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GUELPH, ON., CANADA, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24, 1867.

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MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, Toronto, 24th Dec. 1867.

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Fight with Wolves.

The New Market Era has the following:—As Mr. Addison Lawr, a teamster in the employ of some timber dealers, now shantying in the Township of Essa...

By TELEGRAPH.

Dispatches to the Evening Mercury. Murderers Sentenced. New York, Dec. 23.—Margaret Welch was sentenced to State prison for life for the murder of policeman McChesney.

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THE PAY of MEMBERS.—It is stated that the members of the Quebec Cabinet are to receive \$3,000 a year as salary and that the Premier, Mr. Chauveau, will get \$4,000.

WE are glad to learn so far during the present fiscal year, the exports of the Dominion have been satisfactory.

A Splendid Assortment of Electro-Plate Ware at HORSMAN'S Very Cheap.

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One of the direct means of attaining and holding this high position has been the constant and wary selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1863, 1866, and 1867. The only occasion on which we competed. As this honor undoubtedly places this College at the top of the wheel, we shall always strive to maintain that superiority in this, as in all other branches of study which are characteristic of the institution. With legible business writing is the style to which we have ever given the most prominent place, our motto being "a business hand for a business man."

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to attempt the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks' board in order to make himself completely master of the course, and thus by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The earnestness that such haste entails is highly detrimental not only to the student himself, but also to the College where he graduates, and besides it brings oppression on the Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deceptive and highly unreasonable.

For penmanship, circulars, &c., address—**MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,**  
Toronto, 25th Dec., 1867.

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**JOHN HOWARD, Agent.** W.F. FOX & CO.,  
Guelph, 29th November, 1867.

**STRAY CATTLE.**

CAME on the premises of the undersigned on the 20th Dec. 1867, 2 Horses & 2 cows, and one two years old. The owner can have them by proving property and paying expense.

**WILKINSON, J. HESTON,**  
Lot 2, 12th Concession, Township of Garafraxa,  
Guelph, Dec. 18, 1867.

**Store House to Rent.**

TEN RENT, the premises formerly known as Williams' old livery, with three floors, 25 feet long by 25 wide, suitable for either storing or packing-park. A never-failing stream of water runs through the premises. It is adjacent to the Market Square. Apply to—

**WILLIAM BYSON,**  
294-1/2 St. George, 17th Dec., 1867.

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The new anæsthetic agents used for extracting teeth without pain.

**W. K. GRAHAM,**  
Guelph, 19th Dec., 1867.

**POETRY.  
Christmas-Eve.**

FROM SIR WALTER SCOTT'S "MARIION."

On Christmas-eve the bells were rung,  
On Christmas-eve the mass was sung;  
That only night in all the year  
Saw the stouff priest the chalice rear.

The daisied donned her kirtle sheen,  
The hall was dressed with holly green;  
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,  
To gather in the mistletoe.

Then opened wide the baron's hall,  
To vassal, tenant, serf, and all;  
Power laid his rod of rule aside,  
And courtesy doffed his pride;

The heir, with roses in his shoes,  
That night might village partner choose,  
The look, undergoing, shone  
The vulgar glance of "past and pair";  
All haled with unconfrolded delight  
And general voice, the happy night  
That, to the cottage as the crown,  
Brought tidings of salvation down;

The fire, with well-dressed legs supplied,  
Went roaring up the chimney wide;  
The lounge had labe's oaken face,  
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace,  
Bore them upon its massive board,  
No mark to part the squire and lord;

Taken was brought in the lustrous hair,  
By the old blue-coated servant man;  
Then the grim bear's head frowned on high  
Crested with rays and rosetary;  
The wassail round in goodly bowls,  
Complaid with ribbons, lightly tolled;  
There the huge stibon rooked; hand by  
Plum-parade stood, and Christmas pie;  
Nor failed old Scotland to produce,  
At such high tide, her savory goose;

Then came the merry maskers in,  
And caroled round with blithesome din,  
If unmelodious was the song,  
It was a hoarsey note, and strong,  
Who lists may in their merriment see  
Tones of ancient mystery;

White skirts supplied the masquerade,  
And smarted checked the visors made;  
But, ah, what managers, rightly might,  
Could boast of lessons half so light?

England was merry England, when  
Old Christmas brought his sports again.

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For the best flavored, strongest, finest and cheapest green, Black and Japan Teas in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

**GARAFRAXA RAILWAY BONUS.** The ratepayers of Garafraxa have passed the By-law granting \$20,000 to the W. G. & B. Railway. The majority we have not learned.

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

Otto Klotz, of Preston, has just completed a German Grammar for the use of pupils attending the German schools. The work has been used in the Preston school, and is highly recommended. It is authorized by the Council of Public Instruction.

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**PERSONAL.**—We notice that Mr. Joseph HOBSON returned to town this morning after an absence of some three months, during which period he was engaged on a survey of a railway which is to run from the coal districts to navigable waters in one of the Lower Provinces. Mr. HOBSON looks well now, although he suffered considerably from sickness during the first month after his departure.

Nearly all gone are those large lots of poultry. The reason why, J. McArthur sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them. A fresh supply in time for Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

**MASONIC FESTIVAL.**—The festival of the Masonic fraternity on Friday first (St. John the Evangelist's Day) promises to be a most successful affair. The tickets, of which only a limited number were issued, have been all disposed of. The festival will take place in the new Lodge Rooms, in Mr. Hogg's new block, which are being gorgeously fitted up for the occasion. The entertainment will consist of a concert interspersed with addresses, parlour and other amusements; a splendid supper, after which the votaries of Terpsichore will "trip the light fantastic" to the music of the Preston Quadrille Band.

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

**Christmas Meat Market.**

The Guelph Butchers are past completing their Christmas arrangements, and the different stalls are now packed to their utmost capacity with the choicest of all descriptions of meat, and poultry. Each vied with the other with former spirit in providing the best of both roast and boil, with which it is expected people will regale themselves on Christmas. As we enter we find:

**GEORGE HOOD, No. 1 STALL.**—We observe he has the following on hand from which to make choice. The Provincial prize heifer 3 years old, fed by Mr. Gideon Hood, weighing 20 cwt. and which was bought for the sum of \$230; the heifer which took the first prize at the South Wellington Christmas Fair, and which was fed by Mr. Jas. Graham, a Hereford heifer from Mr. Geo. Marston, and a heifer from Mr. Thos. McCrae, besides four or five more carcasses of beef, all of extra quality. In the way of mutton Mr. Hood has Mr. Wm. White-law's sheep which took the first prize at the Christmas Fair, four others fatted by Mr. Swanton, of Eramosa, besides thirty-five more purchased from the principal sheep feeders in this section, and a hog, from Mr. Charles Hawse, which weighs 7 cwt. abundance of venison, both deer, and goat; the first prize goose, and a very large quantity of poultry, together with a fine lot of game consisting of pheasants and hares.

**MR. JOHN TYSON No. 2 STALL** has on hand four or five more carcasses of beef, a famous stock feeder, a steer and a heifer which took a second prize each at the North Waterloo show, and the price of which together was \$133; two heifers from Mr. Arthur Wright of Woolwich which cost \$85, one cow at \$45, a steer from Mr. Sizer of Waterloo township, a cow from Mr. Alex. Mackay of Woolwich which was bought for \$50, and two other carcasses of beef. He has in addition twenty sheep and lambs of a superior quality, two goats, two deer, and four summer pigs from Mr. John Chas.

**MR. JOHN HALE No. 3 STALL** has on hand four cattle, two of which are steers fed by Mr. Charles Cockburn, Pashinch, and which took a prize at the township show. He has also six hogs, two of which are spring pigs bred by the same gentleman, and which took prizes in their class, and a lot of poultry comprising an excellent lot of chickens, geese, and a large quantity of poultry comprising the Christmas cheer which has provided.

**MR. PUDDY No. 5 STALL** has eight head of cattle for which he paid four cents per lb live weight, four sheep, three pigs, and a quantity of poultry.

**MESSRS. MILLER'S STALL No. 7 & 8** have nine steers fed by Messrs. John Hood, Clephorn and Laidlaw, Messrs. Oakes and Pallister's prize spring pigs, two large hogs, one of which was fed by Mr. Joseph Parkinson, Eramosa, and the other by Mr. P. McGregor, of Pashinch, besides one much larger than either brought all the way from Erin. They have also twenty sheep and lambs. Two of the former were fatted by Mr. Jonathan Adamson, Nassagaweya, and took prizes in the Fall. And in addition to the foregoing they have a deer weighing 250 lbs., and prize turkeys and geese from Mr. J. M. Evans, of Pashinch.

Briefly it may be asserted that if the people of Guelph do not enjoy a good Christmas dinner it will not be because the butchers have failed in making the most ample provisions for answering all demands. On entering the market, beef, mutton and poultry hanging around, almost choke the passage, and all that skill can do in the way of ornamentation has been done. Sheep hang with gilded heads, made in the most perfect imitation of the natural head, and grunners who have shut their eyes forever on this world's clasp in the street, find artificial heads, which encircle their necks. Here we see a cow hanging with head and horns still attached, the saw-cut being dexterously and skilfully covered by a carefully wrought necklace of parti-colored tissue paper; farther on a hog stands on his snout with his legs in the air, and at the farthest end hang a long row of sheep set off with the most beautiful and becoming decorations, and an archway of evergreen boughs is suspended above all. It looks like Christmas, does the Guelph meat market, looks as if a season of general festivity and rejoicing were close at hand.

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**IS RE GRANTED AND THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH.**—Judgment was given in this case yesterday. Mr. Palmer, solicitor for Mr. Grand, took out a rule calling on the Corporation of the Town of Guelph to show cause why the By-law under which saloons and hotels were charged different rates of license should not be quashed. One of the chief objections urged against the by-law was, that the statute did not distinguish between a saloon and a tavern, and that the Corporation therefore had no legal right to charge the one more for license than the other. The case was argued last Term, and the rule discharged with costs, or in plain words the By-law was sustained and Mr. Grand has to pay the piper.

**Have you seen the new Coal Oil Burner at MR. HORSMAN'S.**

Reports from the South state that during the present winter severe distress is anticipated among both the whites and the negroes, especially among the latter. It is reported that the freemen are being discharged in large numbers by their employers, on account of a scarcity of food and means, and starvation in many instances is actually at the door of both whites and blacks.

The manufacture of beet sugar is carried on upon a large scale in California; the beet root in that climate is said to yield two per cent more saccharine matter than in Europe. It is said that 12,000 tons of beet sugar was refined in California last year.

**Board of School Trustees.**

The Board met last night. Present—W. Peterson, Esq., Chairman; Messrs Pirie, Knowles, Fraser, Newton, Howard, McNeil, Ball, Watson, Herod, Bruce and Innes.

A communication was read from Miss Ferguson, asking for an increase to her salary. Laid over till the re-appointment of teachers comes under the consideration of the Board.

Mr. Walker sent in his resignation as assistant teacher of the Grammar School. Moved by Knowles, seconded by Mr. Pirie and carried. That Mr. Walker's resignation be accepted. At the same time the Board desires to express their sense of his valuable services in the past, and trust that he may meet with success in his new enterprise.

The School Management Committee presented their report to the effect that they had visited the South Ward School and found 113 names on the roll and 89 pupils present. In all the classes examined the children gave proof of great application. The committee are of opinion that a partition would obviate in a measure the annoying echo and confusion which consequently on two classes being generally under instruction at the same time. At the East Ward School there were 42 names on the roll and 24 children present. Considerable proficiency was shown in the most of the studies, and the children were orderly. The meagre attendance at this school may in some measure be attributable to its dangerous proximity to the railway station and crossing.—The report was adopted.

Mr. Herod presented the report of the School Property Committee, to the effect that at the expiry of the year the committee had insured the different schools in town in the Wellington Mutual Insurance Company to a total amount of \$6,225. The saving which will result by insuring in this Company was shown by the chairman from a tabular statement, in which it appeared that during the past six years the amount of premiums paid to several companies for insurance was \$28,910. Had they been insured in the same amount in the Mutual during that period, the premiums would have amounted to \$93, and a saving of \$17,488 would have been effected.—The report was adopted.

**Guelph Meat in Toronto Market.**

If it were not for Guelph or rather for the coarier immediately adjacent our neighbors would be somewhat at a loss for meat, or at least for that excellent quality of beef which is deemed indispensable in the Christmas market. In the notices of the butchers' stalls in Toronto, as given by the *Telegraph* we observe that a very large proportion of the slaughtered cattle were brought from this neighborhood, and they are all set down in the foremost rank in the list of beef.

For example it is remarked of Mr. Britton: "He showed some astonishingly fine cattle, among which is a prize steer, three years old and weighing 2,878 pounds. It was fed by Mr. Gideon Hood, of Guelph, and carried off the first prize at the last Provincial Fair. It cost Mr. Britton \$400." Again, "Mr. C. Dunning makes a superior display. He shows a remarkably fine heifer, three years old, fed by Mr. Gideon Hood, of Guelph, who is famous for his fat cattle. Mr. Dunning shows nine other head of cattle, also from Guelph." We had also in the list of cattle enumerated, a roke of oxen fed by Mr. J. S. Armstrong, which carried off a prize last fall, and which—spoken of as being "very fine." Another butcher shows twelve cattle fed by different breeders around Guelph, and ten from Elora. Mr. James Bird, of Yonge street, has the first prize heifer from Guelph, weighing 1,870 lbs. and costing \$200; and another firm on the same street show ten first class steers from this vicinity. The last that we notice is a sheep which weighed 400 lbs., and which was purchased from Mr. James Holliday, Elora.

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

**MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.**

**GUELPH TOWNSHIP.**

A meeting of the electors of the Township of Guelph was held in the school house section No. 3, on Monday the 23rd, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the ensuing year, when the following names were proposed and seconded—Wm. White-law for Reeve, Robt. Campbell for Deputy Reeve, Thos. Anderson, for Deputy Reeve; Messrs. Benham, Darby, Hobson and Creighton, for Councillors. The Returning officer at the close of the hour declared Wm. White-law Esq., duly elected Reeve for the ensuing year. Mr. Laidlaw moved, seconded by Mr. White-law, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Marston for the able and efficient manner in which he has acted during the years he has held the office of Reeve of this Township in discharging the business in the best interests of the Township and so creditably to himself.—Carried unanimously. Mr. Marston thanked them in a suitable manner for the expression they had given him, and hoped that the new Council would work as harmoniously in the future as they had done in the past. The meeting then adjourned till Monday the sixth day of January, when the poll will be opened at nine o'clock. A. McCORKINDALE, Returning Officer.

**ERAMOSIA TOWNSHIP.**

A meeting was held at the Centre Inn on Monday the 23rd inst. for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the ensuing year. John A. Davidson, Esq., Clerk of the Council, acted as Returning Officer. The following nominations were made—For Reeve, Mr. John Duffield; for Deputy Reeve, Messrs. John Rea and Lazarus Parkinson, and for Councillors, Messrs. Wm. Farris, John McKerlie, John Grieve, John Dickieson, Archd McNeil, David Stewart, H. H. Swinford and James Benham. As there was no other nomination, Mr. Duffield was declared duly elected Reeve. A poll was demanded for the Deputy Reeves and the Councillors.

**THE NEW BURNER AT MR. HORSMAN'S saves one-third Oil, and gives a Light Clear, White, and Cheerful.**

FIRE IN MONTREAL.—Nordheimer's hall in Montreal, fitted up some time ago as a billiard room, was destroyed by fire on Monday. Their total loss was about \$12,000. Sixteen billiard tables valued at \$8,000 were destroyed, together with the champion cue. Other tenants under the same roof also suffered.

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**Fight with Wolves.**

The New Market Era has the following:—As Mr. Addison Lawr, a teamster in the employ of some timber dealers, now staying in the Township of Essa was passing through a cedar swamp, about 5 o'clock in the morning one day last week, he was attacked by a number of wolves. He at once jumped from the bob sleigh upon the tongue, between the horses; from which place he endeavored to strike the wolves with the whip-stalk. After hitting one of them a pretty severe blow, they fell back and left him for a short time. Pretty soon they renewed the attack, however, with their number increased to nine, and seemed determined to make him their prey. Stopping his horses, Mr. Lawr got off his sleigh, with the view to scare them; but the wolves made savage by the recent cold and hunger, at once showed fight. The only weapon of defence Mr. Lawr had was an axe, and with this in his hands the battle commenced. In the tussle that ensued the horses became frightened and started off at full speed—leaving Lawr to make the best of his circumstances. As he had started some twenty minutes or half an hour ahead of the other teamsters, the only prospect of his life was in keeping off the monsters till the others drove up. The jumping, snapping, howling and tearing of the wolves taxed his whole energies; but being a strong muscular man, he was able to stand it until his comrades drove up. So intent were the animals in making Mr. L. their prey that the other teamsters came up within four or five rods before being noticed—the wolves then made off with howls.—For some distance Lawr's comrades seen the fight, and they were using his feet and the axe, as was at a day's work. He was very nearly exhausted, however, when the other teamsters came up. He says he has fought in crowds previously; but he never tried his hand with wolves before.

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**FIRE IN MONTREAL.**—Nordheimer's hall in Montreal, fitted up some time ago as a billiard room, was destroyed by fire on Monday. Their total loss was about \$12,000. Sixteen billiard tables valued at \$8,000 were destroyed, together with the champion cue. Other tenants under the same roof also suffered.

The best brands of Smoking and Chewing Tobaccoes are kept at Geo. Wilkinson's.

**The NEW BURNER for Safety, Economy and brilliancy of flame is unsurpassed. To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.**

Notwithstanding the opposition which the French people have shown to the increase of the army, the French Government is again urging the adoption of the Army Reorganization bill, declaring it to be chiefly necessary on account of the situation in Germany and Italy.

**The Largest, Cheapest and Best Assortment of Coal Oil Lamps in Town, at MR. HORSMAN'S.**

The Moscow Gazette declares that France and Austria are about to commence an interference on behalf of Poland, and expresses its fears lest a serious attempt should be made to re-establish that kingdom.

If you want Sugars at low rates, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

**The Chimney of the NEW COAL OIL BURNER can be taken off at any time without burning the flue.—To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.**

In Danbury a deaf and dumb man has started a shoe shop, and all his men are deaf and dumb.

Three thousand acres of grapes are under cultivation in Erie and Ottawa Counties, Ohio, including the islands of Lake Erie, from which it is estimated that 200,000 gallons of wine were produced the past year. The average production of grapes on the island this year has been about one and half tons per acre.

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**BY TELEGRAPH**

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

**Murderess Sentenced.**

New York, Dec. 23.—Margaret Welch was sentenced to State prison for life for the murder of policeman McChesney.

**South American News.**

Havana, Dec. 23.—Advices from Venezuela have been received and contain the following intelligence: General Cusman Blanco had been appointed ambassador to England and France. Many political arrests had been made by the government. The merchants of the Venezuelan seaport towns had subscribed a large amount of money for the suffering inhabitants of St. Thomas. The text of the decree increasing the duty on foreign imports, has been received here, and its provisions are in accordance with previous reports. Earthquake shocks were still felt in Porto Rico.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Herald's Havana special says advices from Hayti to Dec. 20, state that an action had taken place between the Dominicans and the Baezist revolutionists, in which Gen. Paganos of the National army, was killed. The Baezists abandoned Port-Prince in consequence of this victory, and advanced further into the interior. A telegram from Santiago de Cuba states that well-informed persons doubt the news of the defeat of Gen. Cabral's forces in St. Domingo, as well as the announcement that a pronouncement had been made in favor of ex-President Baez. On the 10th and 11th instant several shocks of earthquake were felt at St. Johns, Porto Rico. The new Captain General of Cuba had given a magnificent reception to the foreign Consuls at Havana. Other receptions are to follow, and the festivities were to last three days. Advices from the capital of Venezuela to the 6th inst. are received. The press were vehemently demanding explanations from Government concerning the arrest of three citizens for alleged political offences, at a time when tranquility reigned throughout the republic. Several shocks of earthquake were felt at Caracas on Nov. 19th. The sea rose six feet above the level. Provisions and ten thousand dollars in money had been sent from Laguayra to St. Thomas for relief of the sufferers.

**BY ATLANTIC CABLE.**

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The new Constitution of Austria which recently passed the Reichsrath has been officially promulgated throughout the Empire by Imperial decree.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Bill for the re-organization of the army which has been under discussion for the last week in the Senate, was introduced in the Corps Legislatif by M. Grezzier, and was debated during the sitting of yesterday. Toward the close of the sitting a vote was taken and the Ministry was sustained by a majority.

Florence, Dec. 22.—The long and angry debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the policy of Government on the Roman question terminated yesterday. A final vote was taken. The Ministry was defeated by a majority of two.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Governments of France and Italy have commenced negotiations for the abrogation of the Septennary Convention, with the understanding that any agreement they may arrive at in the matter shall be submitted to the approval of the other powers of Europe.

Florence, Dec. 23.—The National Parliament will at an early day vote to reaffirm in a solemn manner its declaration that the City of Rome belongs to Italy as the capital of the nation. In consequence of the adverse vote at the conclusion of the debate in the House of Deputies last week, the members of the Cabinet have tendered their resignations to the King, but await the judgment of His Majesty on the acts.

London, Dec. 23, evening.—The regular police force of this metropolis has been largely increased. Timothy Desmond and Jerry Allen, the alleged perpetrators of the Clerkenwell explosion, were brought before a magistrate to-day and underwent a preliminary examination, at the close of which they were remanded to goal.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Holy Father in an allocution, congratulated his hearers on the defeat of Garibaldi and the preservation of the Holy See from a great danger.

London, Dec. 23.—Fenianism still engrosses a fair share of public attention. The *Times* this morning hopes and believes that the next session of Parliament will be occupied with the consideration of Irish affairs.

**No other House in Town has one-quarter the Stock of COAL OIL LAMPS that MR. HORSMAN has.**

Blondin, while performing recently at Cologne, fell from the rope and broke his arm.

The Boston *Transcript* says that Mr. Seward has in mind a project to purchase the whole solar system, and reconstruct it according to the President's plan.

The leading advocates of woman's rights have fallen to quarrel among themselves. Lucy Stone issues a circular ostracising Susan Anthony and E. Cady Stanton, and the latter replies in fierce rejoinder.

Major W. Hanley, a writer of some repute, and at one time employed on some of the Boston daily papers, died of strychnine in the streets of Albany on Monday last. He was forty years old, and had a wife and infant in a very distressing condition.

**The COAL OIL AT MR. HORSMAN'S is decidedly the Purest and Best that has ever been sold in Town.—Only 15 Cents per Gallon.**

The term "holidays" more correctly *holier days*, originated in the boisterous mirth indulged in that season by the soldiery of Old Fingal's army, who were accustomed to receive extra rations of Santa Cruz rum, served out in their boots, suspended on the barrack walls, in lieu of more suitable vessels. Hence also, the pleasant fiction of "Santa Claus," or Santa Cruz.

**A Splendid Assortment of Electro-Plate Ware at HORSMAN'S Very Cheap.**

CHRISTMAS.

All things terrestrial change, but Time knows no variation. With silent, steady pace its wheels move round, and day after day, year after year, becomes merged and lost in the dark unfathomable tide of eternity.

There is a time for everything, saith the preacher, and certainly he does not mean to exclude a season of innocent festivity and social gathering, which is pretty nearly a correct definition of Christmas.

The Mammoth Cheese in England.

The Liverpool Mercury says:—The largest cheese in the world, made in Canada, and brought over by the City of Antwerp from New York, was drawn in procession from the Fishmarket Dock, by four richly caparisoned greys, (perhaps the finest draught horses in the world), kindly lent by Messrs. Thomas Rigby and Robert Biazard.

A superior lot of Axe Handles, just in at John Horsman's.

Mr. Spurgeon, who is now once more sufficiently well to preach, has put forth a manifesto in his magazine, called the 'Sword and Trowel', in which he says:—'I have spent two months in ill-health, and much of the time in severe pain; but, by the good hand of God upon me, I am now much better, and hope to resume my work very speedily.'

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's. Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

New Advertisements.

STORE TO LET. A STORE to let on Wyndham Street. Apply to MRS. CORBET. Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1867. (d r f)

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF RONDETITIA 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.

ATTENTION! GUELPH ARTILLERY. THE Quarterly Inspection of the above Company will take place on Thursday, the 26th Instant, instead of Friday the 27th, as given out. JAMES BARCLAY, Captain. Guelph, 24th Dec, 1867.

BERKSHIRE BOAR. THE subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve sows during the season. Terms:—Apply to ALEX. RIMPSON, Blacksmith. Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867. (d w d)

TO THE MEMBERS OF St. George's Church. THE Archdeacon desires it to be known by the congregation that the Office for Christmas Day is intended to be held at the usual hour.

New Advertisements.

GREAT SALE BY AUCTION.

GREAT SALE BY AUCTION OF THE GROCERIES!

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

All to be Sold in Lots to suit Purchasers, Without Reserve. ON FRIDAY—THE UNBROKEN PACKAGES will be offered to the Trade, together with all the Goods bought at the time of the fire and in transit. TERMS LIBERAL.

ON SATURDAY—The balance will be PUT UP IN LOTS FOR FAMILY USE. The Goods can be seen during the week at the Warehouse of Messrs. ROBINS & TOLTON, near the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

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

CHRISTMAS.

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

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

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

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

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

JAMES MURPHY. Guelph, 21st December, 1867.

No. 2, Day's Block, . . Guelph.

12 lbs. PRIME VALENTIA RAISINS FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All other FRUITS equally low. E. CARROLL & CO., Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867. dw

Queen's Book 85 Cents. NEW supply of the Queen's Book. Price 85c. At DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 21st Dec, 1867. dw

Insolvent Act of 1864 In the matter of GEO. ALEXANDER, of Clifford, AN INSOLVENT.

THE creditors of the Insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects under the above Act to me, the undersigned, Official Assignee, and they are required to produce before me, within two months from this date, their claims upon the said estate, under oath, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it; and if none, stating the fact, with vouchers in support of such claims. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee. Guelph, 19th December, 1867. (d w d)

Private Boarding. EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable boarding can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to WM. DYRON'S, sr., Waterloo-st. Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867. (d w d)

Four Corners' Hotel, FRANKOSA ROAD. JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodations for travellers. First-class

Gift Books Gift Books Gift Books Very Cheap, at Day's Bookstore, Opposite the Market.

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SHOOTING MATCH! A SHOOTING MATCH will be held at the Wellington Hotel Rooms, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1867.

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, for Turkeys, Geese, Pigeons, &c. For the Turkeys and Geese shooting will be done against a target at a range of about 200 yards, and the Pigeons will be shot after being let go from a trap. Every arrangement has been made for securing a day's good sport. Refreshments served on the ground free.

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

Books for Xmas Books for Xmas Books for Xmas VERY CHEAP, AT Day's Bookstore, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

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

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

HENRY MULHOLLAND! THE OFFICE of Henry Mulholland is removed temporarily to the

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

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

FLOUR AND FEED FOR SALE AT THE MILL. GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing. GEORGE BALKWILL. Guelph 19th December, 1867. dw2m

NEW SHOP SMITH & METCALF BEG to inform their customers and the public that for the present they have opened a shop in the premises Two doors North of the Post Office, next door to Mr Coffee's Hotel, where they will be prepared, as usual, to supply all articles in their line. The stock saved from the late fire will be sold at reduced prices. SMITH & METCALF. Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dw4f

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COY. 1867 1867 GUELPH AGENCY. Steam to Liverpool, Londonderry and Glasgow. Steamship MORAVIAN, Portland to Liverpool, 7th December, 1867. Tickets to and from the Old Country, Passage &c tickets to bring friends out, Return Tickets &c for six months, issued at reduced rates. Steerage secured, and every information given on application. Insurance Policies for the voyage issued at the low rate of \$1 per 1,000 up to 10,000. Apply to GEORGE A. OXNARD, Agent, G. T. R., Guelph. Guelph, Oct. 21 1867. da

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

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

Farm for Sale or Rent. FOR sale or to rent that farm, being Lot No. 14, in the 8th Concession, Township of Fushion, consisting of 200 acres, 80 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation. There are on the premises a good Stone House, Frame Barn, with stable under, a good leaning Orchard, excellent Spring Well, and plenty of water for cattle. For particulars apply on the premises or by letter (post-paid) to

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# RETIRING FROM BUSINESS!

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

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

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

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

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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**HOGG & CHANCE**

GO TO CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

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**A Merry Christmas**

AND A

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TO ALL.

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**NEW FRUITS**

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

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

**FILBERTS!**

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

Canned Fruits and  
Vegetables  
of every description.

**HUGH WALKER,**

Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer,  
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.  
Guelph, 13th December, 1867. dw

**Medical Dispensary**

JUST received at the Medical Dispensary, a large supply of

**Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes,**  
**TOILET SOAPS, &c.**  
Also, the largest and best assorted stock of English and French **PERFUMERY** in town.

**COAL OIL**

of the best quality always on hand.

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

**Cordwood Wanted.**

WANTED, 700 cords of good hard wood. Apply at Brown's Wood Yard, Woolwich-st., Guelph.

**GREAT CLEARING SALE**

The Great Clearing Sale of

**DRY GOODS!**

IS STILL GOING ON AT

**WM. STEWART'S,**

Guelph, 11th December, 1867. dw

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE of the AMERICAN WATCH**

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

**Cheapest Watches in the World.**

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

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

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

**LOOK OUT For No. 1.**

**WILKINSON'S**

BY going to WILKINSON'S for

**XXX OYSTERS**

They are admitted by customers to be the best, largest and cheapest in Guelph.

**FINNAN HADDIES**

If you want real Finnan Haddies, fresh Cod Fish, fresh Haddock and Yarmouth Blotters, Go to GEO. WILKINSON'S.

**SEALED GOODS!**

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

**FRUIT, FRUIT**

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

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

GEORGE WILKINSON.  
Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.  
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1867. dw 1f

**MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE,**

West Market Square.

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

**Christmas & New Year's**

She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

**Berlin & Fancy Wools**

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

**Dominion Store!**

(Late Post Office Store.)

**MRS. ROBINSON**

HAS on hand a varied stock of GENERAL GROCERIES for

**Christmas & New Year**

consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

**NEW FRUIT!**

Figs, Dates, Raisins, Lemons at 25c per dozen.

Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel, where you can get the best and cheapest lot of Fancy Goods in Guelph.

**MRS. ROBINSON,**  
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1867. dw

**FURS, FURS,**

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

- Extra Dark Mink,
- Royal Ermine,
- Siberian Squirrel,
- River Mink,
- Ladies' Hoods,

And a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, GENTS' MUFFERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

**F. GARLAND,**  
Market Square, Guelph.

**NO. 40. GREAT CLEARING SALE!**

**FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.**

**Canada CLOTHING Store**

**N. CROFT**

WILL POSITIVELY SELL OFF HIS ENTIRE STOCK OF Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underclothing, &c.

**At Prime Cost for Cash only.**

NO SECOND PRICES. Call early and secure some of the Bargains, as the whole Stock must be sold. THIS IS NO HUMBOO.

**N. CROFT.**  
Canada Clothing Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1867.

**CROWDED TO EXCESS.**

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

**Extraordinary Bargains**

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

Guelph, 29th Dec, 1867. **A. O. BUCHAM.**

**MONTREAL BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM.**

**New Goods**

**Low Prices**

**CLEAR THE TRACK**

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**

**SKATING BOOTS!**

JUST RECEIVED a large lot of Ladies' Skating Boots. An early call is solicited. **REDUCTION IN PRICES.** Ladies' Skating and Walking Balmorals from \$1.25 to \$3. Ladies' Fashioned Gaiters from \$1.125 to \$2.50. Men's Thick Boots from \$2 to \$3. An immense stock of Ladies, Gents, Misses and Children's Felt Balmorals, Gaiters and Overboots, at prices that cannot fail to give satisfaction. Home manufactured Goods always on hand. All work warranted. **TERMS CASH.**

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Guelph, 14th December, 1867. dw

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

TUESDAY EVENG. DECEMBER 24.  
**The Maiden's Choice**  
 ON THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

**A Tale of the Covenanters.**

The infuriated ruffian, disengaging one hand, drew a pistol from his belt, and was pointing it at Hugh's head, when Marion, noticing his murderous intention, flung herself on the arm that held the weapon at the very moment when, and his contents lodged harmlessly in the leather. With another oath, Allan tried to snatch the remaining pistol from his belt, but Marion with wild energy, struggled to prevent him.

So occupied were all three with their desperate struggle, and blinded by the smoke from the discharged pistol, that they did not observe a horseman galloping towards them at the utmost speed; and the first intimation they had of his presence was when a strong hand clutched the trooper by the throat, and a stern angry voice exclaimed—

“Villain, what means this outrage?”  
 “Walter!” exclaimed Marion, with a glad cry. “Oh, thank God, you have come.”  
 And with outstretched arms she flung herself on the new comer's broad bosom.

“Merciful heaven! Marion, is it you?” cried the stranger, who did not, till that moment, recognize her. Then, as the hot blood mounted to his brow, he compressed for a moment his grip in the trooper's throat, and with resistless strength, buried him away till he rolled several yards from them among the heather.

In his violent excitement, the rescuer was about to do the same to M'Kail, when the latter spoke.

“Walter,” he exclaimed, “this is a merciful interposition. Providence has sent you hither to save Marion from the violence of that bad man.”  
 “Hugh—Hugh M'Kail!” responded Walter Elliot, for it was he. “I took you for the companion of the miscreant!”

“Take care!” shouted Hugh, “he is going to fire.”  
 Walter cast a glance towards the trooper, who was rising from the ground where he had been hurled, and saw him in the act of drawing a pistol from his belt. Quick as lightning he rushed upon him, and struck up his arm, when the pistol went off in the air, thus baffling for a second time the murderous intentions of Allan.

Then Walter grappled with him, and they being now face to face, he saw with amazement who it was.  
 “Charlie Elliot!” he exclaimed, releasing him in a moment, and gazing at him in utter surprise.

Without uttering a word, Allan drew his sword, and made a lunge at Walter's breast. The latter saved himself only by making a sudden spring backward, when, impelled by the impetuosity of his onslaught, the trooper fell forward on his knees, and ere he could recover himself, Walter was again upon him, wrenched the sword from his grasp, broke it in two pieces, and tossed it contemptuously from him.

“Cowardly villain, you deserve that weapon through your body,” he observed. “But go, and be thankful that I do not use the advantage I obtained.”  
 “By all the saints in hell, but I will be revenged for this!” roared Allan, hoarse with passion. “You have the better of me now, but it will not be for long. I have the power to crush every one of you, and I'll do it.”

“You have shown that you have the will at least,” returned Walter, as he turned again to Marion, and put an arm of protection around her.

“Aye, and when we meet again the power will not be wanting. Remember, I am your implacable foe, and swear to accomplish your destruction.”  
 “I would advise you to beware,” said Walter. “You will not again find me so merciful as I have been to-night.”

“Ho! proud vaunter!” cried Allan, with a mocking laugh he turned away. “It will then be your turn to need mercy, and by the Lord, you may consider yourself lucky if you get it.”  
 And, having delivered himself thus, the discomfited, disarmed, and horseless dragoon, foriming with rage and mortification, strode away, taking the direction of Sanguhar.

“Marion, my own dearest Marion!” whispered Walter Elliot in the ear of his betrothed. “This is an unexpected joy. But why did you not convey the intelligence that you were coming, and I would have taken means to secure you from outrage. Hugh is very faithful as a convoy,” he added, smilingly, “but his moral and spiritual armour is not of the kind to cope with the brute strength and carnal weapons of Turner's troopers.”

“It is my opinion that we would not have received such rough treatment from a common trooper, rude and brutal as they are reported to be,” observed Hugh, as he adjusted his dress, which had been disarranged in the scuffle.  
 “I heard only yesterday that Allan was commander of the troop at Sanguhar,” said Walter, “and during the short time he and his soldiers have been there they have proved the most insolent and rapacious set of ruffians which a Government could send on an oppressed people. Now that Allan is so open and declared enemy, he may make us suffer not a little, for the soldiery seems to have received unlimited power, and are free to do as they list.”

“We had accounts of their plunderings and cruelties in Edinburgh,” rejoined M'Kail, “and I was dubious of the propriety of undertaking this journey; but Marion, having received intelligence that her father was resolved to venture back to Greystone for a time, had a great longing to see him, and prevailed on me to be her escort. And, truth to say, I had also a special desire to see Uncle Gordon, to confer with him on the sorrowful condition of this suffering land, and the dark prospects of the Church.”

“Aye, sorrowful and dark enough, in all conscience,” remarked Walter. “Civil and religious liberty are alike trampled under feet. There is now no security in law, for those who are appointed to maintain the law have set the law aside, and absolute tyranny has taken its place. What is to be the end of it, God knows; but those in power seem bent on forcing a rebellion, and I often wonder if the people have been so long in showing signs of resistance. But we must not tarry longer on the moor. The moon is now down, and as we will be forced to take bye-paths, our progress will be but slow.”

“I have heard that my father has reached Birkenleuch,” said Marion.  
 “Yes, he came from Barscob a week ago. As yet his presence seems not to be suspected by the military, but this night's encounter with Allan will, no doubt, subject the Cleuch to a visitation, and the first thing to be done when we get there is to provide him with a safe hiding-place.”

“You will see us safely to Greystone?” remarked Marion.  
 “To Greystone, dearest? No. Greystone would not be a safe place for you. You must take up your abode at Birkenleuch. And why not? Is not your father there and your cousin, Hugh; won't he be there likewise?”

Marion blushed, and smiled, and made no opposition. It was beautiful to see with what quiet confidence and perfect trust she reclined on the bosom of her broad chested, strongly built lover, and gazed up into his sun-browned handsome face, so brave and open, so kind and tender in its expression. And truly his presence was such as to inspire confidence, for though he was not more than twenty-five years of age, his form, countenance, and bearing, were indicative of strength, courage, and high manly qualities, a generous nobility of nature, which could stoop to a firm moral base, and a decidedly virtuous direction. His voice, in its depth and clearness of tone, declared the excellence of his character and disposition; while the fearless-ness and magnanimity of his conduct and

Allen, proved him to be possessed of feelings and sentiments worthy of the highest admiration. We cannot wonder that the pure womanly heart of Marion Gordon fixed its choice on him in preference to Charlie Allan, who was devoid of all true manly greatness, and was the slave of vice, passion, and selfishness to a degree painfully repulsive to every well-regulated mind.

Water divested himself of his cloak, and fixed it on the saddle of his horse, to make there a comfortable seat for Marion, who was forthwith mounted thereon; and the youth, leading the animal by the bridle, guided the way across the moor in the direction of Birkenleuch, Hugh following close in their footsteps, and thus finding a firm path through the moss, where otherwise, in his ignorance of its haggis and pools, he would have sunk into dangerous places. Marion bore their progress in this way was necessarily slow, and it would have taken them several hours to reach their destination had not a circumstance occurred which enabled them to pursue their journey at a more rapid pace.

They had not proceeded far, when Walter's quick eye caught sight of Hugh's horse browsing quietly on a heathery knoll at no great distance. Calling to Hugh to hold the bridle of his own well-trained steed, he crossed the moor to the knoll, and without difficulty secured the traitor, who was forthwith made to return to his duty. The pillion was transferred from his back to that of Walter's horse, which was now to bear its owner, with Hugh behind him; and Hugh, mounting his recovered charger, they set off in single file and at a smart gallop, which ere long brought them to the edge of the moor, and to a well-beaten road which traversed the cultivated district was now before them.

In another half-hour they arrived at Birkenleuch, the residence of their friend and conductor, William Elliot.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**Guelph Markets.**

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.  
 December 24, 1867.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	..	37 75	4 00
Fall Wheat per bushel.	..	1 55	1 45
Spring Wheat.	..	1 40	1 42
Oats	..	0 42	0 46
Barley	do	0 62	0 65
Hay per ton	..	0 80	0 85
Straw	..	9 00	12 00
Shingles per square	..	1 00	1 00
Wood per cord	..	3 00	4 00
Wool	..	0 27	0 29
Eggs per dozen	..	0 14	0 19
Butter (Irish), per lb	..	0 14	0 16
Ducks each	..	0 25	0 26
Turkeys do	..	0 50	0 50
Chickens per pair	..	0 20	0 25
Pigs do	..	0 25	0 25
Potatoes	..	0 50	0 55
Apples per bushel.	..	0 08	2 00
Lamb per lb	..	0 06	0 07
Beef	..	4 00	0 00
Pork per lb	..	0 08	0 00
Sheep Pelts each	..	4 50	6 00
Lamb skins	..	0 40	0 40
Hides per	..	6 00	6 00

**Money Market.**

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

Gold, 133.  
 Greenbacks bot at 73 to 74; Sold at 74 to 74 1/4.  
 Silver bought at 44 to 45; sold at 44 to 45.  
 Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 90c to 95c.  
 Commercial Bank Bills bought at 92c to 95c.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury."  
 MONTREAL, December 24, 1867.

Flour—Fancy, \$7 40 to \$7 50; Superfine No. 1, \$7 20 to \$7 40; Welland Canal, \$7 20. Bag Flour, \$2 50 to \$3 00. Oats 40c to 42c. Barley 75c to 80c. Butter—dairy 16c to 18c; store packed 14c to 16c. Ashes—Pots \$5 45 to \$5 50. Pearls \$3 95 to \$6 00.

Flour receipts small; demand and sales limited but market firm. Grain—wheat slightly better; Peas no sales. Provisions—Pork unchanged; Hogs fair receipts; demand steady; sales several cars at quotations. Ashes unchanged.

**Toronto, December 23, 1867.**

Flour—Receipts, 125 bbls; No. 1, at \$6 75—Wheat—at \$1 45. Peas—72c. Oats—55c to 56c. Barley—82c to 85c.

**HAMILTON, December 23, 1867.**

Flour—Fancy, \$7 45 to \$1 50. Spring do—\$1 30 to \$1 40. Barley—70c to 78c. Oats 52c to 53c. Peas—73c to 75c.

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