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McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers,
Office: Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.
October 29, 1867. dwt

Sewing Machine for Sale

FOR sale, a superior Family SEWING MACHINE. Apply at this office.
Guelph, 25th Jan, 1868. ds

AUCTION SALE.



Cutters and Sleighs,

THE undersigned is instructed by Mr GEO. A. BRUCE to sell by Public Auction,

On the Market Square, on Fair Day

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

Terms cash, or credit on furnishing approved endorsed notes at nine months.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer
Guelph, 25th January, 1868. dwt

JOHN A. WOOD

WILL SELL
INCERSOLL FACTORY

CHEESE!

AND—
Goderich SALT

AT THE
LOWEST RATES,

Wholesale and Retail

WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.
Guelph, Jan. 29th, 1868. dwt

THE RED MILL.

THE undersigned having put a steam engine in the Mill, farmers bringing in their Grains will find it having them ground the same day.
Chopping done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.
GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.
GEORGE BARKWILL.
Guelph 10th December, 1867. dwtm

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE
Opposite the Market Shed.

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

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes,
Guelph, 25th August, 1867. dwt

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S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. O. FREEMAN.
Office over Berry's Confectionery Store,
Wynham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dwt

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'G, FEB. 1, 1868.

Local News.

PERSONAL.—Mr Robt. McKim, M.P.P., left Guelph this morning on a visit to his constituents in the North Riding.

CONCERT AT HOLLIN.—The Battalion Band intend giving a concert in Hollin at an early day.

An agency of the Merchants Bank has been opened in Galt in the building formerly occupied by the Commercial Bank.

MR. MAITLAND'S CONCERT.—Mr. Maitland's annual concert, held in Galt on Friday night last, was a great success, about 900 people being present. The pieces sang by Mrs. Cuthbert, of Guelph, were greatly admired.

AID TO THE NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMEN.—At a meeting of the inhabitants of Galt held the other night a resolution was passed, asking the Council to grant the sum of \$200, and also that subscriptions be taken up in the various churches in Galt on Sabbath the 9th February, for the same object.

PICKWICK PAPERS.—This best of the novels of Dickens is now on hand at Mr Day's bookstore, for the low price of 25c. He who wants it may be sure he will never be able to purchase it cheaper. The typographical appearance is very neat, the paper being good, and the printing done from new clear cut type. Those who cannot read Dickens may at least enjoy the pleasure of reading him very cheap.

PRESENTATION.—The numerous friends of the Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson of St. Thomas, Ont., formerly of Winterbourne, will be pleased to learn that at the annual meeting of this gentleman's congregation, held a few days ago, he was presented with a box containing the handsome sum of \$121, as a mark of their respect.

Railway Extension.—Railway extension from Guelph is fast becoming a reality, and false impressions engendered by prejudice and self-interest must cease their hold on the minds of the people of this flourishing town. That which is inevitable must and will be beneficial, and Guelph will be certain to retain its importance from being the point of intersection. But that is not the point—it is this, Cuthbert's last sale takes place to-night, when a most splendid assortment of good goods will be offered. Come one and all, and behold the sacrifice. Remember—to-night (Saturday). Advt.

PRESENTATION.—The scholars attending Knox's Church Sabbath School met last evening in the lecture room of the church, along with their teachers and a number of the parents, and presented Mr. Charles Thain, who, for the past year, has taken a very active part in training the scholars in vocal music, with a handsome china tea set, a set of silver spoons and tea knives with tray, and a large table lamp. On the spoons the initials of Mr. Thain's name were neatly engraved. The presentation was accompanied by an address, signed on behalf of the scholars by Miss Rosina Beuttner and Miss Helen Wilkie, to which Mr. Thain feelingly replied. The affair was altogether a very pleasant one, especially to the young people, as it was a matter entirely of their own designing.

FIRE INQUEST IN ELORA.—Dr. Middleton held an inquest on Wednesday last to enquire into the origin of the burning of Mr. John Waddell's store, which took place in that village on the 3rd December last. The inquiry was made in consequence of an anonymous letter having been sent to Messrs. Morland & Watson, General Agents of the Commercial Union Insurance Company, insinuating that Mr. Waddell had set fire to his premises. After a patient investigation the jury found a verdict completely exonerating Mr. Waddell from any blame in the matter, and also recommending Mr. Livingston, Inspector for the Commercial Union, who was present, to pay the amount of Mr. Waddell's claim. On receipt of the above verdict and resolution Mr. Livingston presented Mr. Waddell with a check for his claim in full, when the jurymen passed the following vote of thanks:—
"Moved by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, That the thanks of this Jury are hereby tendered to Thomas Chisholm Livingston, Inspector of the Commercial Union Ins. Co. for his gentlemanly conduct during the investigation and prompt action he has taken in paying Mr. Waddell's claim, after having heard the decision of the Jury empanelled to enquire into the circumstances of the case."

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st. Guelph.

Wellington County Council.

Friday, Jan. 31. The Council met at 2 p.m. The Warden read the report of the Committee on Printing. They recommended that the tender of McLagan & Innes be accepted, being the lowest. On motion of Mr. Whitlaw, seconded by Mr. Sturton, the report was adopted.

Mr. McInnes moved, seconded by Mr. Whitlaw, that the By-law for the remuneration of School Superintendents be read a third time and passed. Carried; and the By-law was read accordingly.

The Warden read an account from Mr. Chas. Nichols, amounting to \$4.50, for cutting firewood. Referred to County Property Committee.

COUNTY ROADS COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Whitlaw read the report of Committee on County Roads.—Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the detailed statement of the County Engineers of their expenditure on the various roads under their charge, as required by a resolution passed at the December session of the Council, and consider said statement satisfactory, but of too great length to give the various items in detail here. The Committee therefore submit them for any information which the Council may require.

Your Committee would recommend that the County Engineers be re-appointed at the same salaries as last year.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the petition of the President of the Elmira Road Company, the petition of certain ratepayers of the township of Peel and Maryboro, and the petition of certain ratepayers of the town of Guelph, praying for this County to assume as a County Road that part of the Guelph and Elmira Road running through the townships of Guelph and Pilkington.

Your Committee have also considered the petition from the Township Council of Peel, praying for this County to assume and improve the road from the village of Alma along the townline between the townships of Peel, Pilkington and Woolwich, to the third concession of the township of Peel, and also the petition from certain ratepayers of Maryboro, praying for this County to assume and improve the road commencing at the village of Glenallan, and running thro' the township of Maryboro between the 2nd and 3rd concessions, to the township line of Wallace.

Your Committee, in view of the large existing debt of this county incurred in the construction of gravel roads, causing a very high rate of county taxation, cannot at this time recommend that any further liabilities be incurred in the assumption of any of these roads.

Your Committee have also considered the petition of certain ratepayers of the townships of Eramosa and Erin, praying the County to assume as a county road a certain road in the township of Eramosa, and for reasons above given the Committee recommend that the prayer of said petition be not granted.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the propriety of continuing or completing the Glenallan road, regret to have to state, from information received, that the \$3000 granted by the Council, along with an equal amount from certain ratepayers in Peel, will be altogether inadequate to complete the road, but as no statement has been laid before you, we will not advise you to grant the petition, but will be required to finish said road, they would recommend that no action be taken in the matter at present.

In regard to the Erin and Garafraxa Road, the Fergus and Douglas Roads, which have already been assumed as Co. Roads, your committee would recommend that no further expenditure be incurred on said roads during the present year.

Your Committee would recommend that the agreement made by the County with John Leitch be carried out by Mr. Cooper, engineer, as soon as the season will admit.

In regard to the claims of Robt Campbell and Malcolm Leitch, for damages for gravel, your committee recommend that if the offer made them by this county be not accepted, the same be referred to arbitration, and the Warden be empowered by-law to appoint an arbitrator on behalf of the county to settle these or any other disputed claims.

Your Committee would recommend the claim of John Hockins to be investigated by the Warden, and if found correct the sum to be paid.

Your Committee would recommend the petition of David Allan be granted after the expiration of the present lease of the gate-keeper.

Your Committee would recommend that the matter of the petition of Mr. Couch be referred to the Warden to take such action as he may deem necessary.

Mr. Sturton moved, sec. by Mr. Cross, that the report of the County Roads Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Dobbin, seconded by Mr. McInnes, that the report be referred back to committee, with instructions to amend it by striking out paragraph No. 8, relating to the Erin and Garafraxa Roads, and inserting instead the following words:—"Your Committee would recommend that debentures be issued to the amount of \$4000 for the completion of the Fergus and Douglas Road; and to the amount of \$5000 for the completion of the Hillsburg and Erin Road, and that the County Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law."

Mr. Jull moved in amendment to the amendment, and Mr. Gillespie seconded, that the report of the committee be amended by inserting "\$2000 to the Glenallan road, \$4000 to the Douglas road, \$6000 to the Bristol and Heading road, and that debentures be issued in accordance with the requirements of law in such case."

Before the question was put Mr. Sturton said there was something extraordinary about this Peel line. No definite sum was mentioned as sufficient for its requirements. Last year the Council agreed to grant a certain sum if the liability would be the same. Some of that money was spent and the road partially finished, but there was no engineer's report, and it was not known whether the \$2000 asked for would be sufficient to finish it. Some evidence was wanted that if that sum were given it would be sufficient. Again, in committee Mr. Dobbin had offered to take \$3000 for the Douglas Road, and now in Council he asks for \$4000. The Hillsburg road is supposed to require \$6000, but he had travelled that road and knew it to be one of the most hilly in the country, and that the sum asked for would not construct it. Why don't they come down with estimates, say at once how much is wanted, and let the Council grant or refuse them. There should, he thought, be a pause for one

year, and leave the Northern townships to do what they can for the railway.

Mr. Cross was favourable to the report, but still wanted Peel to have its share of the County moneys that were distributed.

Mr. Dobbin replied to Mr. Sturton, saying that he had modified his wants in Committee to make them satisfactory.

Mr. Whitlaw and Mr. Peterson advocated strongly the carrying out to the full of the by-laws which the Council had passed assuming certain roads as County roads. Do this or otherwise repeal the By-laws. Mr. Peterson considered it was time enough to do the latter when members' constituents found fault with them for extravagance.

The amendment to the amendment was then put and nine members voted for it.

The amendment to the motion was put and the vote was 11 for and 19 against. The yeas and nays were ordered to be taken down and were as follow:—Yeas, Messrs. Clarke, Cornock, Dobbin, Duffield, Gillespie, Hunter, Jull, McInnes, McMillan, Saunders and Whitlaw—11. Nays, Messrs. Boyd, Broadfoot, Campbell, Cassin, Connell, Cross, Gordon, Johnston, Mair, Melvin, Mitchell, McManus, Parnore, Peterson, Rea, Robertson, Small, Sturton and Sutherland—19. Mr. Swan was absent.

Mr. Robertson then moved in amendment to the report, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the report be not adopted, but referred back to committee with instructions to amend the same by striking out that paragraph referring to the petition of the ratepayers of the 2nd and 3rd concessions of the township of Maryboro, and inserting therein, "That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that this Council assume the road therein prayed for, and that \$3000 be expended on it during the season.—Lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the report was then put, and all the members with the exception of three or four voted for it, and the report was adopted accordingly.

Mr. Whitlaw introduced a By-law to appoint an arbitrator on behalf of the corporation for the assessment of claims in connection with damages sustained by some parties near some of the County roads. The by-law was read a first and second time.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the Road and Bridge Committee. In reference to the petition of Thos. Whitley and others to have a commissioner appointed to see that the report of the Road and Bridge Committee of June 1867, in regard to improvements on the town line between Peel and Garafraxa be properly carried out, they do not think it advisable to appoint a commissioner at present, but would allow the township of Peel to let the first of June next to let their share of the contract. They would recommend the following grants in lieu of the petitions referred to them:—On town lines between Arthur and Luther \$300, Peel and Maryboro \$200, Garafraxa and Luther \$300, Maryboro and Arthur \$200, Garafraxa and Amaranth \$400, Minto and Arthur \$200, Peel and Maryboro (on the south end of the line) \$100, on the line from Reading to Orangeville \$100; on the County line between Wellington and Peel, on condition that the County of Peel give an equal sum, \$150; and on the line between Minto and Wallace, if Perth give an equal sum \$200.

Moved by Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the report of the Road and Bridge Committee be adopted.—Lost.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the report be amended by striking out all the grants, and that the petitions be referred back to the committee at the June session.—Carried.

The Council adjourned till 9 a.m. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, February 1.

The Council met at nine o'clock, the Warden in the chair.

The By-law for the appointment of a County Arbitrator on damages that may be done in the construction of County roads was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Swan, seconded by Mr. Small, that the Treasurer of the County of Grey be requested to furnish to the Treasurer of this County a statement of the non-resident land tax fund of Mount Forest up to the time it was annexed to Wellington.—Carried.

The Warden read a memorial from the Reeve of Fergus in reference to a daughter of James Grahame, of that village, who is blind, and asking that she be sent to the Institute for the deaf, dumb and blind.—Referred to Education Committee.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the County Property Committee.

The Committee recommend that in regard to the memorial of Mr. J. Holden for the purchase of a patent Fire Extinguisher the matter lie over till the next session of the Council in order that the committee may be more fully informed as to its efficiency. They recommend that the articles asked for by the gaoler be furnished. They also recommend the payment of several accounts. The report was adopted.

Mr. Sturton presented the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

The Committee recommend that \$50 be granted towards the completion of the Erin Drill Shed, also that no action be taken in regard to the payment of the account of Mr. Shaw of the Elora Observer for advertising the petition of certain ratepayers in the Township of Peel and Maryboro. In regard to the communication from the County Treasurer, asking instructions as to what course he shall pursue in regard to the fraud practised upon him by the payment of certain packages of copper coin instead of silver, the committee consider the difficulty as one arising out of a purely business transaction between the parties interested, and therefore decline to give any instructions on it at present.

Moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the Council grant \$200 to aid in building a bridge on the Town line between Peel and Maryboro, on condition that the Townships guarantee the balance required for its construction. Lost, those voting in favour of it being Messrs. Cross, Johnson, Melvin, Mitchell, McManus, Peterson, Robertson, Small and Sutherland—9. Twenty voted against it.

Mr. Cross presented the report of the Education Committee, who recommend that James Grahame's daughter be sent to the Institute for the blind, till the month of June, and that \$50 be granted for her maintenance; also that the same grants as given last year to the Guelph, Elora, Fergus and Orangeville Grammar Schools be again made this year in accordance with the Grammar School Act.—The report was adopted.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Jull, that this Council desire to

record its sympathy with the people of our sister Province of Nova Scotia on account of the suffering and distress that prevail in that Province, and that the sum of \$500 be granted by this Council to alleviate that distress, and that the Warden be instructed to telegraph to the chairman of the Relief Committee at Halifax to draw upon the Treasurer for that amount. The motion was carried unanimously and the Warden telegraphed to that effect the same day.

The Warden read a memorial from the toll gate keeper on the Fergus and Douglas road, stating that his salary of \$10 a month for collecting toll is far too small, and asking the Council to increase the same. Referred to the Committee on County Roads to take what action may be deemed necessary.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, Messrs. Sturton, Whitlaw, Clarke, Melvin, the Warden and the mover were appointed a special committee to revise the standing rules of the Council, and report at the June session.

The Council then adjourned till the second of June, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Queen Victoria's Journal

CONCLUDED.

The people of Edinburgh will be delighted to read of the Queen's admiration for what Scott called "my own romantic town."

"The impression Edinburgh has made upon us is very great; it is quite beautiful, totally unlike anything I have ever seen, and what is even more, Albert, who has seen so much, says it is unlike anything he ever saw; it is so regular, everything built of massive stone; there is not a brick to be seen anywhere.

The inhabitants of Perth also will often hereafter quote the opinion expressed by Her Majesty and the Prince Consort of their city:

"We very soon came upon Perth, the situation of which is quite lovely; it is on the Tay, with wooded hills skirting it entirely on one side, and hills are seen again in the distance, the river winding beautifully."

"Albert was charmed, and said it put him in mind of the situation of Basle."

Then for the pass of Killiecrankie; "We passed Pitlochrie, a small village, Faskally a very pretty place of Mr. Muter's to the left, and then came to the Pass of Killiecrankie, which is quite magnificent; the road winds along it, and you look down a great height, all wooded on both sides; the Garry rolling below it. I cannot describe how beautiful it is. Albert was in perfect ecstasies."

Year by year the Queen seems to become more attached to the Highlands, more eager to return to them, more loth to leave them. It seems as if she could take up the burden of the Scotch song, "My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here." On one occasion she writes:

"At a quarter past eight o'clock we started, and were very, very sorry to leave Blair and the dear Highlands! Every little trifle and every spot I had become attached to; our life of quiet and liberty, everything was so pleasant, and the Highlands got to like so much. Oh! the dear hills, it makes me very sad to leave them behind."

And then on reaching England she writes with that passionate feeling which mountainous countries are apt to inspire:

"The English coast appeared so terrible flat. Lord Aberdeen was quite touched when I told him I was so much attached to the dear, dear Highlands, and missed the fine hills so much. There is a great peculiarity about the Highlands; they are such a charming, fine, active people. Our stay among them was so delightful. Independently of the beautiful scenery, there was a quiet, a retirement, a wildness, a liberty and a solitude that had such a charm for us."

The following is the Queen's account of one of the incidents of those expeditions in which she travelled incognito:

"A few seconds brought us over to the road, where there were two shabby vehicles on a kind of bench, into which Albert and I got, Lady Churchill and General Grey in the other—a break; each with small and rather miserable horses, driven by a man from the box. Grant was on our carriage, and Brown on the other. We had gone so far forty miles, at least twenty, on horseback. We had decided to call ourselves 'Lord and Lady Churchill and party'; Lady Churchill passing as Miss Spencer, General Grey as Dr. Grey. Brown once forgot this, and called me 'Your Majesty,' as I was getting into the carriage; and Grant on the box once called Albert 'Your Royal Highness,' which set us on laughing, but no one observed it."

"We had a long three hours' drive; it was 6 o'clock when we got into the carriage. We were upon the end of the wood, and gave upon the Badenoch road—passing King's, but unfortunately not through it, which we ought to have done. It was very beautiful—fine wooded hills, the high Cairngorm range, and Ben Mulch Dhui, unfortunately obscured by the mist on the top, and the broad Spay flowing in the valley, with cultivated fields and fine trees below. Most striking, however, on the whole long journey was the water, and to me very refreshing solitude. Happily a habitation, and hardly meeting a soul! It gradually grew dark. We stopped at a small half-way house for the horses to take some water, and the few people about stared vacantly at the two simple vehicles.

The mountains gradually disappeared, the evening was mild, with a few drops of rain. On and on we went till at length we saw lights and drove through a long and straggling town, and turned down a small court to the door of an inn. Here we got out quietly, Lady Churchill and Gen. Grey not waiting for us. We went up a small staircase, and were shown to our bedroom at the top of it; very small, but clean; with a large four post bed which nearly filled the whole room. Opposite was the drawing and dining room in one; very tidy and well-stored. Then came the room where Albert dressed which was very small. The two maids (Jane Shackie was with me) had driven over by another road in a wagonette, Stewart driving them. Made ourselves 'clean and tidy,' and then went down to our dinner. Grant and Brown were to have waited on us, but were 'bashful' and did not. A ringleted woman did everything; and, when dinner was over, removed the cloth and placed the bottle of wine (our own which we had brought) on the table with the glasses which were

I tried to write part of this account (but the talking round me confused me) while Albert played at 'patience.' Then went away to begin undressing, and it was half-past 11 when we went to bed."

We have thought that we should best do our duty to the remarkable volume by quoting from it freely. Our readers will be eager to hear the Queen speak for herself, and we hope the foregoing extracts we have been able to convey a fair idea of the work—which is the kindly, womanly spirit in which it is written, and of the frankness with which the first lady of the land admits us into her confidence and gives us the privileges of friendship. The book, however, to be rightly appreciated, should be read as a whole, and we doubt not that it will deepen, if that be possible, the sentiment of loyalty which the Queen has inspired, and increase the warmth with which every true heart among us says, "God bless her."

(We are indebted to Messrs. Tait & Co. for a copy of this book. Mr. Day has a large stock on hand.)

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Jan. 31.—Despatches were received here several days ago giving account of the caving in of some earth on the side of Mount Vesuvius, whereby a number of lives were lost, and houses swallowed up. No such disaster has occurred.

London, Jan. 31st.—Dr Arminius Vambery, the well known traveller in Central Asia, has written a letter to the London Times, in which he proves the absurdity of the reports that the Chinese Government are preparing a hostile movement on the borders of the empire.

London, Jan. 31.—Despatches received from Florence last night allege that the Italian Government is about to send out a naval expedition to the Rio de la Plata, South America. Nothing is known as to the cause or the object of this movement. Prime Minister Mesebergh when interrogated on the subject, declined to give any explanation.

Naples, Jan. 31.—The Italian fleet now in this harbor, which has been getting ready for sea, has received orders to sail forthwith for the Rio Parana, Paraguay. All information in regard to the expedition is rigorously withheld by the government, and to the naval officials its destination only is known.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—By the fire at Leavenworth, Kansas, this morning, about \$75,000 worth of property was destroyed.

New York, Feb. 1.—The World's special says the 'tergiversation' of Sec. Seward is of avail no longer. Another and higher authority has determined upon the course which is to be pursued in regard to the claims of the United States Government upon Great Britain. I am authorized to state most confidently and decisively that the legitimate demands which have been too meekly urged by the Secretary of State upon the British Cabinet, are to be forced at whatever hazard. The new British Minister, Mr Thornton, will probably be presented to the President on Tuesday, and although the addresses that are to be exchanged may be guarded, the fact yet remains that a speedy and satisfactory adjustment must be made by the British Government, to the ultimatum of executive of the U. S., or else war must inevitably ensue. [Correction: In this item make the jaw-breaking word read "tergiversation."]

New York, Feb. 1.—The World's special says the naval bill reported in the House to-day cuts down the appropriation for the naval service from the original estimate, \$500,000, to \$180,000. In the Constable and Diplomat; bill the expenses are cut down about \$500,000.

HALTOS.—We cordially endorse the following from the Milton Champion:—Archibald Campbell, Esq., of Nassagaweya, was unanimously re-elected to the proud position of Warden of the County, at the meeting of Council on Tuesday last. Mr. Campbell has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all, and will, we are sure, continue to do so during his term of office.

Martin, who edited the Queen's diary, and is to be knighted, is the husband of the once famous actress, Helen Faucit.

Mr. Wm. Bristow, of Montreal, has been appointed Secretary to Mr. Macpherson, arbitrator for Ontario.

The delightful Hindoo practice of smothering dying persons with the sacred mud of the Ganges still prevails under Queen Victoria's mild sway.

The London Revue says that at this time there is no country—no matter how embarrassed or how poor—in which there is so much pressing and painful poverty, so much vice, so much misery as in England. Yet England is the richest country country on the globe.

A Chicago man was foolish enough to pay two hundred dollars for the use of diamonds worn by his wife at the recent Charity ball in that city.

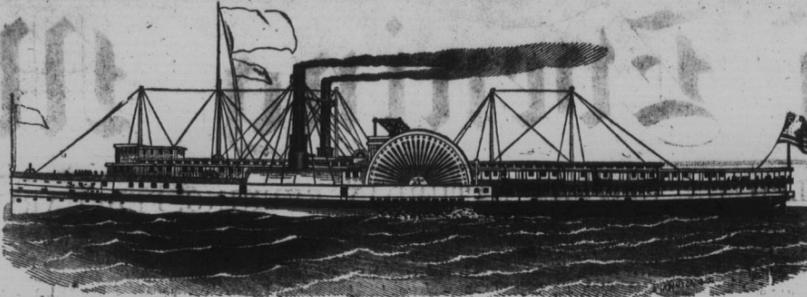
A Frenchman who had been in India speaking of tiger hunts pleasantly remarks, "When ze Frenchman hunts ze tigre, ah! ze sport is grand, magnifique. But when ze tigre hunts ze Frenchman, ou! zere is ze very meeschef to pay."

The Editor of the Hunts Merchant's Magazine estimates that in fifty years the New Dominion will have a population, equal to that of the United States, as shown by the census of 1860.

ANOTHER FIRE AT KINGSTON.—About ten o'clock on Thursday night a fire broke out in a grocery store, and burned with great fury. The flames spread and two adjoining stores were destroyed. The loss is supposed to be about \$2,000 partially covered by insurance.

At COST

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

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

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

Guelph, 1st February, 1868.

JOHN HORSMAN.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

SATURDAY EV'NG, FEB. 1, 1868.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

There is so much braggadocio written by editors and newspaper correspondents in the States, that it is as difficult to separate the truth from the commingled mass of veracity and falsehood as it is to sift the pure gold from extraneous matter in auriferous sands. We know not then what estimate to place upon an item of intelligence which appears in the American news to-day as a "special" to the New York World. If the despatch was not manufactured in the office of that journal, we presume it was sent from Washington. According to it the powers that be have resolved to tolerate Seward's tergiversation no longer. A higher authority has determined upon the course to be pursued, and the legitimate demands of the United States which have been too meekly urged by the Secretary are now to be forced at whatever hazard. Where the astute correspondent or any one else can have discovered the slightest "tergiversation" in Mr. Seward's actions on the Alabama claims we are at a loss to discover. Has not his correspondence been a prolix series of insolent demands, which the good breeding of any one but an American frantically eager to make political capital, would have prevented him from ever penning? Can it be said that he ever turned his back on his first intention of procuring ample indemnity from Britain for all the mischief perpetrated by the Alabama, and other vessels of her kind, or that he has ever moved a step towards meeting conciliation? How the settlement—the terms of which, will, of course, be of Yankee dictation—shall be effected we are not informed, nor do we know who is the hero that has risen from his obscurity to essay such a stupendous enterprise. We shall wait with calm serenity until we see.

A Fenian correspondent of the New York Tribune says, that, while it is right and proper to hate and detest John Bull, the Americans ought to give him credit for his pluck. Referring to the imprisonment of certain American Fenians arrested in Ireland this Fenian says: "He won't release your citizens. He won't pay your Alabama claims."

THE NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—This Legislature was opened on Wednesday by Lieutenant Governor Doyle. The speech is mainly taken up with local matters. Reference is made to the distress existing among the fishermen in a way to give the lie direct to the Chronicle, although it is the organ of the party in power, whose mouthpiece the Lieutenant Governor necessarily is on this occasion. The people of the Province are praised for their loyalty, and the hope is expressed that whatever changes may be desired in the constitution will be sought in a loyal and proper manner.

Hamilton has already collected over \$1,000 for the Nova Scotians, and the county council has voted \$400 to the same object.

The Banffshire Journal says that Her Majesty will probably pay a visit next summer to the celebrated cattle-breeding farm of Tillyfour, in Aberdeenshire, for the purpose of seeing some of the more remarkable of Mr. McCombie's large and valuable herd of polled cattle.

A few days ago Horace Greeley, John Russel Young and other members of the Tribune staff, dined pleasantly and privately with Charles Dickens.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, Friday 31st.

The Speaker took the chair at 8 o'clock. A number of petitions were presented, some of them against the Licensed Victuallers, others for the establishment of an Ophthalmic Hospital in Ontario, besides many of a miscellaneous character.

Mr. Rykert presented the first report of the committee on Municipal and Assessment laws.

Your committee being fully aware of the impossibility of amending the Assessment and Municipal Act in every respect, so as to give general satisfaction, during the present session, decided upon recommending the amendment of only such clauses as seemed absolutely necessary, believing that it would be better to receive such suggestions as might be offered by the several municipalities, and present them to the country in some tangible shape after the close of Parliament, in order that members might be prepared at the next session of Parliament to carefully revise and consolidate the Acts.

"They would recommend that a Bill be passed immediately, embodying the amendments approved of by your committee, which said amendments they beg leave to report by bill."

Hon. Mr. Richards moved the second reading of his bill respecting free grants to settlers. The Bill will be considered in Committee of the Whole on Monday. Mr. Cumberland moved the second reading of the Bill (No. 56) respecting Traction Engines. He said, as some inquiries had been made as to the purpose of this Bill, he begged to offer a word or two of explanation. The name even "traction engines," seemed unfamiliar to some hon. members, and some were rather alarmed about it. A "traction" engine was simply a locomotive engine, to run upon highways instead of railways. He believed a good summer road, though not macadamized, might be available; but, as a general rule, a macadamized road would be necessary. The gradients ordinarily found on common macadamized roads would not interfere with the action of these engines. A six horse-power engine, weighing six tons, and costing \$1,200, would draw a load of 15 tons on an ordinary level road, and a load of 10 tons up a gradient of one in twelve. An eight horse power, weighing 9 tons, would haul 25 tons on a level, and 15 tons up a gradient of 1 in 12. A ten horse power, weighing twelve tons, would haul 30 tons on a level, and 20 tons up 1 in 12. The gradients on the ordinary macadamized roads of the country would scarcely exceed 1 in 12.

Hon. J. S. McDonald doubted whether the country was prepared for such a measure. He would like to see the operation of one of these engines upon a road, before he consented to it. The motion was allowed to stand over till Monday.

Mr. Matchett moved the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts as to the authority of certain Commissioners to take affidavits and bail. The Bill was then read at length, and it was moved that it be read a third time on Monday next. The House adjourned at half-past four.

The Mercantile Agency's Legal Guide

This is the title of a new work published by J. W. Rooklidge, and compiled by Messrs. C. V. Price, L.L.B., Kingston, J. Popham, Montreal, and Palmer & McLeod, Charlottetown. The object of the work is to furnish satisfactory answers to legal questions which arise in the every day business of the merchant and manufacturer, which are scarcely of sufficient importance to justify the consultation of a lawyer. The volume gives the fullest information in detail on the vital points of commercial law, and the known ability of the compilers will be a sufficient guarantee of its reliability. Technicalities are carefully avoided so as to bring it easily within the comprehension of those to whom it is designed to be of service. The work contains articles on traders, partners, common carriers, principal and agent, corporations, joint stock companies, shipping, bills of exchange, promissory notes, property of married women, patents, trade marks, &c. The volume has been submitted to the inspection of an astute legal gentleman in this Town, and has received his approval. The agent is at present canvassing here, and will call upon all to whom the work is likely to be useful.

The Narrow Gauge Line.

The Galt Reporter thus speaks of the effect the construction of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway would have on the trade of Guelph:—

The success of the Narrow Gauge Railway advocated by Toronto, would do far more to injure Guelph than the mere extension of the Galt and Guelph Road. Should a Railway be constructed from Toronto through the country to the north of Guelph, it would effectually cut off the traffic that now seeks an outlet at that town, and remove from them one of the principal causes of their prosperity. It would reduce their business at one stroke fully fifty per cent., and leave them nothing but the mere local business of a circumscribed district. And although they have been a long time in finding out in which direction their true interests lay, we congratulate them that they are at length wide awake, and that they will now add to the utmost of their ability a project they have hitherto most bitterly opposed.

While alluding to this matter, it may be worth while adverting to the result that would inevitably follow the building of the Narrow Gauge Humbugs proposed by the people of Toronto. Should they or any one of them be built,—which will undoubtedly be the case unless the most spirited efforts are made on behalf of the legitimate route from Guelph—it will place the people of the northern counties completely at the mercy of the people of Toronto: Every pound of freight that would seek an outlet by that road would have to be transhipped at Toronto before it could proceed another inch towards the sea board. Every bushel of wheat or any other grain would have to be docked to the seller at the cost of this transhipment. The road itself would in every respect be inferior to broad-gauge lines, and utterly unable, at certain seasons of the year, to carry off the freight that would offer. And it would be found by the people interested, should they allow themselves to be cajoled into supporting the schemes of the Toronto men, that they had only assisted in building up Toronto at their own expense, and that the narrow-gauge Railway was to them a nuisance that could only be removed at an expense nearly equal to the original cost of the road.

Police Court.

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

SATURDAY, Feb. 1.—Mary Digby, who has for some time past been conducting herself with discretion, and keeping away from the Police Court like a heroine got drunk yesterday, and grew rather riotous in her cups. Constable Hodgins came across her, and with some difficulty got her to prison. She was fined \$5 and costs or 21 days, and at once requested to be taken to gaol.

Janet Leith, for vagrancy, was sent up 20 days, because she had not \$5 and costs.

FIRE IN HAMILTON.—A stone building on King street, occupied by Mr. J. Huggard, as a fruit and game store, on the first floor, and a billiard saloon in the second story was found to be on fire on Friday morning, and though the walls remain the contents were almost entirely consumed. The total loss by the burning of the stock, billiard tables, &c., and damage to the building is estimated at \$5000, covered by insurance.

GOLDWIN SMITH.—The N. Y. Tribune publishes a letter from this distinguished writer, who states that he intends next summer to take up his abode in the States with a view of writing a history of America.

BIRTHS.

HILLIARD.—At Guelph, on the 18th ult., the wife of Mr. Thomas Hilliard, Editor of the *Times*, of a son.

GREEN.—In Egrement, on the 5th ult., the wife of Mr. William Green, of a daughter.

WALLACE.—In Egrement, on the 20th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. H. Wallace, of a son.

SNOW.—On the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. William Snow, of the Township of Arthur, of a daughter.

MORRISON.—On the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. William Morrison, of the Township of Arthur, of a daughter.

LESLIE.—On the 26th ult., the wife of Mr. Peter Leslie, of the Township of Egrement, of a daughter.

NAIMETH.—In Mount Forest, on the 26th ult., the wife of John Naimeth, Esq., of a son.

DIED.

BECK.—At Salem on Sunday the 26th ult., Sarah Ann, daughter of Mr. Thos. Beck, aged 23 years.

New Advertisements.

NURSE WANTED.

WANTED, a nurse. Apply to MRS. BROUGH, Bank of Montreal, Guelph, 1st Feb, 1868. d

WANTED.

TWO bed-rooms and a sitting room, with board, in a private family. Address G. W. MERRICK OFFICE, Guelph, 31st January, 1868. d

W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Accoucher. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dwt

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

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

BOARDERS.

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

NOTICE.

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

NOTICE.

All Accounts and Notes due to HOGG & CHANCE remaining unpaid on the 5th February ensuing will, without any distinction of person, be handed in to Mr. Baker for immediate collection. HOGG & CHANCE, Guelph, 28th January, 1868. dw2

LOST.

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

FRENCH'S

Condition POWDER,

AND HEAVE REMEDY.

FOR THE CURE OF HEAVES

Thick and Broken Wind,

Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,

And all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.

It is the best medicine known for removing all Impurities of the Blood and producing a Sleek and Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in cleansing the skin. As a Diarrhoeic 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. wd

New Advertisements.

LAST SALE

AT

CUTHBERT'S

TO-NIGHT.

Guelph, 1st February, 1868. daw tf

NEARLY GONE.

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

Grey and White COTTONS.

Just opened, a superior lot of Grey and White Cottons, in the various widths and qualities, at the lowest figures. On hand, 30 inch Dundas Cottons.

Guelph, Jan. 31, 1868. d

A. O. BUCHAM.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

CANADIAN

National Series of Reading Books,

Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario,

NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES:

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

FIRST BOOK, 2nd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—ten cents.

SECOND BOOK, 56 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—twenty cents.

THIRD BOOK, 41 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents.

FOURTH BOOK, 45 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—forty cents.

FIFTH BOOK, 50 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—fifty cents.

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

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

THE KINGSMILL SURVEY

THE COURT OF CHANCERY having granted leave to sell the balance of this property by

PRIVATE SALE

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

75 Building Lots

lying from one-fifth to one-fourth of an acre each, in the Kingsmill Survey, and 11 1/2 acres in one block, beautifully situated on the Paisley Hill.

PALMER & LILLIE, Venlor's Solicitors. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. dw w

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the

Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

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

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor.

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do tf

NOTICE.

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

FIRE AT ALMA BLOCK.---REMOVAL!

JOHN M. BOND & CO.,
(SUCCESSORS TO HENRY MULHOLLAND)
HARDWARE IMPORTERS!
Corner Wyndham and Cork Streets, near the Gore Bank, Guelph.

NEW & COMPLETE STOCK OF HARDWARE

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

Guelph, 29th January, 1868.

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JOHN M. BOND & CO.

Insolvent Act of 1864.

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

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, BY virtue of the provisions of the above Act, I shall offer for sale at the Town Hall, in the Village of Morriston, in the said County,

Saturday, 11th April, 1868

at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the right, title and interest of the said insolvent, in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Village of Morriston, Township of Puslisha, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, composed of Village Lot number Eight, on the Eastside of Queen Street, in Donald McEdward's Survey, in the Village of Morriston, butted and bounded as is described in a deed from John M. Schlenker and wife to the said insolvent, made the 22nd February, 1860, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stable and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with wood-lands of an acre.

TERMS - - - CASH.

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

THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee.

Guelph, 7th January, 1868.

Sale of Real Estate.

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

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

On FRIDAY, 10th APRIL, 1868

at noon, the South-easterly half of the rear or South-west half of Lot Three, in the first concession of Division B, of the Township of Guelph, containing thirty eight acres more or less, together with the right of road used by Green and Pallister. 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 bond of the purchaser. Further particulars as to lease, title, &c., may be had on application to Messrs. Lomon & Peterson, Guelph, Solicitors for the Petitioner, and to Mr. T. W. Saunders, Solicitor for Infants. Dated at Chambers, Guelph, Jan. 5, 1868.

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

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Mail Contract!

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

On Friday, 21st of February

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

The mails to leave Erin on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.

To arrive at Guelph " " " 12 noon

Leave " " " 2 p.m.

Arrive at Erin " " " 6 p.m.

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

J. DEWE, P. O. Inspector.

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

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

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

AT PARIS, ONTARIO,

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

Also, agent for the DALTON EXMITTING MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market.

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

Agent for Guelph: MRS. HUNTER, Fancy Store, Market Square.

Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868. dw

D. KRIBS' HONEY SYRUP

For the various affections of the

LUNGS & THROAT

Such as Colds, Coughs, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, Asthma, Influenza, Consumption.

And for the relief of Consumptive Patients in advanced stages of the disease.

Prepared only by DANIEL KRIBS, Guelph, Ont., and for sale at his residence, and by Alex. B. Petrie, Market Square.

Price per bottle 57 1/2c. or three bottles for \$1. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. 1y

SEED WHEAT.

FOR sale by the subscriber, a quantity of Wheat, known as "Amber," or "Platt's" Midge Free of a new variety. See CANADA FARMER, Vol. 3, pages 41 and 121.

JOHN KIRKLAND, Guelph, Tj. Guelph, 29th Jan, 1868. w10

CLOCKS - BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

Clocks direct from the Factory,
VERY CHEAP!

A Written Guarantee given with each Clock.
D. SAVAGE.

Guelph, January 25, 1868. dw

RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

JUST RECEIVED, A SUPPLY OF

GODERICH SALT.

Salmon Trout and Herring!

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

R. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph 15th January, 1868. daw

MANILLA CHEROOTS

JUST RECEIVED,

A Lot of Fine Manilla Cheroots!

H. BERRY.

Medical Dispensary

Hair Brushes,
Tooth Brushes,
Nail Brushes.

Soaps & Perfumery,

No. 1 WHITE COAL OIL

Only 15 cts. per Gallon.

E. HARVEY

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

JOHN HARRIS,

CONFECTIONER, and

BISCUIT Manufacturer.

Wholesale and Retail!

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

Wholesale Purchasers

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

JOHN HARRIS,
Market Square, Guelph, dw3m
Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867.

PLATT & CO'S



WORLD RENOWNED

OYSTERS

Received daily by Express. Wholesale and Retail.

GEORGE WILKINSON.

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

CORDWOOD for SALE

IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at

BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood house in the yard, at the rate of \$3.75 per cord.

ALEX. BROWN.

Guelph, 25th November, 1867. dom

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
GUELPH.

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

DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawly

PRIVATE TUITION.

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

GEORGE GRAFFETY.
Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. lmd

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.



SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Will sell, during the next six weeks, the balance of
THEIR WINTER STOCK AT COST.

Call and see their prices, and be convinced that this is no humbug. ONLY ONE PRICE.

SMITH & BOTSFORD,
Sign of the Elephant, Opposite the Market.

MEDICAL HALL, PLASTER, PLASTER

GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF

RONDELETIA! GROUND PLASTER

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. dw

JUST ARRIVED

No. 2,

Day's Block, . . . Guelph.

Finnan Haddies

Smoked Salmon

Smoked Tommy

Mackerel, &c.

JUST ARRIVED,

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, 17th January, 1868. dw dw

MAGAZINES FOR JAN, 1868,

RECEIVED AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Sunday Magazines

Good Words

Boy's Own

English Mechanic

Sunday at Home

Leisure Hour

Cornhill

Temple Bar

Belgravia

London Society

Family Herald

Argosy's Monthly

Boys' Own

Boys' Own

Saint Paul's

London Journal

All the Year Round

Cassell's Magazine

The Quiver

Chambers' Journal for Dec., 1867.

Blackwood for December, 1867.

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

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE AT PRESENT A FULL SUPPLY OF

GROUND PLASTER

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

300 TONS.

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

A small lot of very fine Clover Seed on hand

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

Guelph, 17th January, 1868. daw tf

FOR THREE WEEKS

CLEARING SALE!

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE AT THE

Canada CLOTHING Store

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

READY-MADE CLOTHING

HATS, CAPS, &c.,

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

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

N. CROFT,

No. 40, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

REMOVAL!

GRAND CLEARING SALE!

JAMES CORMACK,

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

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

CLOTHS and GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,

At a Tremendous Reduction

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

Goods booked charged the regular price.

JAMES CORMACK,
Guelph, 31st December, 1867. dw

WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury by the week, or for a longer period, will please have the papers sent to the office, and it will be regularly delivered at their residences.

Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EV'NG. FEB. 1, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

The eagle eye of M'Lellan pierced the mist to detect the first appearance of the caval- cade, as he and his men lay in perfect silence on the drenched grass, but while the bare still concealed them from view, the approach of the troopers was announced by loud peals of laughter, and snatches of singing.

Behind the Captain, followed one-half of the escort, then the six prisoners in the centre, riding double, except the Minister and Walter Elliot, who had each a horse to himself.

"We are not very far from the top now, sir. Less than half an hour will bring us to the open heights and give us a fine view."

"No matter how should I top down the cliff," muttered Allan between his teeth, but he immediately added aloud—

"Jackson, pass the order back for the men to keep steady here."

"And at once the words 'Keep steady here' recurred along the line like a repeated echo, till they died away in the rear."

"Who are you, and what want you?" demanded Allan, in angry astonishment.

"It matters not who we are," replied Barscob, "but we are here to rescue Mr. Gordon, Mr. Elliot, and the rest. When we receive them we shall disperse quietly, but have them we must."

"Are you in open rebellion, then?" cried Allan, wrathfully.

"No, but the capture of our friends is an act of gross tyranny, and we are resolved to resist it."

"Begone!" roared Allan in a rage. "I can hold no parley with rebels. Depart, and be thankful that I allow you to do so. Don't you know, you idiots, that this foolish audacity might cost you your lives?"

"We have not come here on this errand without counting the cost," was the firm and quiet rejoinder. "We all know the zeal manifested by Captain Allan in the tyrannous service on which he has been sent into this district, and doubt not he will seek with avidity the men who deliver his captives, to bring them to the punishment which the iniquitous rulers of the land will inflict. But he may seek and not find; at all events and at all risks, we are bent on accomplishing our mission."

"Your language betrays you," cried Allan. "You are not what your dress would betoken. Misguided men, he shouted, addressing the silent group around M'Lellan, do not let this adventure delude you. He would draw you into the commission of treason; he would sacrifice you in the mad attempt to show his disloyalty. Away to your homes, and leave him to meet the fate he so richly merits."

"We are here for the good cause, and we will budge an inch," cried a stern voice from the group, and the rest of the Covenanters repeated the statement in a variety of forms, but with the same fixed determination.

"Then the consequences be on your rebel heads," shouted the enraged officer. "Forward!"

"Advance a step and we fire!" exclaimed Barscob, drawing a pistol from his belt, while several of the others brought the muskets they carried to their shoulders.

"By heaven, Captain, these rebels must not be heard of thus," cried the trooper who rode in front; "I will spur up the steep, and disperse them."

"How are the mighty fallen and the weapons of war perished!" said the deep stern voice of M'Lellan from above. "Refuse to liberate your prisoners," he added, "and that will be the fate of every one of you; BUT THE FOREMOST WILL FALL FIRST."

"I'll be d—d if there's any help for it," Jackson, muttered the Captain to his sergeant.

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