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SIGNS OF SPRING.—The marble playing surfaces on the streets, and signs of suckers near the dams on the Speed.

MASONIC.—The regular monthly meeting of Speed Lodge, No. 180, will take place in the Masonic Hall (over the Bank of Commerce) this evening.

To find out the number of idle people in town—ride a velocipede through Wyndham street. A dog fight is thrown into the shade altogether by this new street attraction.

RETURN MATCH.—The return shooting match between the West Ward and the Town will come off at the Rifle Range on Friday afternoon next, at two o'clock. Parties interested will please attend without further notice.

DUST.—Preliminary symptoms of this pest are beginning to appear in the streets, and a little more dry weather will soon send it forth in all its disagreeable form. The corporation should see that the water carts may be available when needed.

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GUELPH, April 12.

LESLIE VS. HUGHES et al.—This was an action to recover \$500, the amount of a note which the defendant had endorsed. The case arose in this way. The plaintiff loaned Andrew Warner, of Rockwood, the above amount on a note, the endorser being Messrs. Hughes, Turner and Massie & Co. Warner made an assignment, and being unable to pay the note the plaintiff sought to recover from the first two endorser. The plea set up by the defence was that Warner having given Massie & Co. a mortgage for \$500 relieved them of the responsibility on the note. But from the evidence it was proved that this mortgage was given without reference at all to the note, but to secure Massie & Co. for goods they had sold or were to sell Warner. Massie & Co. merely signed the note to satisfy the solicitor as to the security. His lordship directed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff, \$500 had been paid on the note, and the balance including interest amounted to \$497.25. Guthrie and Anderson for plaintiff; Lemon and McCarry for defendants.

MCLAREN VS. FITZ et al.—Action on a promissory note. Undeveloped. Verdict \$119.10. McCarry for plaintiff.

QUEEN VS. GREY.—The prisoner Mary Ann Grey, was charged with stealing 10 lbs. butter, a muffler, and other articles from the house of William Bell, Waterloo township, in December last. Mr. Duggan prosecuted. Prisoner was undeveloped. Verdict guilty.

QUEEN VS. GREY.—This was a second charge against Mary Ann Grey for stealing two dresses from the house of Wm. Bell, the property of his daughter, on the same night as she stole the other articles. Verdict, not guilty.

Tuesday, April 13.

The court opened at 9 o'clock this morning.

In the case of Moffat vs. Kidd for seduction, which came off yesterday, the jury returned a long absence brought in a verdict of \$280 damages against defendant.

CHAPPEL vs. TROUTAIN.—This was an action of ejectment to recover possession of the lot, being north-east half of lot 13 in the 5th con. of Garafraxa. Plaintiff claimed the land under a deed given May 13, 1868, by Messrs. Thompson, Proudfoot and Clark, trustees for the estate of the late Geo. S. Tiffany, of Hamilton. Defendant also claimed the land under an agreement made with George S. Tiffany, and his counsel held that he was prepared to pay for the land whenever the Trustees would give him a good title. The plaintiff's counsel on the other hand held that there had been no agreement with defendant, and that plaintiff had a right to the land having not the deed from the trustees. His lordship held that the defendant had entered into possession of the land under a verbal agreement, that he had made default in not paying up the purchase money, and that, therefore, the plaintiff was entitled to the land, and a verdict was given accordingly, with leave to the defendant to appeal against the finding of the court. Mr. Sadlier for plaintiff; Mr. Drew for defendant.

QUEEN vs. MERLIHAN.—Prisoner was charged with stealing three steers and a heifer from John Howitt, sr., in July last. Prisoner cleared out to the States after the theft was committed, and on returning to this neighborhood was arrested by Chief Constable Kelly in January last. Verdict guilty. Mr. McCarry defended the prisoner.

HORSMAN AN GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—This was an action brought by plaintiff to recover damages for loss sustained in the non-delivery by the Grand Trunk Railway Company of the full quantity of iron put in charge of the car from Montreal to Guelph in October 1867. Case proceeding as we go to press.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

The long and dreary winter is slowly drawing to a close. Still, much snow remains, and sleighing is still tolerable on the side roads; but it is to be regretted that ere the face of nature changes from its present sterile state, that the mortality amongst the cattle will be fearful—already many farmers have lost six or more head of cattle. Seed is selling for fabulous prices, and those who are trying to make ends meet with a limited capital cannot afford to purchase hay at twenty-five dollars per ton. It is hard to predict what the end may be, but fear is expressed that many farmers will lose all their live stock, unless a very rapid change takes place immediately. But whilst the season is very destructive on poor Crumey, it is most favorable for the manufacture of maple sugar, and many of our thrifty farmers are now busily employed at the hard but pleasant labor of tapping the forest giants, and drawing daily from their sides sugar at the rate of 100 pounds per day. This is not bad considering the primitive appliances used for the production of this domestic luxury. The Fall wheat throughout this section promises to be a good crop. A large quantity is sown—principally midge proof. The streams are still very low and there is no apprehension that damage will be done to mill-dams or bridges. The velocipede mania has seriously broken out here. The centre of attraction during the week was Mr. Evans' Hall, where the "live machine" was kept continuously on the move, and certainly the gyrations and figures cut by the performers caused much laughter.

Mt. Forest, April 12.

HORRIBLE SPECTACLE.—Accounts from Prince Edward Island state that the execution of the sailor Dowey, at Charlottetown, for murder committed in a drunken brawl, was one of the most inhuman and disgusting scenes ever witnessed. It appears that when the unfortunate man was turned off the rope broke, and he came to the ground heavily. Though severely injured he was able to walk to the jail, from whence, after the lapse of an hour, he was again brought to the scaffold. A second time the apparatus gave way, and the poor fellow was at last sprung up by means of a block and tackle. The crowd was greatly excited, and the presence of volunteers alone prevented a rescue. Great indignation is everywhere expressed at this abominable affair, to which the penitent and correct behavior of the man himself adds additional force.

The Sultan has abolished throughout the Turkish Empire the prohibition, hitherto rigidly enforced, against the admission of Christians to the mosques. It is only stipulated that those non-Muslims, who visit the mosques, shall behave properly while in the buildings.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present—Mr. Peterson, chairman, Messrs. Pirie, Newton, Kennedy, Mitchell, Cathbert, Stevenson, Ball, Harvey, Watson, McGuire, McNeil, and Innes.

Mr. McNeil presented the report of the School Property Committee. The report states that they have had the desks and seats removed from the school-rooms in the East, South, and West Wards to the new school building, also new furniture supplied to the Senior Girls' School, in accordance with instructions from the Board, and they recommended that a caretaker be appointed to sweep, dust, and scrub the school-rooms, cut wood, and keep the building thoroughly clean; also light all fires, and perform any other duty laid down by the committee.

The report was adopted.

The committee presented the following supplementary report: That after conferring with the Printing Committee, they took the responsibility of advertising for applications for a caretaker of the Central School building, and received a number of applications which they herewith present. Report received.

After considerable discussion in regard to the duties of the caretaker, and whether he should have charge of all the public schools or those only in Day's Building, it was moved that the School Property Committee retire for a few minutes, and prepare a report specifying what his duties should be, and recommend what salary he should receive.

After being out for a few minutes, the committee returned and presented the following report: That a person be employed to take care of all the public schools, viz, the Central, Grammar, and several Ward Schools, said schools to be scrubbed once a month, and swept once a day; the wood to be cut, and the fires to be lit; the schools must be kept perfectly clean to the satisfaction of the Committee, and that the caretaker shall perform such other duties as may be found necessary to keep the schools in order; that the salary for the due performance of said duties shall be \$250, in addition to house rent and firewood. All utensils necessary for the performance of the work of cleaning to be provided by the Board. Applications for the situation to be received by the chairman of the School Property Committee up to Tuesday, the 20th.

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On motion of Mr. Ball, two children of the name of Robertson were admitted free pupils to the North Ward School.

The chairman read a letter from Dr. Tuck, asking the Board for the use of one of the vacant rooms in the Central School Building for the use of the Battalion Band to practise in. On motion of Mr. Ball, the School Property Committee were instructed to report on the propriety of finding a room for the use of the Band.

The Board then adjourned.

Progress of the Suez Canal.

Another step towards the completion of this great enterprise has just been taken. On the 13th ult., the waters of the Mediterranean were admitted into the Bitter Lakes with perfect success, in the presence of the Viceroy of Egypt, and numerous other invited guests. One of the chief mechanical difficulties of the undertaking has thus been surmounted, and there can be little doubt that, in a short time, the Canal will be open, at least for vessels of a certain tonnage, the entire length from Port Said to Suez. Those who have taken an interest in the Canal may remember that in August, 1867, an official statement was made of the condition and prospects of the works. The completion of the Canal was fixed for the latter part of the present year, 1869. The Canal had then attained its full length of 100 metres from the Mediterranean to Lake Timsah, and it was announced, would be at once continued onward to the place called Serrapeum, and the Bitter Lakes. This part of the promise has been duly fulfilled, and already, in the spring of 1869, the waters of the Mediterranean are flowing into those lakes, or rather salt marshes, which they will take many weeks to fill. The remainder of the excavation does not present any remarkable difficulty, and we may therefore consider that the work will be completed within a reasonable time, and opened for the use of shipping.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.—This name has been given to that substitute for the pewrent system which secures an income for the church by taking a written pledge from each attendant on the sanctuary that he will give a certain sum each Lord's day towards the support of the Gospel. The seats are of course free under this arrangement. It has of late years been adopted by St. James' Episcopal church, Milwaukee, Wis., and of the result the *Gospel Messenger* says:—"Since the introduction of the Envelope system into St. James' church, Rev. J. Wilkinson, rector, the annual income from the church, containing only 78 pews, has for the last three years averaged nearly \$3,000. The pledges ranged from 10 cents to \$10 per Sunday. The people once trained in the system of joining their prayers and their aims, as an act of worship, will give for any other object with the same free and ready liberality. Evidence of this is afforded in the parish by their raising and paying out within the last fourteen months over \$38,000, without selling or leasing a foot of the new church, or even having resorted to a fair or any other expedient." Two of the Presbyterian churches of Newark, N. J., are following this plan with good success, securing an adequate income and perceiving no diminution in their contributions to benevolent objects.—*Am. paper.*

FUNERAL OF SIR WALTER SCOTT'S NEPHEW.—The Montreal *News* says that the funeral of Mr. Wm Scott, nephew of the great novelist, Sir Walter Scott, Bart., took place at three o'clock on Friday afternoon, and was very largely attended. Rev. Dr. Mathieson read the funeral services at St. Andrew's Home, and gave an appropriate address. The pall-bearers were: J. C. Beckett, A. A. Stevenson, Andrew Robertson, William Burnett, A. Murray and D. Rose, Esqs. The procession proceeded, by way of Dorchester and St. Lawrence Main streets, to Mount Royal Cemetery.

A young man fell dead in the whirl of a German waltz, at Chicago, last week. The shriek of his partner, as the lifeless body dropped on the crowded ball-room floor, was the first warning the revelers had that death was among them.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

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THE subscriber as removed to the splendid premises of Day's Block, late Petrie's Drug Store and has now in stock an immense assortment of Hats, Caps, Furs, &c., &c.

In all the latest and most fashionable styles and colours, which will be sold very cheap. Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly understands the wants of customers, and invites the public to call and see his goods, as he can sell them a better article at a cheaper price than they can get elsewhere.

The highest price paid for raw Furs. F. GARLAND, Guelph, March 15, 1869. 3m&dw

CAUTION. I hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me, William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and I shall not pay it.

F. PREST, Guelph, 11th March. dw

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

MONEY FOUND. Found on Saturday, below the Drill Shed, a purse containing a small sum of money in bills and silver. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can have it by applying to EVAN MACDONALD, Guelph, 5th April. dw

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EVEN'G, APRIL 13, 1869.

TOWN ITEMS. Our readers will see by advertisement that the Speed Lacrosse Club have their annual meeting to-morrow evening.

SIGNS OF SPRING.—The marble playing nuisance on the streets, and signs of suckers near the dams on the Speed.

MASONIC.—The regular monthly meeting of Speed Lodge, No. 180, will take place in the Masonic Hall (over the Bank of Commerce) this evening.

To find out the number of idle people in town—ride a velocipede through Wyndham street. A dog fight is thrown into the shade altogether by this new street attraction.

RETURN MATCH.—The return shooting match between the West Ward and the 'Town' will come off at the Rifle Range on Friday afternoon next, at two o'clock. Parties interested will please attend without further notice.

DUST.—Preliminary symptoms of this pest are beginning to appear in the streets, and a little more dry weather will soon send it forth in all its disagreeable forms. The corporation should see that the water carts may be available whenever needed.

NOTHING TO DO.—The morals of Guelph and vicinity appear to be improving, and crime seems to soften with the weather. The "Beak" had no subjects to operate upon to-day, nor has he had for some days past. We understand, however, that Chief Kelly is on the "war path," and will probably capture some game before many noons have waned.

NORTH WARD ELECTION.—Mr. Robt. Mitchell kept at the head of the poll in the north ward throughout the day, and at the close of the poll at five o'clock the figures stood:

Mitchell, 79 Walker, 44

Majority for Mitchell, 35

COMMENTARY.—During the recent discussions of the Ontario Medical Board at Toronto, Dr. Clarke, after saying that one half of the Legislature are Homeopaths, and that the heads of the professions of Law and Divinity, and the leading men of the city belong to the system, said that he figures the Homeopathic theory with all his heart, and looks upon it as a quackery. He thus pays a high compliment to the Legislature, and the heads of the professions of Law and Divinity.

DRAGHTS.—A match between three Guelph and three Aberfoyle players at draughts, came off at Deady's Hotel last Monday night. We have never heard of a single win by ten games. Mr. Wm. Mitchell acted as umpire. The players wish us to state that Mr. Deady treated them in a very gentlemanly manner, and gave them every convenience in his power. The following is the score:

ABERFOYLE. Jas. Smith, 5 games John Weir, 2 games D. Naismith, 3 " Mr. Todd, 4 " Macdoug, 9 " Mr. Kelson, 1 "

Total...17 Total...7

LOCOMOTIVE WHISTLES.—Parties residing in the vicinity of the railway track in this town, who have been annoyed by trains coming in between midnight and dawn is sometimes terrific, and not only arouses them from their slumbers, but would awaken the "seven sleepers" if they lived in the vicinity. The men in charge of the locomotives appear to take great delight in making as much noise as they can, to the annoyance of those who, after the "fifal fever" of the day, wish to "sleep well." The whistling is probably unavoidable, and the only remedy would seem to be for the sleepers to get up to it. There are worse things to complain about than this.

PROF. GRAVES.—This celebrated horse tamer has arrived in town, and will give a free lecture at the Drill Shed at seven o'clock. Go and hear him. All persons having anything to do with horses should not fail to join the class, and learn his great secret of curing horses of all bad habits. We have never heard of a single instance among the thousands who belong to his schools through the country but what feel that they are well paid for the time and money spent in acquiring this most useful branch of education. It only costs \$5 to learn the whole thing, and every man who pays a ticket gets a book containing 153 pages—besides having his horse handed free of charge. We say it is no humbug—try it.

THE NEW ENGLISH CHURCH.—At the meeting of the St. George's Vestry yesterday (Monday) a letter was read from Mr. Lanley, architect, Toronto, in reference to the building of the new church. Speaking of the Woolwich street site, he thought it would require an expense of about \$5,000 more to build on it than on a level lot; and though the northern elevation would be good, from the south and west the appearance of the proposed new church would be weak. From an architect's point of view he considered the old St. George's burying ground as the most suitable site pointed out to him; while finishing the church on its present site—according to the original plan would prove a failure, owing to the walk being too low, and he also considered the lot too small for the erection of another church on a different plan.

SPARROWS.—A gentleman in this town is importing thirty pairs of house sparrows this spring to keep down the insects. Many others are doing the same throughout the country, so that before long, unless shot as other birds are, they will be very plentiful. These efforts are praiseworthy, but perhaps the sparrows will become too numerous ere long, as they have already become in Australia, where they are destroying the grape crop in some places, owing to their great numbers. Again, why should we go to the expense of importing house sparrows when we have so many purely insectivorous birds in this country, which, if properly protected, would serve our purpose (except perhaps in large cities) equally well, or better than the sparrow, and would not be so destructive to fruits and seeds. There is a law in force which prohibits destroying the eggs, or killing any kind of insectivorous birds, and, in fact, all kinds of birds, with a few exceptions, till after the first of August. Let the prohibition be for a whole year, and we have the law strictly enforced, and our woods, groves, orchards and gardens, will soon be vocal with the warblers, and the insect nuisance abated.

Wellington Spring Assizes.

GUELPH, April 12.

LESLIE VS. HUGHES et al.—This was an action to recover \$500, the amount of a note which the defendant had endorsed. The case arose in this way. The plaintiff loaned Andrew Warner, of Rockwood, the above amount on a note, the endorser being Messrs. Hughes, Turner and Massie & Co. Warner made an assignment, and being unable to pay the note the plaintiff sought to recover from the first two endorser. The plea set up by the defence was that Warner having given Massie & Co. a mortgage for \$500 relieved them of the responsibility on the note. But from the evidence it was proved that this mortgage was given without reference at all to the note, but was to secure Massie & Co. for goods they had sold or were to sell Warner. Massie & Co. merely signed the note to satisfy the solicitor as to the security. His lordship directed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff. \$30 had been paid on the note, and the balance including interest amounted to \$497.23. Guthrie and Anderson for plaintiff; Lemon and McCurry for defendant.

MCLAREN VS. FITT et al.—Action on a promissory note. Undeclared. Verdict \$119.10. McCurry for plaintiff.

QUEEN VS. GREY.—The prisoner Mary Ann Grey, was charged with stealing 10 lbs. butter, a muffer, and other articles from the house of William Bell, of Waterloo township, in December last. Duggan prosecuted. Prisoner was undeclared. Verdict guilty.

QUEEN VS. GREY.—This was a second charge against Mary Ann Grey for stealing two dresses from the house of Wm. Bell, the property of his daughter, on the same night as she stole the other articles. Verdict, not guilty.

Tuesday, April 13. The court opened at 9 o'clock this morning.

In the case of Moffat vs. Kidd for seduction, which came off yesterday, the jury after a long absence brought in a verdict of \$280 damages against defendant.

CHAFFEL vs. TROUTMAN.—This was an action of ejectment to recover possession of the lot, being north-east half of lot 13 in the 5th con. of Garafraxa. Plaintiff claimed the land under a deed given May 13, 1863, by Messrs. Thompson, Proudfoot and Clark, trustees for the estate of the late Geo. S. Tiffany, of Hamilton. Defendant also claimed the land under an agreement made with George S. Tiffany, and his counsel held that he was prepared to pay for the land "when the trustees should give him a good title. The plaintiff's counsel on the other hand held that there had been no agreement with defendant, and that plaintiff had a right to the land, having got the deed from the trustees. His lordship held that the defendant had entered into possession of the land under a verbal agreement, that he had made default in not paying up the purchase money, and that, therefore, the plaintiff was entitled to the land, and a verdict was given accordingly, with leave to the defendant to appeal against the finding of the court. Mr. Sadler for plaintiff; Mr. Drew for defendant.

QUEEN vs. MERLIHAN.—Prisoner was charged with stealing three steers and a heifer from John Howitt, sr., in July last. Prisoner cleared out to the States after the trial was committed, and on returning to this neighborhood was arrested by Chief Constable Kelly in January last. Verdict guilty. Mr. McCurry defended the prisoner.

HORSMAN vs. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—This was an action brought by plaintiff to recover damages for loss sustained in the non-delivery by the Grand Trunk Railway Company of the full quantity of iron put in their charge to carry from Montreal to Guelph in October 1867. Case proceeding as we go to press.

Mount Forest Correspondence. The long and dreary winter is slowly drawing to a close. Still, much snow remains, and sleighing is still tolerable on the side roads; but it is to be regretted that ere the face of nature changes from its present sterile state, that the mortality amongst the cattle will be fearful—already many farmers have lost six or more head of cattle. Seed is a good, and fabulous prices, and those who are trying to make ends meet with a limited capital cannot afford to purchase hay at twenty-five dollars per ton. It is hard to predict what the end may be, but fear is expressed that many farmers will lose all their live stock, unless a very rapid change takes place immediately. But whilst the season is very destructive on poor Orumby, it is most favorable for the manufacture of maple sugar, and many of our thrifty farmers are now busily employed at the hard but pleasant labor of tapping the forest giants, and drawing daily from their side-springs at the rate of 100 pounds per day. This is not bad considering the primitive appliances used for the production of this domestic luxury. The Fall wheat throughout this section promises to be a good crop. A large quantity is sown—principally midge proof. The streams are still very low and there is no apprehension that damage will be done to mill-dams or bridges. The velocipede mania has seriously broke out here. The centre of attraction during the week was Mr. Evans' Hall, where the "live machine" was kept continuously on the move, and certainly the gyrations and figures cut by the performers caused much laughter. Mt. Forest, April 12.

HORRIBLE SPECTACLE.—Accounts from Prince Edward Island state that the execution of the sailor Dowe, at Charlotte town, for murder committed in a drunken brawl, was one of the most inhuman and disgusting scenes ever witnessed. It appears that when the unfortunate man was turned off, the rope broke, and he came to the ground heavily. Though severely injured he was able to walk to the jail, from whence, after the lapse of an hour, he was again brought to the scaffold. A second time the apparatus gave way, and the poor fellow was at last swung up by means of a block and tackle. The crowd was greatly excited, and the presence of volunteers alone prevented a rescue. Great indignation is everywhere expressed at this abominable affair, to which the prompt and correct behavior of the man himself adds additional force.

The Sultan has abolished the prohibition of the Turkish Empire against the admission of Christians to the mosque. It is only stipulated that those non-Muslims, who visit the mosque, shall be properly veiled in the buildings.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present—Mr. Peterson, chairman; Messrs. Pirie, Newton, Kennedy, Mitchell, Cuthbert, Stevenson, Ball, Harvey, Watson, McGuire, McNeil, and Innes.

Mr. McNeil presented the report of the School Property Committee. The report states that they have had the desks and seats removed from the school-rooms in the East, South, and West Wards to the new school building, also new furniture supplied to the Senior Girls' School, in accordance with instructions from the Board, and they recommended that a caretaker be appointed to sweep, dust, and scrub the school-rooms, cut wood for, and keep the building thoroughly clean; also light all fires, and perform any other duty laid down by the committee.

The report was adopted. The committee presented the following supplementary report: That after conferring with the Printing Committee, they took the responsibility of advertising for applications for a caretaker of the Central School building, and received a number of applications, which they herewith present. Report received.

After considerable discussion in regard to the duties of the caretaker, and whether he should have charge of all the public schools or those only in Day's Building, it was moved that the School Property Committee retire for a few minutes, and prepare a report specifying what his duties should be, and recommend what salary he should receive.

After being out for a few minutes, the committee returned and presented the following report: That a person be employed to take care of all the public schools, viz, the Central, Grammar, and several Ward Schools, said schools to be scrubbed once a month, and swept once a day; the wood to be cut, and the fires to be lit; the schools must be kept perfectly clean to the satisfaction of the Committee, and that the caretaker shall also be charged with the duties of a school janitor, and such other duties as may be found necessary to keep the schools in order; that the salary for the due performance of said duties shall be \$250, in addition to house rent and firewood. All utensils necessary for the performance of the work of cleaning to be provided by the Board. Applications for the situation to be received by the chairman of the School Property Committee up to Tuesday, the 20th.

The report was adopted. On motion of Mr. Ball, two children of the name of Robertson, and four of the name of Robertson were admitted free pupils to the North Ward School.

The chairman read a letter from Dr. Tuck, asking the Board for the use of one of the vacant rooms in the Central School Building for the use of the Battalion Band to practice in. On motion of Mr. Ball, the School Property Committee were instructed to report on the propriety of finding a room for the use of the Band.

The Board then adjourned.

Progress of the Suez Canal.

Another step towards the completion of this great enterprise has just been taken. On the 18th ult. the waters of the Mediterranean were admitted into the Bitter Lakes with perfect success, in the presence of the Viceroy of Egypt, and numerous other invited guests. One of the chief mechanical difficulties of the undertaking has thus been surmounted, and there can be little doubt that, in a short time, the Canal will be open, at least for vessels of a certain tonnage, the entire length from Port Said to Suez. Those who have taken an interest in the Canal may remember that in August, 1867, an official statement was made of the completion and prospects of the work. The completion of the Canal was fixed for the latter part of the present year, 1869. The Canal had then attained its full breadth of 100 metres from the Mediterranean to Lake Timsah, and it was announced, would be at once completed to the Bitter Lakes. This part of the promise has been duly fulfilled, and already, in the spring of 1869, the waters of the Mediterranean are flowing into those lakes, or rather salt marshes, which they will take many weeks to fill. The remainder of the excavation does not present any remarkable difficulty, and we may therefore consider that the work will be completed within a reasonable time, and opened for the use of shipping.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.—This name has been given to that substitute for the pew-rent system which secures an income for the church by taking a written pledge from each attendant on the sanctuary that he will give a certain sum each Lord's day towards the support of the Gospel. The seats are of course free under this arrangement. It has of late years been adopted by St. James' Episcopal church, Milwaukee, Wis., and of the result the Gospel Messenger says:—Since the introduction of the Envelope system into St. James' church, Rev. J. Wilkinson, rector, the annual income from the church, containing only 78 pews, has for the last three years averaged nearly \$3,000. The pledges ranged from 10 cents to \$10 per Sunday. The people were trained in the system of joining their prayers and their alms, as an act of worship, will give for any other object with the same free and ready liberality. Evidence of this is afforded in the parish by their raising and paying out within the last fourteen months over \$58,000, without selling or leasing a foot of the new church, or even having resorted to a fair or any other expedient. Two of the Presbyterian churches of Newark, N. J., are following this plan with good success, securing an adequate income and preventing any diminution in their contributions to benevolent objects.—Am. paper.

FUNERAL OF SIR WALTER SCOTT'S NEPHEW.—The Montreal News says that the funeral of Mr. Wm. Scott, nephew of the great novelist, Sir Walter Scott, Bart., took place at three o'clock on Friday afternoon, and was very largely attended. Rev. Dr. Matheson read the funeral services at St. Andrew's Home, and gave an appropriate address. The pall-bearers were: J. C. Beckett, A. A. Stevenson, Andrew Robertson, William Burnett, A. Murray and D. Rose, Esq. The procession proceeded, by way of Dorchester and St. Lawrence Main streets, to Mount Royal Cemetery.

A young man fell dead in the whirl of a German waltz, at Chicago, last week. The shriek of his partner, as the lifeless body dropped on the crowded ball-room floor, was the first warning the revelers had that death was among them.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, April 12.—A meeting of the Conservative members of Parliament was held to-night. Over two hundred members attended. Mr. Disraeli was present and made a speech, in which he indicated the future policy of the party on the Irish Church question, and announced the amendment which will be proposed by the opposition to the Bill, now pending in the House of Commons. These amendments are in effect that grants made to the Irish Church since the reformation are to remain intact, that glebe lands be retained by the present holders without purchase, and that the union of the Irish Church and the Church of England cease in 1872. Important modifications of the financial sections of the Bill are also proposed, including the establishment of a capital fund for the support of the clergy, instead of the granting of annuities and the application of a large portion of the Church revenues to the support of public worship, and to defray the expenses of the management of the Church. Finally an effort is to be made to have all the clauses in the Bill referred to the Maynooth Grant and *regium donum* struck out. Mr. Disraeli's plan was favourably received, and the proceedings of the meeting were marked by much enthusiasm.

LONDON, April 12.—The Pope, on the occasion of the jubilee in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his accession to the priesthood, has granted a large number of persons, including many political offenders.

American Despatches

New York, 13th.—The Herald's special says: It is well-known the Cabinet is not a unit in the question of Cuban recognition. A meeting was held Friday in which the views of each member except Paulsen were learned. Secretary Fish expressed very Conservative views. He sympathizes with the Cubans as much as any man could, but deprecated any official pronouncement by the administration on either side. He believes Cuba's destiny was annexation. Spain would tire in resisting the mandates of fate, but if the United States interfered, then Spain will not only exhaust her own resources to prevent our acquisition of the island, but will draw assistance from England and France, and we will have to combat a combination of the most powerful military and naval forces of Europe. We need peace now not war. These are the Secretary's views. Grant has great confidence in the Secretary of State, and though his private views may not coincide with Mr. Fish's, yet it is feared the foreign policy of the government will be shaped in accordance with them.

Other members are directly opposed to Mr. Fish and Beliver in prompt and vigorous action, urging the president to proclaim a bold and manly policy in regard to Cuba.

Gen. Sickles has declined the Mexican mission, and will be sent to Spain, where a proposition was made to have the treaty for the settlement of the Alabama question discussed in open session.

The Herald's special gives an account of an exciting interview between Senator Ross and President Grant in regard to the Kansas appointments, in which Senator Ross told the President to go to hell. The President ordered the Senator out of the room, thus terminating the interview.

LUCID EXPLANATION.—"Can you tell me the road to Greenville?" asked a traveller of a boy whom he met on the road. "Yes, sir," said the boy; "do you see our barn down there?" "Yes," said he. "Go to that. About three hundred yards beyond the barn you will find a lane. Take that lane, and follow along about a mile and a half. Then you will come to a slippery slip log—your going on that log—and then you go on till you get to the brow of a hill, and there the road prevaricates; and you take the left hand road, and keep that until you get into a thicket; and when you get there, why then—then—" "What then?" "Then, I'll be darned if you ain't lost!"

The Treaty between the United States and Colombia, giving the former the right to construct the Isthmus Canal, has been rejected by the Congress of the latter power, on the ground that the terms were too favourable to the United States. The New York Herald says that Colombia must be forced to ratify the treaty! This is no worse, however, than the proposition of the Tribune that Canada should be forced to surrender her fisheries. What a nation of pirates the Americans would be if they followed the advice of their leading newspapers!

SANDFIELD.—Says the London Advertiser: The Cornwall saint attended a quiet walk through our streets to day alone, but the presence of a real live Premier in our midst was not a thing to be kept secret. The amplitude of the stranger's shirt-collar first attracted attention, and by the time Sandfield reached the Market Square his identity was fully established and a recognitory buzz accompanied his further progress through the city.

The Berwick (England) guardians have just put forth a characteristic advertisement. They happen to be in want of a medical officer and a workhouse porter. To the first they offer £25 a year, out of which he will be required to pay for all the medicine's except cod liver oil. Candidates are expected to attend before the guardians on the day of elections at their own cost. The porter is to have £20 a year, with board and lodging.

London Fun.—That the Peace Society is considering the feasibility of reducing the height of the Alps below the line of perpetual snow, that is, the reason for wishing to do this, is that at present these mountains are a barrier to the peace of Europe, as they cause the snow to produce a barrier between France and Switzerland and Italy.

Sir Kenneth Dill, of England, wrote to Gen. Winthrop the second, of Massachusetts, in the 18th century, and recommended the following cure for the ague: Pare the patient's nails; put the parings in a little bag round the neck of a live eel, and put him in a tub of water; the eel will die and the patient will recover."

"AN ENGLISHMAN'S VIEWS." Under this heading, a person styling himself an Englishman, has a long letter in the New York Tribune, in which he expresses his views with that free and easy impetuosity with which peripatetic philosophers of his class have always a superabundance of.

THE EXTENT OF THE DOMINION.—The transfer of the Hudson's Bay territory to the Dominion of Canada will considerably affect the relative position of the latter among the countries of the world, as may be seen from a few highly important facts which we take from "The American Yearbook" and "National Register."

COTTON OPERATIVES IN ENGLAND.—The papers show a bad state of affairs in the manufacturing districts. During Friday and Saturday last 1,500 were relieved at the Blackburn office, and during the five previous days there was an average of eighty per day.

THE ROB ROY CANOE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.—Every hour of my day is filled up with pleasant duties. Yet one can scarcely imagine a more delightful tour. Often I have a long ride and a walk, and a paddle and a sail all in one day.

Among other facts brought to light by the ordinance investigation lately prosecuted before a joint committee of Congress we find that within the last three years no less than two hundred and fifty-eight of the heavy guns supplied to the American navy have burst and proved completely useless.

Queen Victoria has accepted certain relics, bequeathed to her under the will of the late Lord Belhaven, of great historic value as souvenirs of the ill-fated Mary Stuart, from whom the Queen is directly descended.

In a recent trial in New York it came out that the whale which used to disport itself in the Museum "aquarium," to the great awe and amusement of visitors, was nothing more or less than a piece of mechanism with a man inside of it.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, April 10, 1869. The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: S. Stephens, Belleville; Dr. Dunbar, Mount Forest; R. H. Kilby, Montreal; H. M. Anderson, Mount Forest; W. W. Petrie, Fergus; H. W. Ireland, Montreal; G. N. Davis, Montreal; J. Marshall, Mount Forest; A. Harvey and wife, Fergus; J. Owens, Montreal; G. Webster, Montreal; N. G. McIntyre, Montreal; W. L. McArthur, Cleveland; J. Coyno, Brampton; T. Mason, Montreal; J. Armstrong, Montreal; J. A. Thompson, Toronto; S. Bostwick, Toronto; S. H. Defries, Toronto; J. Pringle, Montreal; J. McMillan, Mount Forest; J. F. Cross, Fergus; J. McLean, Montreal; R. C. Stinson, Hamilton; F. Barclay, Georgetown; E. W. Colley, St. Mary's; A. H. Dixon, St. Mary's; P. Wilson, Berlin; D. McLellan, Minto; G. S. Wilson, Hollis; John Sheppard, Mount Forest; James Davis, Montreal; Thomas J. Graffie, Mount Forest; J. Collins, Hamilton; John Michie, Toronto; Richard Martin, Hamilton; Jas. McMullen, Mount Forest; Thos. W. Bowe, Harrison; John D. Rowid, Chatham; H. Roberts, do; D. McEachern, Clifford; Edward Crittenden, Paris; John Crittenden, Paris; Elias G. Chamberlain, Washington; A. S. Hart, Montreal.

BIRTHS. MANN.—In Guelph, on the 12th inst., the wife of W. M. Mann of a son.

New Advertisements. TAILOR WANTED. Wanted, a good tailor to manage the Cutting and Tailoring at the Quaker Post Office Store, Apply to Mr. John Hogg, Guelph, or at the store of the subscriber, at Quaker, as early as possible. T. WHITEHEAD, dwt1

CARETAKER WANTED. Applications will be received by the undersigned up till TUESDAY the 20th instant, for the situation of caretaker of all the public schools in town, including the Grammar School. His duty will be to scrub each school-room once a month, sweep each school-room once a day, and keep them perfectly clean, cutting the wood, lighting the fire, and such other duties as may be found necessary. All utensils necessary to perform the work of cleaning to be provided by the board.—Salary \$250 a year, with house rent and firewood. ROBT. TORRANCE, Secretary. Guelph, 13th April. ds

GUELPH LACROSSE CLUB. A meeting of the Guelph Lacrosse Club will be held at the Guelph Court House Hotel, to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock. All business of importance to be transacted, a full attendance is requested. A. HEWAT, Sec. & Treas. Guelph, 12th

SPEED LACROSSE CLUB. The second annual meeting of the Speed Lacrosse Club of Guelph will be held in the Great Western Hotel, on WEDNESDAY next, 14th of April, at 7 1/2 o'clock sharp, for the election of officers and transaction of general business. A full attendance is requested. JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary. Guelph, 13th April. ds

Speed Lodge, No. 180. The Regular Meeting of Speed Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, the 13th instant, at 7 1/2 o'clock. ROBT. CUTHBERT, Secretary. Guelph, 8th April. do

HOUSE WANTED. Wanted to rent, between now and the 1st of May, a house containing four or five apartments. Any one having such a house to let will please leave their name and address at Messrs. Guelph, 2nd April. ds

WALL PAPER CHEAP AT CUTHBERT'S Guelph, 13th April. ds

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864. The creditors of the undersigned are notified to meet at the Office of William Mortimer Clark, Esq., in the City of Toronto, ON MONDAY, 19th OF APRIL, 1869 At 4 o'clock, p. m. to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an assignee. JOHN HENDERSON. Dated at Elora, 2nd of April, 1869. ds

PEDDLING WAGGON FOR SALE. For sale, the Confectionery Peddling Waggon owned by the subscriber. It is in good running order. Apply to the owner, JAMES HOBAN, Puslinch, or at the Mercury Office, Puslinch, 3rd April. ds1

A NEW SUPPLY OF THE MASON & HAMLIN CABINET AND METROPOLITAN ORGANS! HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED.

THEY are acknowledged the best instruments of their class in the world. More than three hundred prominent American Artists, and a great many European Musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These organs are provided with all the latest improvements, including the

GREAT CLEARING SALE! OF CROCKERY & GLASSWARE The whole Stock must be sold within 20 days! Being obliged to give up this branch of business in order to meet the wants of my rapidly increasing

GROCERY AND FRUIT TRADE! GREAT BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN! In order to secure a speedy sale.

HUGH WALKER, Guelph, April 10. dw Opposite the English Church

COAL OIL. DR. BRIGGS' THROAT AND LUNG HEALER. PRICES DOWN AT HORSMAN'S Coal Oil 35c. per gallon By five gallons Single Gallon, - - 40 cents Guelph, 7th April. dw

CARD. 1869. MRS. HUNTER HAS pleasure in informing the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she has made arrangements to carry on DRESSMAKING in connection with her business. Having secured the services of a thoroughly competent dress-maker, highly recommended by the first families of Toronto and Boston, ladies can depend on having dresses satisfactorily made in the latest and most fashionable styles.

STRAW MILLINERY. Hats and Bonnets cleaned, turned, dyed and re-made in the latest fashion. JUVENILE CLOTHING. On hand and made to order. A large assortment of Goods suitable for the season on hand and arriving daily. Stamping for braiding and embroidery, new patterns. Agent for the Hamilton "City Dye Works," and the Barclay Sewing Machines. MRS. HUNTER, Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods Store, &c. Wyndham-st, Guelph, 7th April. dw

MAGAZINES FOR APRIL AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE! Opposite the Market Bow Bells London Society Young Ladies' Journal Cornhill London Journal British Friend Sunday Teacher's Treasury Chambers' Journal At DAY'S BOOKSTORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Guelph, 9th April. dw

GUELPH BOARD OF TRADE. A general meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade will be held in the Town Hall, ON TUESDAY EVEG, 13th APRIL, at 7 o'clock, for the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Members are respectfully invited to attend. JOHN McCRA, President. GEO. ROBINS, Sec. & Treas. Guelph, 7th April. ds

PUBLIC NOTICE. All ACCOUNTS unpaid by the 30th of APRIL will be put in suit for collection. JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 9th April, 1869. dwt1

1869. SPRING. 1869. BRITANNIA RULES the WAVE AN EPOCH IN THE HISTORY OF GUELPH THE MOST EXTENSIVE IMPORTERS OF DRY GOODS IN ONTARIO. The Old Maxim still in the ascendant: SMALL PROFITS & QUICK RETURNS The largest, most comprehensive, and by far the CHEAPEST and best assorted Stock of Spring and Summer Dry Goods ever brought into Canada, is now being offered for sale at the

BRITANNIA HOUSE THIS IS NO BLOWING, BUT REAL AND INDISPUTABLE. It would be useless for us to attempt laying before the public a complete catalogue of the Many thousand different classes of Goods Now in stock, suffice it to say, that the store is literally crammed. Come and see for yourself. A cordial invitation is extended to all. One visit is sufficient to convince the most incredulous that

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SPRING & SUMMER GOODS JUST ARRIVED AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS! SECOND TO NONE FOR STYLE AND QUALITY. ALSO, A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF HOOP-SKIRTS! In all the leading Styles, very Cheap.

PHILIP BISH, BRADFORD HOUSE, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 6. dw

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XX.

A MURDERER'S RESTLESSNESS AND ANXIETY—LYNEODOCH SINCLAIR TAKEN PRISONER.

'Then, sir, I have to inform you that Sir Fergus has been murdered, the body has been recovered, and that appearances are such as to warrant us in accusing you of the deed.'

Lynedoch staggered back, pale and ghastly. His starry complexion took on the hue of ashes, his eyes glared and dilated with strange fixedness, and for several moments horror deprived him of motion.

'It is false—false!' he shouted. 'Who dare accuse me of this? My cousin dead—murdered—and the crime laid against me! By heaven, he who brings the false and slanderous charge shall rue it! Ay, gentlemen, even your office shall not screen you from the consequences of asserting such a malicious falsehood.'

'Mr. Sinclair,' said the Sheriff, 'none will be more gratified than myself and my friend, the Fiscal, to find you clear yourself by satisfactorily refuting the accumulated proof against you. But as circumstances stand I am bound to say the charge is not rashly brought, and it is our duty to make a full examination. That duty belongs more immediately to the Fiscal, and he will discharge it.'

'Do as you list,' said Lynedoch, 'but I warn you that you do it at your peril. A charge so monstrous and so baseless is not to be made with impunity.'

He spoke in a tone and with an air of great confidence. Ignorant as yet of the damaging proofs that had been collected, and convinced in his own mind that no proof whatever could be had to criminate him, he affected, and not unsuccessfully, an appearance of scornful innocence. Yet under the firm demeanor which his iron will enabled him to maintain, there was a violent beating of the heart, and a secret lurking misgiving, which a consciousness of guilt engendered.

'Be good enough to lead us to your sleeping apartment,' said the Fiscal.

Lynedoch stared at him a moment, as one utterly at a loss to comprehend the meaning of such a request, but with an air of lofty disdain, he strode in silence to the other side of the chamber, threw open a door there, and motioned them to enter. The Sheriff and the Fiscal went in first, Lynedoch closely following them, and the constable bringing up the rear—the latter, in pursuance of their instructions, keeping a watchful eye on the Master of the Tower, whom they already counted upon as their prisoner.

The Fiscal, casting a searching eye round the apartment, lighted on a pair of soiled boots which had been carelessly tossed into one corner. He approached and lifted them.

'Have you worn these boots lately Mr. Sinclair?' he inquired.

'Am I bound to answer whatever questions you may choose to ask?' was the rejoinder.

'Certainly not,' interposed the Sheriff. 'You are bound to answer nothing, either now or at any more official examination which you may have to undergo; but if you adopt the course of silence, you cannot but be aware what inference will be drawn from that.'

'The inference that I am guilty—I understand, and as an innocent man I need not care what I answer. Yes, sir; I did wear these boots lately—two days ago, when I was out shooting on the Moor-course hill. What then?'

'Why, then, I think I have got an exact transcript of their soles,' responded the Fiscal, drily, as he took from his pocket a piece of paper, and applied it to one of the boots.

'It fitted exactly, not only in shape and size, but in the peculiar arrangement and appearance of the face of the sole, the position of the nails, and the character of the different nails at different places. Beyond all doubt, the boot which the Fiscal held in his hand was the boot which had imprinted the mark on the clay, which had been copied on the paper.'

'Where did you get that paper shape?' asked Lynedoch, with an uneasiness which he could not conceal.

'Well, not on the Moor-course hills, but in the Falcon's Cleuch,' repeated Lynedoch, speaking rapidly and nervously. 'Ah, now I remember it, I was there two days before that.'

'The Fiscal quietly handed the boots to one of the constables, returned the paper to his pocket, and thus again addressed Lynedoch—'Be good enough, Mr. Sinclair, to show us the dress you wore two days ago.'

'The dress I wore? It was the same as I have on now.'

'Are you sure of that? Was it not a very tight grey?'

'No, sir. This is the dress.'

A square napery press of dark wood stood on one side of the room, with the door ajar. This the Fiscal opened, disclosing dresses of different kinds hanging on pegs within. His sharp eye ran quickly over them, and singling out a coat took it from its place.

An instant's examination revealed that from one side of its lower part a large piece had been torn away.

'How came this, Mr. Sinclair?' was the question of the calm and cool official.

Lynedoch looked at him with amazement not affected but real, for till that moment he had not noticed the tear.

'I don't know,' he replied. 'I never saw it till this moment.'

Then there came upon him a sudden recollection, which, like a blinding flash of lightning, scorched his frame with horror. He remembered now that Sir Fergus had caught hold of his coat when about to sink into the well—that the garment gave way in his hand—and that a portion went with him into the abyss. The nervous terror which had seized him at the moment the deed was done banished the fact from his mind. He had returned home altogether unconscious of the torn condition of the coat, had thrown it off, and put in the press without noticing it, and the matter had never again crossed his mind till that moment. It came upon him now, however, with terrific effect, and for the first time he caught a distant glimpse of the fearful precipice on the brink of which he stood.

His self-command wisely deserted him, his lips twitched nervously, a deep flush appeared on his brow, and as quickly vanished, leaving an unnatural and ghastly paleness.

TO BE CONTINUED.

TO THOSE AFFLICTED WITH CORN.—We have heard but one expression of opinion with regard to the success of Dr. Briggs' Curative for diseases of the feet. All agree that it gives entire satisfaction and affords them immediate relief. To those suffering from imperfections on their feet, extremities, we say, try it at once. All troubled with corns, bunions, and such like diseases, who desire to be cured, should buy and use the curative according to directions, and then pain will cease. Sold by E. Harvey, Guelph, and druggists generally. Price, 50c.

CHURCH BURNED DOWN.—The Methodist New Connexion Church at Waterloo was burned down on Sunday morning about 9 o'clock. The fire is supposed to have originated from stove-pipes. No insurance.

HOUSE AND LOTS FOR SALE. For sale, in the Town of Guelph, a large 2-story Frame Dwelling House, on the Waterloo Road, containing eight rooms and good cellar. There is also a never-failing well of water, capital stable and other out-houses. There is attached to the premises 5 Town Lots, situated in what is known as Oliver's Survey, about ten minutes walk from the Market House. The house is in a desirable locality, and the terms are exceedingly moderate, which can be learned by applying to the premises, or to Mr. W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer. Guelph, Mar 31 dwtf

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE. A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULE, Quebec-st., Guelph. Guelph, November 19, 1868 daw dt

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ACTING MANAGER, - - - - THOS. H. TAYLOR. LEADER OF ORCHESTRA, - - - - WM. VALE.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club take pleasure in announcing a Select

DRAMATIC

Entertainment, in the Town Hall,

On THURSDAY EVENING, 15th APRIL,

when will be presented the great moral comic drama, entitled

TEMPTATION

Or, The Irish Emigrant,

together with the thrilling recitation from John B. Gough's celebrated temperance lectures, entitled

Going over Niagara Falls, by T. H. TAYLOR, to be followed by the highly amusing farce of

TURN HIM OUT.

Admission 25c., reserved seats 50c. Doors open at 7.30, curtain rises at 8.

Guelph, 8th April. ALEX. F. PIRIE, Secretary. dt7

NEW BOOKS!

12 CASES

OF NEW BOOKS

OPENED THIS WEEK

All of which will be sold at our usual low prices

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, April 9, 1869. dtw

LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS McCRAE, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block.

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Where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from 1x3 Batten to Joisting 30 feet long, and cut to order all kinds of Bill Stuff on short notice.

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All kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

GOWDY & STEWART.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1869. dtw-dwtf

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THE NEW BOOKS

BLIND PITS. PUTNAM, N. Y.

The best Scottish Story published for years.

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NEW CHEAP BOOKSTORE.

Near the Post Office. Guelph, April 9. daw dtf

WRIGHT'S BAKERY.

To the Inhabitants of Guelph and many others.

The subscriber hereby tenders his sincere thanks for the extensive patronage he has received during the time he has been in business, commencing in July, 1832, and ending in March, 1869. I have now sold my place, and my interest therein, to Mr. JOHN SOLE, whom I recommend as my successor, hoping he will receive the same liberal patronage which has been my privilege to experience. My sole intent is to occupy the old stand, and carry on the Baking and Grocery business, and hopes with due attention to meet with the kind support of the public.

SAMUEL WRIGHT.

Guelph, 6th April, 1869.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

With reference to the above, the subscriber begs to state that having succeeded to the above business, so long carried on by Mr. Wright, he hopes by strict attention to it, and by consulting the wants of the public, to continue to receive the patronage of all Mr. Wright's old customers, and of the community generally.

JOHN SOLE. dtw

NO PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted

New Style Tables

Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 2nd February. dt1

DOWN WITH THE PRICES.

To make room for their SPRING STOCK, just purchased, amounting to \$15,000, have decided to offer the balance of their Winter Stock at FIRST COST from now till

E. O'DONNELL & CO

THE 15th DAY OF APRIL

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS.

SUGARS & SYRUPS

BELOW WHOLESALE PRICES.

TEAS, TEAS!

E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Well-known \$1 Tea for 90c. per lb.

Good 80c. Tea for 65c. per lb.

Fine Black Tea for 50c. per lb.

Splendid Mixed Tea for 60c.

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A Beautiful Tea Set for \$3.

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Of all kinds, shapes and varieties, together with the finest assortment and best variety of Fine, Fancy and General Groceries, &c., in the County of Wellington.

Leave your orders at the Cheapest Family Grocery in Guelph.

All Goods WARRANTED to give satisfaction, if not the MONEY will be returned.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Guelph, 2nd April, 1869. dtw2 Wyndham Street, Guelph

Guelph, Ontario.

We have pleasure in making known to you the arrival of all of our IMPORTATIONS DIRECT FROM THE PLACES OF PRODUCTION, for the Spring Trade, and of saying that at no previous time have we been in the same position to offer you such an assortment to select from; the Varieties of Styles, Fabrics and Fashions in the various Departments are so varied and new that they call for an immediate inspection, in order that the taste and care shown in purchasing be fully appreciated.

We are safe in saying that no other House in the business in Guelph can approach the variety of our Stock to select from; and the prices at which our entire Stock will be offered must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all intending purchasers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE for any other House in the Trade TO COMPETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manufacturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others in the Dry Goods business here purchase their Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these importers their profit (as a profit they must have,) and then adding their own profit on before selling you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to convince you of the great truth that we assert, that our Goods must be at least twenty per cent under ordinary prices in other Stores in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each.

Yours very respectfully,

HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, March 30. dtw

GUELPH CLOTH HALL!

SHAW & MURTON

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE SELECTION OF

SPRING AND SUMMER COATINGS,

VESTINGS, TROUSERS, SILK HATS,

DRAW HATS, FELT HATS, TWEED CAPS,

Dress Shirts, Fancy Flannel Shirts

Collars, Ties, Gloves, Cents' Hose, Braces, &c.

CUSTOM WORK.

ALL ORDERS executed in the LATEST STYLES, with the BEST OF TRIMMINGS AND WORKMANSHIP.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 7th April, 1869. dtw MERCHANT TAILORS.

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FOR GOOD AND CHEAP

Groceries, China, Crockery & Glassware

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SUCCESS,

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OF THE

ALMA BLOCK

RETAIL GROCERY!

SOME of his friends may think it a trifle too soon for JOHN A. WOOD to cry Success at so early a season; but this he can assure them, that

His STORES have been Filled with CUSTOMERS

from the 1st till the 31st of March. They come from Egremont, Normandy, Maryboro, Garraza, Nichol, Fergus, Elora, Salem, Pilkington, Woolwich, Conestoga, Waterloo, Berlin, Baden, Galt, Hespeler, Puslinch, Morriston, Aberfoyle, Puslinch Plains, Eden Mills, Rockwood, Erin, Caledon, and Eramosa, in fact the fame of JOHN A. WOOD as

BEING A SUCCESSFUL BUYER AND SELLER OF

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, LIQUORS,

Seeds, Crockery, Glassware, Salt, Plaster, &c.

has gone abroad, and from the whole length and breadth of Wellington and adjoining Counties they come to

John A. Wood's

POPULAR STORES

To lay out their hard-earned cash.

All are grumbling about hard times, but JOHN A. WOOD, and why? Because he is satisfied with smaller Profits and quicker RETURNS than the other Grocers of Guelph are, and the public know it. He sells

SUGAR OF ALL KINDS

CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER MAN.

He sells cheaper and better TEA AND COFFEE than any other man. In fact, he sells all his Fresh and Good GROCERIES, SALT, SEEDS, &c., at less prices than any one else can do.

He has the ball at his foot, and intends to keep it moving; therefore, my MALICIOUS FRIENDS TEAR DOWN MY POSTERS, and use every other business like means to prevent the public from being supplied with the best Goods. And you will all fail in your endeavors, for come they will, and buy they will, when they can get the Best, the Cheapest and the Freshest Stock of Goods in the Town of Guelph, and that is at

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Guelph, April 1, 1869. daw dtf

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NOW OPENING.

Another Shipment of Glassware!

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Tumblers, Goblets, Wines

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Preserve Dishes, in great variety

Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames

Bird Fountains,

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Lamp Chimneys

Specia Jars, Japanned Ware.

&c. &c. &c.

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Guelph, Feb. 6 1869. dtw

