends Sir Harry and Mr Rykert—who have been so ignominiously drummed out of the ranks—may well term it the Government of the cabinet Ismaelite, whose hand threatens to be turned against every one of his followers. Let him beware lest before long their hands may not be turned against him.

The agitation in favor of a renewal of the reciprocity treaty appears to have begun to make itself felt in Congress. Mr Ingersoll, a republican member from Illinois, has offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate "statute as to the trade with Canada since the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty, and as to the arrangements for free navigation of the St. Lawrence, and for the privilege of fishing in the waters adjacent to Canada." The resolution was adopted.

**A ROLAND FOR AN OLIVER.**—A man while passing through a meadow near Cork, was attacked by a large mastiff, and he stabbed the dog with a pitchfork he had in his hands. The master of the dog brought him before a magistrate, who asked him why he had not struck the dog with the butt-end of his weapon. "So I should have done," said the man, "if he had run at me with his tail."

## New Advertisements.

**TO CONTRACTORS!**

THE subscribers find it necessary to extend the time for receiving tenders for their NEW SATURDAY, 22nd inst., at noon

Separate tenders will be received for all the Iron Work.

**JAS. MASSIE & CO.**

Guelph, 19th Feb, 1868.

## TOWN OF GUELPH.

### WATER TANKS!

TENDERS will be received until the evening of

**TUESDAY, 3rd day of MARCH,**

for the construction and completion of **Four or more Water Tanks**, in accordance with specifications which may be seen at this office.

By order, **JAMES HUGHES, Town Clerk.**

Guelph, 19th February, 1868.

## Ladies' Benevolent Society.

THE Ladies of the Benevolent Society beg to submit a statement of their expenditure since July, 1867.

Of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Town of Guelph, on the 15th day of July, 1867, to the 15th February, 1868.

1867. Dr.

July 15 Balance in hand \$ 30 08

Sept 25 Entertainment at Drill School 119 12

Donations 34 25

Jan 7, 1868. Dramatic Entertainment 80 75

Money returned 4 00

\$277 20

1868. Cr.

To Provisions \$110 00

Firewood 1 75

Clothing 13 41

Small sums to strangers 1 25

Boats 5 94

Rents 6 00

Families sent away 2 00

Washing blankets 1 25

\$144 08

Feb 19, 1868. To balance in hand 132 00

Total \$277 20

The Ladies of this Society, while they acknowledge the kindly support and good will accorded them during the past four years, venture to hope that they may continue to receive such substantial proofs of favor as will enable them to afford a more bountiful assistance to the poor during the present severe season.

As the appropriation for wood expenses appears small, it may be as well to state that an arrangement has been entered into by which wood is supplied by the town on orders from members of this Society.

**ANNA K. BAKER, Treasurer.**

Guelph, 19th Feb, 1868.

## Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store)

JUST RECEIVED, a large assortment of Embroidery for Ladies' Underclothing. Also for Binding on all sorts of Dress Goods.

Some of the Finest Patterns ever seen

Call and see them, they are for sale singly.—Stamping done to order on the shortest notice. Also on hand an assortment of

## New Oranges and Lemons.

For sale GATES & CO'S VICTORIA SEWING Machines. Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel.

**MRS. ROBINSON,**  
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

## STOLEN.

THE party or parties implicated in the stealing of **H. Cuthbert's Watch Sign** are hereby notified to return it forthwith, in order to escape the disagreeable penalty which the law prescribes for such offences.

Guelph, 17th Feb, 1868.

## HOOK & LADDER COMPANY.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hook and Ladder Company will be held

On Wednesday Ev'g, 19th inst., at the usual hour. A full attendance is particularly requested.

**WM. SUNLEY, Secretary.**

Guelph, 18th February, 1868.

## Employment Wanted.

TWO young men from New York having been thrown out of employment by the failure of the Guelph Packing Company, desire to obtain immediate employment in any capacity whatever.

All messages to be left at E. Carroll's, No. 2, Day's Block, where the parties may be seen from 8 till 10 on Wednesday. First-class references.

Guelph, 18th Feb, 1868.

## TENDERS WANTED

TENDERS WANTED for the mason, carpenter and iron work of

**Warehouses to be Erected in Guelph.**

Plans and Specifications to be seen at the office of **JAMES MASSIE & CO., Guelph, and JAMES SMITH, Esq., Architect, King Street, Toronto.**

Tenders to be sent in to the former by the 20th inst.

Guelph, Feb. 15.

## FRENCH'S

**Condition POWDER,**

AND

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FOR THE CURE OF

**HEAVES**

**Thick and Broken Wind,**

**Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,**

and all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.

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

**A. B. PETRIE**

Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph.

Guelph, 29th Jan, 1868.

## CASH. CASH. CASH!

Our reasons for adhering to the Cash System are:

1st—Systematic Credit has nothing to do with Goods purchased for our own Consumption.

2nd—The Cash System gives the rich no advantage over the poor.

3rd—It is wrong to charge profits to those who pay to balance the loss of those who don't pay.

4th—A large proportion cannot or will not pay when they agree to; feel more rose when asked to pay, cross to the other side of the street when they see their creditors coming, lose self-respect, feel and are demoralized.

5th—It is worth fifteen per cent. to collect small bills.

6th—It is wrong to indulge customers in cash—miserable economy.

7th—You don't do any such thing.

If you want to see the largest, best and cheapest stock of Boots and Shoes West of Montreal, call at the Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**JOHN MCNEIL.**

Guelph, 18th Feb, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

### Particular Attention

Is solicited to another lot of

## DUNDAS COTTONS.

At 10c., 11c. and 12c., superior to anything in the trade at the present time. OPENED TO-DAY.

Guelph, Feb. 15, 1868.

## A. O. BUCHAM.

### IN STOCK & FOR SALE

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### WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

50 cases Martell's Old Brandy.

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50 " Otard Dupuy Brandy

50 " Ginger Wine.

Barrels of Malt, Old Rye and Common Whiskey.

200 bushels of Dried Apples.

100 doz new green corn Brooms

Porto Rico Molasses, Standard, Golden and Amber Syrups.

Coarse and Fine Liverpool Salt.

Oatmeal and Buckwheat Flour,

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, Feb. 11th, 1868.

## The Popular Edition of Dickens

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25 vols. Price 25c. each.

Guelph, 17th Feb, 1868.

## REMOVAL.

**Mrs HUNTER**

HAS REMOVED

HER Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store to the premises lately occupied by

**MR. JAS. CORMACK**

Wyndham Street, next door to Harvey's Drug Store, and opposite the English Church.

Guelph, Feb. 16, 1868.

## EMPLOYMENT WANTED

BY two men willing to act in any capacity as laborers or general servants. Character excellent. Apply at this office, or to N. Higgins, botham, Druggist.

Guelph, Jan. 24th, 1868.

## BOARDERS.

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

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# NEW HARDWARE!

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

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

Guelph, 10th Feb., 1868.

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**JOHN M. BOND & CO.**

### Insolvent Act of 1864.

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

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

Saturday, 11th April, 1868 at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the right, title and interest of the said Insolvent, in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Village of Morrison, Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, composed of Village Lot number Eight, on the East side of Queen Street, in Donald McDonald's Survey, in the Village of Morrison, bounded and bounded as is described in a deed from John M. Schaefer and wife to the said Insolvent, made the 22nd February, 1867, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stable and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with two-fifths of an acre.

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

THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee.

Guelph, 27th January, 1868.

### Sale of Real Estate.

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

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

On FRIDAY, 10th APRIL, 1868

at noon, the South-westerly half of the rear or South-west half of Lot Three, in the first concession of Division B, of the Township of Guelph, containing thirty eight acres more or less, together with the right of road used by Green and Fallister.

This property will be sold subject to a Lease expiring on 2nd May, 1869, yielding \$60 a year rent.

**Terms of Sale.** Five Hundred Dollars cash and the balance in three equal annual payments with interest on the unpaid principal, at 8 per cent per annum to be secured by a mortgage on the property and lot of the purchaser.

Further particulars as to lease, title, &c., may be had on application of Messrs. Lemon & Peterson, Guelph, Solicitors for the Petitioner, and Mr. T. W. Saunders, Solicitor for Infants.

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

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

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### Funerals, Funerals!



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

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

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FIRST BOOK, with 31 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—five cents.

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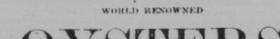
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Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.

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

Guelph, 27th Jan. 1868.

The Fruit Depot.



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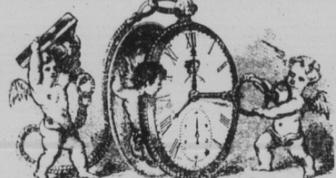
HUGH WALKER'S

Guelph, 10th February, 1868.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

### Where do you get your Watches,

CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?



### AT SAVAGE'S.

Guelph, February 6, 1868.

### RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

JUST RECEIVED. A SUPPLY OF

### GODERICH SALT.

### Salmon Trout and Herring!

Also, 70 half Barrels Salmon Trout,

70 half Barrels Lake Huron Herring,

50 Barrels Prime Labrador Herring.

Two cases of Finnan Haddies just arrived.

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CHICOPEE FALLS, N. Y.

It is the best Family Knitting Machine extant.

No other invention affords so prompt the employment for women.

It has taken the highest premium (a Gold Medal) at the Fair of the American Institute, New York, and the Exhibition of the Mass. Charitable Association, Boston, and the Provincial Exhibition at Toronto also, and the highest Premium at every State and County Fair wherever it has been exhibited, eclipsing all other machines.

It sets up its own work, knits all sizes, wide and narrow, knits the heel into the stocking, and narrows off the toe complete; it knits a yard of plain work in five minutes; a pair of socks in thirty minutes; knits the single double-ribbed and fancy flat wools, produces all varieties of knit goods, from an infant's stocking, in ten or twelve minutes; knits a lady's shawl or hood, which no other machine in the world can do. It is simple, durable, and easily operated.

Call and see the Machine worked, Lot No. 2, 3rd Con. Paslinch, opposite Coler's Carriage Shop. Samples of Knitting sent on receipt of 25 cents in postage stamps.

**Agents Wanted.** JACOB N. COBBE, Sole Agent for Wellington and Waterloo Counties. Also, Agent for the BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE, manufactured in Paris Ontario. Address Hespeler P. O.

Guelph, 29th Jan. 1868.

### Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

CHURCH-ST. --- GUELPH.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 4th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.

Guelph, 26th December, 1867.

### Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the premises of the subscriber, Macdonnell Street, on the 30th January last, a white cow, medium size, 4 years old, with horns turned in at the top. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be handsomely rewarded.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG.

Guelph, 5th Feb. 1868.

### MEDICAL HALL, FOR THREE WEEKS

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.

Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867.

### No. 2,

Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Fresh Codfish.

Fresh Haddocks.

Sea Herrings.

Finnan Haddies.

Yarmouth Bloaters.

JUST ARRIVED.

### E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, 5th February, 1868.

### DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,

LAND, LOAN, INSURANCE,

And General Agents.

Office—Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

AGENTS FOR THE

Royal Insurance Comp'y

AGENTS FOR THE

Standard Life Assurance Co'y

AGENTS FOR THE

Trust and Loan Company.

AGENTS FOR THE

Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society.

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

Guelph, 4th Feb. 1868.

### Good READING

CHEAP AT

### Day's Bookstore.

Pickwick Papers,

Oliver Twist,

David Copperfield,

Nicholas Nickleby,

Domby and Son,

Great Expectations,

Christmas Stories,

Sketches by Boz,

Hard Times.

Each complete in one Volume.—Price 25 cents each, by mail, post-paid for 30 cents.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Guelph, 6th February, 1868.

### BOARDERS.

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

Guelph, 35th January, 1868.

### FOR THREE WEEKS

GUELPH.

### CLEARING SALE!

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE AT THE

### Canada CLOTHING Store

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

### READY-MADE CLOTHING

HATS, CAPS, &C.,

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

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

N. CROFT,

Guelph, January, 9th, 1868.

### NEW CLOTHING STORE.

### REMOVAL!

### JAMES CORMACK

BEGS to notify his friends and the public, that he has removed to

### THE SPLENDID NEW STORE

Next the Hardware Store of JOHN HORSMAN, ESQ.

On hand, a large Stock of first-class

### READY-MADE CLOTHING.

CLOTHS AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,

### At a Tremendous Reduction

In order to make room for the Spring Stock. ALL ORDERED WORK done up as usual in first-class style. A perfect fit and the best of workmanship guaranteed.

Remember the New Store, Wyndham-st., next door to Horsman's.

JAMES CORMACK,

Guelph, 14th February, 1868.

### NATIONAL SERIES OF

### SCHOOL BOOKS

ANOTHER LOT OF THE

### NATIONAL SERIES OF SCHOOL BOOKS

JUST RECEIVED

### AT R. CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 6th February, 1868.

### Good Gracious Me!

Where did you get those delicious OYSTERS?

### Why, at BERRY'S to be Sure!

WHO'S BERRY? WHY,

### The Confectioner on Wyndham-st

WHERE ALL THE GOOD THINGS ARE KEPT.

Guelph, 11th February, 1868.

### STRAYED STEER.

CAME on the subscriber's premises in November last, a Steer rising two years old. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take him away.

RICH. BOYS,

Lot 1, 16th con., Nichol

### Wanted Immediately

ACTIVE, Energetic Men and Women, to solicit orders for New and Popular Works. Apply to

D. D. EGERTON,

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 8th, 1868.

TO SUBSCRIBERS. Subscribers wishing to make the EVENING MERCURY of the week, or for a longer period, will please send their names at the office, and it will be regularly delivered to their residences. Subscribers whose papers are not regularly left by the Carrier Boys, will please call at the office at once as it is in our power to rectify the matter.

Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 10, 1868.

### The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

#### A Tale of the Covenanters.

She wore nothing on her head, and her luxuriant hair of light auburn hung in rich masses over her shoulders. She had rosy cheeks, ruby lips, and eyes that sparkled with a brightness which only a gladness of heart could give. No one who looked on her could doubt that her mind was free of care, and her conscience of guilt, or that her heart was pure and fresh as a maiden's should. But, in addition to this natural youthful elasticity of spirit, her happy expression of her blooming face, and her dancing light in her beaming eyes gave token of a special inward joy—the joy of a soul that had bright hopes to cherish and sweet thoughts to feed upon. There was not only the absence of every shadow of care, and the signs of a peace born of innocence and truth, there were also indications of quiet and contented satisfaction springing from a secret and pleasant knowledge—the knowledge of loving and of being loved. Yes, a maiden's highest joy was plainly her's; her heart was plainly given to one whom she deemed worthy of her truest affection, and she possessed the undoubted certainty of being in return the object of that worthy one's undivided regard.

All this would be seen at a glance, even by a stranger, if his observation was acute enough to detect it, but on the present occasion neither stranger nor acquaintance was nigh as she slipped across the upland, and passed on the brow of a prospect that in the beauties of the glowing prospect which spread itself out before her. At the spot where she came to a stand-still, her eye could roam over the landscape we have described, and had indeed most of the grandeur which she delighted in the contemplation of such a scene. But Helen Cringan had a mind peculiarly susceptible to the beauty and grandeur of nature, and she could not gaze on that wide extent of hill and dale, clothed in the gorgeous garments of summer's dress, and flooded by the golden evening light, without standing to survey it, and mark the various picturesque objects which made it so cheerful and so beautiful. It was not alone the grandeur of conformation and the harmony of colour, the variety of shape and the matchless blending of shade and line which attracted her—a human interest came in to crown the glory of the view and increase its effect. Scattered over this beautiful and beautiful bosom of nature were the homes of the inhabitants of the vale, nesting amid the woods, peeping out from the glades, lying in the hollows, and perched on the slopes. Below where she stood she had the village of Greystone in full view, with its stately stone-built houses and grey church spire pointing to the holy heaven. To the left was the tower of Birkenleuch just rising above the trees which surrounded it, and to the right—also amid the massy foliage of ancient trees—she could discern the gables and chimney-stalks of Brankwood, the place to which she had just come—the seat of Sir Gilbert Barton, of whose large and liberal household she had been for years an inmate. As a needle to the pole, so did her eye always turn to and rest lovingly upon the mansion of the baronet, as if the centre of her heart's attraction lay there, and drew her gaze even more than did the beauty which surrounded it. So we may naturally interpret the circumstance, and by-and-by we shall find that we are right.

On another human dwelling—and this in the opposite direction—her eye also frequently lighted, and just as a being shadow was seen to creep over that sunny face, giving token that Helen Cringan was not any more that other mortals, entirely free from all source of pain. It would be most singular if in this world, which has been called the "valley of tears," and universally recognized as such, one being—even one—should be found surrounded by happy influences, youth and hope and joy as to know no sorrow and have no unpleasant experience. The Scotch proverb is true—"There's a dab at everybody's door," and this dab Helen Cringan did not want. True, it was not a large "dab," but it was enough to cause her annoyance, and bring a faint shadow over her fair face when she looked at a small straw-roofed cottage standing by itself in a hollow at no great distance from Greystone. That was her father's cottage; it was the place to which she was going now, and he and his character formed the only disagreeable subject she had ever to think of.

Our readers already know something of Jabez Cringan—not much, certainly, but quite enough to show him in a most unfavorable light. For gold he had played the spy to Captain Allan; for gold he had given information to the troopers about the Conventicle at Maudsle Moss, and led them to the place; for gold he had betrayed Walter Elliot into the hands of his enemies; and did not Charlie Allan remark to himself on one occasion, in the way of soliloquy, that for gold Jabez Cringan would sell his mother?

Now, this latter was only a figurative and typical saying, for Jabez had no mother to sell, but it showed sufficiently enough Allan's estimate of the man he employed in such dirty work. And the estimate was no degree away from the truth. The love of gold was Jabez Cringan's ruling and consuming passion. To accumulate money, to gaze upon it, to handle it, to see it glitter and hear it clink, was the one over-mastering desire of his soul. This constituted his hunger and thirst, and all the acts and movements of his life were directed to the one end of his being. Whatever helped to add to his store of gold he was ready to do. Everything was pleasant to him that promoted this end—whether it was expedient or respectable or morally good he did not care, he was ready to do it if only it ministered to his overwhelming passion, and added a little more to the yellow dust which lay in his coffers. He denied himself food and comforts of any kind, and when necessity did compel him to spend a farthing, it was like wringing out his heart's blood.

TO BE CONTINUED.

UNFAIR DEALING.—A country merchant writes to us, and through us wishes to impress upon farmers the necessity, in all their business transactions, of doing as they would be done by. He says, "Do not keep your summer butter until winter because you cannot get the price you want for it, and make it over again in the winter and sell it for fresh butter, as is too often done. Your sins will find you out. Also do not keep your eggs, that were laid in midsummer, when eggs were only worth 10c, or 12c per dozen, until February or March, when they are worth 20c, or 25c per dozen and sell them for fresh eggs, while the one half of them is rotten, and think you will not be found out. But be ye sure you will be found out, and though the person you have cheated with your rotten eggs does not wish to expose you, yet he puts your actions in his black book of remembrance against you. All you that are guilty of such actions pause and ask yourselves are they right in the sight of God, or your fellow man."

"Miles O'Reilly," although a Democrat, declines to fight with poisoned arrows, and denounces the charge of drunkenness preferred against Gen. Grant as entirely without foundation.

4,944 Valentines were delivered on the 14th inst. by the Postoffice carriers in De-

A FAIR OFFER.—The following is a lesson to the young who imagine success in life to be the result of mere luck. General Lefebvre enlisted in a regiment of the Line, and ended his career as Marshal Duke of Dantick. An old comrade congratulated him in a sneering tone on his high position. "Yes," said Lefebvre, "I am Duke of Dantick (he never spelt his duchy correctly). I am a marshal, whilst you are a clerk; but I wish to change places with me, I will accept the bargain at cost price. Do you know how many gunshots I was exposed to before I won my epaulettes? Twenty thousand. I have heard more cannons roar than there are stitches in my uniform. I will just place you in the court yard of my hotel, and expose you to the chance of twenty thousand shot and shell at a hundred paces. If you escape, well, you shall have my sabre, plume, scarf, and orders—every one of them shall be yours."

### BIRTHS.

THOMPSON.—At St. John's Parsonage, Elora, on the 9th inst, the wife of the Rev. E. Thompson of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

VALLEY.—ALEXANDER. By the Rev. R. Torrance, at his own residence, on the 14th inst., Mr. Francis Valley, to Miss Agnes Alexander, both of Fergus.

MORSE.—FARROW. By the Rev. J. Wesley Gordon, at the Wesleyan Parsonage, Elora, on the 10th inst, Mr. John W. Morse, of "Maryboro", to Ellen Farrow, of the same place.

MORSE.—THOMPSON.—At Guelph, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Hall, Mr. W. J. Morse, to Mrs. Ann Thompson, both of Sasagawya.

### DIED.

McCULLOUGH.—On the 9th inst., at the residence of Mr. Joseph Smart, York Road, Mr. Hugh McCullough, aged 78 years. The deceased was one of the oldest settlers in this section, having bought the first lot and erected the first house on the York Road. He was a native of the County of Antrim, Ireland.

Snowy.—At Salina on the 1st inst., at the residence of her Uncle, James Finlay, Esq., Margaret, second daughter of the late C. Snowy, of the Royal Navy, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, aged 32 years.

HOOD.—In Mount Forest, on the 12th inst, Eliza Agnes, daughter of Mr. Geo. Begg, aged 1 year and 6 months.

KIRBY.—On Saturday, 8th, Jane, wife of Mr. Thos. T. Kirby, Trafalgar, aged 30 years.

WRIGHT.—At Winterton, Woodwich, on the 9th inst, Jane Wright, relict of the late Arthur Wright, aged 80 years.

McMILLAN.—At Patehick, near Killara, on the 6th inst, after a short illness, Angus, eldest son of Mr. Lachlan McMillan, farmer, aged 10 years and 4 months.

### COMMERCIAL.

#### The Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 19, 1868.

The deliveries during the past week have been very light, no doubt owing to the heavy snow storms which rendered it next to impossible to get through with loaded teams. Consequently buyers are on the market doing little or nothing, because produce is not offering. There was considerable depression in prices last week, and the market ever since has been somewhat variable, but at present the figures are considerably higher for wheat than they were when we made our last weekly report, fall wheat has risen 5 cents, and spring wheat about as much; barley has also slightly advanced, but peas have fallen. In oats also there is a slight decrease, and pork is not within 25 cents per cwt of what it was a week ago. The outside markets are very flat, prices in Toronto being merely nominal.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	..\$3 75	.. 4 30
Pat Wheat per bushel	.. 1 15	.. 1 50
Barley do	.. 1 50	.. 1 60
Oats do	.. 0 55	.. 0 58
Peas do	.. 0 75	.. 0 82
Hay per ton	.. 11 00	.. 12 15
Straw do	.. 4 00	.. 5 05
Wood per cord	.. 3 50	.. 3 50
Wool per dozen	.. 0 27	.. 0 25
Butter (Irish) per lb	.. 0 14	.. 0 15
Do (New Zealand) do	.. 0 25	.. 0 20
Do (Swiss) do	.. 0 50	.. 0 40
Turkeys per pair	.. 0 25	.. 0 20
Chickens per pair	.. 0 20	.. 0 20
Ducks do	.. 0 20	.. 0 20
Potatoes per bushel	.. 0 80	.. 0 85
Apples per bushel	.. 0 00	.. 0 00
Lamb per lb	.. 0 05	.. 0 07
Cheese do	.. 4 50	.. 6 00
Beef per lb	.. 0 05	.. 0 05
Pork per 100 lbs	.. 5 00	.. 5 25
Sleep Pelts each	.. 0 50	.. 0 75
Wool per lb	.. 0 40	.. 0 40
Hides per 100 lbs	.. 4 00	.. 6 00

#### Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, February 19, 1868.

Gold, 140c.  
Greenbacks bid at 70 to 70 1/2; sold at 71 to 71 1/2.  
Silver bought at 44 to 45; sold at 44 to 44 1/2.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c to 60c.  
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 55c to 60c.  
Rate in silver.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's report by Special Telegram to "Evening Mercury," MONTREAL, February 19, 1868.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 70 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 50 to \$7 65; Welland Canal, \$7 00. Bag Flour, \$5 00 to \$5 15; Oats 40c to 45c. Barley \$5 75 to \$6 10. Butter—store 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; 2 store 1 1/4 to 1 1/2. Ashes—Pot \$3 30 to \$3 35; pearls \$5 75 to \$5 80.

#### Calt Markets.

Fall wheat—\$1 70 to \$1 77. Spring wheat—\$1 55 to \$1 68. Barley—\$1 to \$1 10. Oats—60c to 62c. Peas—70c to 80c.

#### Owen Sound Market.

Fall wheat—\$1 62. Spring wheat—\$1 49. Oats—50c to 55c. Peas—50c. Barley—70c to 75c. Pork per cwt.—\$4 50 to \$5 00. Potatoes—35c to 45c. Hay per ton \$16.

#### Hamilton, February 18, 1868.

Fall wheat—\$1 70 to \$1 77. Spring wheat—\$1 55 to \$1 68 per bushel. Barley—\$1 to \$1 10. Oats—60c to 62c. Peas—70c to 80c.

#### GUELPH LUMBER MARKET.

(Corrected by Messrs. Gowley & Stewart, of Wellington Lumber Yard.)  
Clear 1 1/2 and 2 inch Plank from \$20 00 to \$25 00  
" 1 1/2 inch Boards .. 12 00 to 16 00  
" 1 1/2 inch Flooring .. 15 00 to 18 00  
Common 1 and 1 1/2 inch Flooring .. 14 00 to 16 00  
" 1 inch, boards and 2 1/2 plank .. 9 00 to 10 00  
Sawing all sizes up to 16 feet .. 10 00 to 16 00  
" and Joisting from 18 to 20 .. 12 00 to 14 00  
" .. 22 to 30 .. 15 00 to 16 00  
Shingles No 1 Sawed .. 1 25 to 2 00  
" 2 Cut and .. 1 10 to 1 75  
" Split .. 1 50 to 1 75  
" 2 Cut and .. 1 10 to 1 75  
Water Line per hundred .. 1 25 to 1 40  
Disaster (Calcare) .. 4 50 to 5 50  
Guelph, Jan. 30, 1868.

### UPHOLSTERY

CHAS. FIRESTONE  
Quebec-st., near Howard and Jones.  
I prepared to execute orders for all kinds of Upholstery in a neat and expeditious manner.

"Miles O'Reilly," although a Democrat, declines to fight with poisoned arrows, and denounces the charge of drunkenness preferred against Gen. Grant as entirely without foundation.

### 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.  
Every body 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 Bells

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 common blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you 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.

Refrigerators, Spoons, Bells, 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 stock of superior workmen.

EVERYBODY IN WANT OF A GOOD TRUNK, VALISE, OR TRAVELLING BAG, CAN BE SUPPLIED AT THE NEW SHOP, TWO DOORS FROM THE POST OFFICE.

### SMITH & METCALF,

Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Almshouse, Guelph, 20th December 1867. dwtf.

### FURS, FURS.

We have opened our stock of FURS, four or five months, which we will sell at LOW PRICES. Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

F. GARLAND, Market Square, GUELPH.

### The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867.

### INDIA & CHINA TEA COY.

Home Depot at London and Liverpool. Canada Depot, 23 Hospital Street, Montreal.

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

The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce of some of the best plantations in Assam and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by judicious blending of these magnificent Teas with the best varieties of China produce, they are enabled to offer to the public Tea of quality and favour highly superior to any general commerce. These Teas are in high favour in England and France, and a single trial will convince you of their excellence.

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

PRICES: Rich, full-flavoured Tea for family use a real gem and fine article 70 cents per lb. Finest quality of comparable one dollar per lb.

To be had in packets of Quarter Pound, Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in quantities of five, and upwards from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada, N. B. All the packages are lined with tin foil paper, and the Tea will consequently retain its flavour any length of time. Despatch.—All packages have the Company's trade-mark without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Agent, Guelph, Guelph, August 3, 1867. dwtf.

### BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

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

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

Dear Sirs,—We can emphatically recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Bookkeepers. The man in our employ bears testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though differing in houses pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are so thoroughly inculcated by your system of tuition that no student is ever at a loss as to the correct feature in each particular system.

Your efforts are worthy of every appreciation in founding a sound Commercial Education of the intelligent youth of Canada, and though occasionally students fail to become proficient, it can only be owing to their lack of ability on the part of the student, and not the incapacity of the tutor.

We shall ever give and advise preference to your experience and your course of training is eminently adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office man.

Yours truly, LYMAN & MACNAB.  
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GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

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### FLOUR, GRAIN, PROVISIONS,

ASHES, LEATHER, &c.

COMMISSIONS solicited. Highest prices realized, and returns promptly made. Every possible information afforded consignors in reference to the Markets, Packing of Flour, Manufacture, &c., as required.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., Guelph, 20th August, 1867. W. K. GRAHAM, (dwtf.)

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DRAFTS authorized against Consignments to Montreal and Halifax may be made at the option of Consignors, on either City. Cash advances made on shipments to our Correspondents in Foreign Markets.

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ORDERED for Fish, Oils, or West India Produce carefully and promptly executed.

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W. BURGESS, Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dwtf.

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Watches, Chains, Rings, Pen Cases, and all kinds of Jewellery Plated in Gold.

Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., Plated at reasonable rates.

### Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and dispatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to. Hamilton, November 23 1867. dwtm

### THE RED MILL

THIS subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grists rely on having them ground the same day.

### FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

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

GEORGE WALKWILL, Guelph 19th December, 1867. dwtm

### \$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or draw. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.—Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample or work, or terms, address

J. E. SPAFFORD, Postoffice P. O. or Box 450, Toronto.

### NOTICE.

MR. CHAS. GRUNDY who has been my Book-keeper for several years in Guelph, is authorized to collect all debts due to me, and to grant receipts in my name for all payments that may be paid to him on my account. Also, to adjust and pay any accounts due by me.

OFFICE: In the store of Messrs. John M. Bond & Co., Corner of Wyndham and Cook Sts.

HENRY MULHOLLAND, Guelph, 22nd January, 1868.

### 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 cut out all cheap imitations, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the next Gold value of American Currency