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in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

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New Livery Stable.

HORSES FOR HIRE. PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates...

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm Haskins, Esq., P. L. S.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.

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Evening Mercury

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. FRIDAY EVENG, DECEMBER 13.

Local News.

CHRISTMAS STORY.—See the commencement of our Christmas Story on fourth page of to-day's paper.

MASONIC.—The Masons of Milton intend to give a grand dinner on the 27th inst., St. John the Evangelist's Day, in the new Town Hall.

CHOKED.—Mr. John Black, an old and much respected farmer of Nassagaweya, was choked last week by a piece of beef sticking in his throat, at Colclough's hotel, Kildrife.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Ashel Edmunds, of Maryboro, died in her chair on the afternoon of Sunday last.

THE GARAFRAXA BY-LAW.—On Saturday, 21st day of December inst., the vote on the Garafraza By-Law will be taken, granting aid to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway to the amount of \$20,000.

A HAMILTON CALCIFAFT.—It is reported that the individual who performed the honorable duty of assisting the murderer Allen to shuffle off his mortal coil, at Kingston, on Wednesday, was a resident of Hamilton, who proceeded thither for a consideration.

CHANGE OF NAME.—In consequence of a petition entrusted to Mr. Drew, to be laid before the Postmaster General, after the first of January next Wynford post-office will be known as Salem post office, and the old Salem office will be called Mount Salem.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the morning of Sunday the 8th inst., a little boy about six years of age, a son of Mr. James Byers, of the 4th concession of Peel, was running about close to one of his father's horses, when the animal kicked him on the head, fracturing the skull above the left temple, knocking out a piece of bone as large as a half dollar piece, so that a small portion of the brain protruded from the wound.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—The N. W. Times says, on Friday evening the 6th inst., the wind blowing a perfect hurricane, the gable-end of Mr. Godfrey's building, recently destroyed by fire, came down with a crash on the adjoining shoe shop, smashing in the roof and breaking down the brick wall.

FRANK SMITH & Co's SALE.—The trade sale of groceries at Messrs. F. Smith & Co's store, Toronto, closed on Thursday.

STILL MORE Volcanoes. Interesting is the news of a volcano eruption in Nicaragua, which took place on the 14th of last month, and was undoubtedly connected with the series of similar phenomena witnessed all through the West Indies.

NEW BANK AGENCY IN FERGUS.—We learn that an Agency of the Royal Canadian Bank, will be opened in Fergus, on New Year's, and that John Beattie, Esq., of Nichol, has been appointed Agent.

SPEED LODGE No. 180 A. F. & A. M.—We understand that it is the intention of the Brethren of the "mystic tie" to celebrate St. John the Evangelist's Day (Friday, 27th inst.) by a grand Festival to be held in their new Masonic Hall in the building lately erected by John Hogg, Esq.

FERGUS CHRISTMAS FAIR.—This fair was held on Tuesday, the 11th instant. About 100 first class animals were offered, and most of them found sale at good prices.

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FRUIT GROWERS will find the discussion of Fruit Growers published in the New-York Weekly Tribune of great value.

Wool-Growing is a prominent feature in the Agricultural Department of the

The American Watch.

DEAR SIR,—In a recent communication to the Globe, Mr. James Johnston, of Whitby, volunteered an opinion on the merits of the American watch. To enable Mr. Johnston to demonstrate the full value of his experience of twenty years, and give the public some evidence by which it could intelligently discriminate in the premises, we wrote him the following letter:—

Office of ROBBINS & APPLETON, 182 Broadway, New York, October 30th, 1867.

DEAR SIR,—In your communication of Oct. 23rd, published in the Toronto Globe, you remark: "With regard to the American watch, I consider its value to be about one-half of the price placed on it."

We propose to submit ten or twenty of either of the grades of our watch that are mostly sold in Canada—namely, the "P. S. Bartlett," "Wm. Ellery," or the "Home Watch Co."—to be tested by their time-keeping qualities, by competent and impartial judges, against ten or twenty of the "Russell" watch, or any other English-made watch of the same cost as ours.

By the foregoing letter it will be apparent to every one that nothing more was intended than the application of a practical test to determine the merits of the respective watches.

We copy from Mr. Johnston's letter declining our proposition, the following extract, which is all that is material to the subject:—"In answer to your favour of the 30th ult., I most hardly know what to make of it, for certainly you could not expect to humbug me, but your proposal savours strongly of it. I never said your watches would not keep time."

Mr. Johnston here simply repeats the objection that was first urged by the trade against the American watch in the United States. The increasing sale of the watch year by year has furnished the best answer to this objection.

The extensive use of this watch on the leading railroads in the United States, where accuracy, strength and durability is an absolute necessity, would not be possible if the watches were inferior to the English watches of equal price.

We also submit, in opposition to the individual opinion of one watchmaker, the emphatic endorsement of the American watch by two hundred of the leading and influential watchmakers of the United States.

ROBBINS & APPLETON, 182 Broadway, N. Y.

Parliament of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Ottawa, Dec. 13.

Mr. Morris introduced a Bill to prevent capital punishment taking place in public. Mr. Rose moved concurrence in the Eccles resolutions, reported from the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Holton said it would have been better had Government done no more at this first part of the session than to extend the old Canadian tariff to the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Galt regretted exceedingly that the Government had, at this part of the session, brought down any measure increasing taxation in the Lower Provinces, as that would alienate the friends of Union and embitter the hostility of opponents in these Provinces.

The Premier replied that no favoritism could be shown—all must be treated alike. No injustice, on Mr. Galt's own showing, was done to the Maritime Provinces, and that being the case, there was no argument against assimilation.

Mr. Young said the differential duties on tea were unfair to the West, where green tea was mainly used. Having stated other objections, he urged the passage of the resolutions as rapidly as possible, preferring to postpone discussion until the tariff question came up for a more permanent settlement at the next part of the session.

Mr. Tilley contended that the tariff was not unjust to the Lower Provinces, and referred in detail to the revenues and liabilities of those Provinces to prove his statement.

Mr. McKensie deprecated the idea that Canadians meant to act unjustly towards the sister Provinces, and bespoke views on the part of members from the East less sectional and unpatriotic than had been urged in the debate.

Eramosa Township Council.

CENTRE INN, 9th Dec. 1867.

The Council met here this day pursuant to adjournment. The reeve in the chair, and all the members present.

The clerk presented an order from the Judge of the County Court of Wellington respecting the closing up of certain streets in the village of Everton, which was laid over to the January meeting of the Council.

The following claims by the owners of sheep destroyed by dogs were ordered to be paid: John Dooley \$7, James Tooley \$8 and \$1.50 costs, Thos. Moore \$5, Wm. Laitch \$3, J. McIntosh \$4.50, Daniel Murphy \$13, Mathew Sweetnam \$14, William Lyman \$8 and \$1.50 costs, Terence O'Boyle \$5 and \$1.50 costs, William Suter \$7 and \$1.50 costs, James Dowling \$8 and \$1.50 costs.

The sum of \$15.58 was ordered to be refunded to Wm. Stovel from the amount paid for licence for the Wellington Hotel in Rockwood, destroyed by fire in March last. Relief was granted to several indigent persons in the Township. A Report from the Tavern Inspector in favour of the new Wellington Hotel in Rockwood, and the Four Corners Inn, was received. An account of \$19.80 for Registration of Deeds and By-laws, postage and other expenses connected with the clerk's Office was ordered to be paid.

Claims for back taxes on West quarter of Lot 25 Concession 6th, and Lots 35 and 36, Block B, in Rockwood, were ordered to be struck off, proof having been given that they were paid. J. Wilkinson's account of \$3.75 for books and stationery to Treasurer's Office was ordered to be paid.—Dog tax was refunded to John Wetherald, John Hall, John Carter, Francis Gokey, and William Torrance, as they have kept no dogs this year. The collector's roll was corrected by deducting \$1 from John Ross's taxes \$2.02 from Robert Williamson's, and \$1.88 from Peter McQueen's, being a mistake in assessment of personal property.

The Collector was instructed to take notes in favour of the Corporation from John Blanchfield and Mrs. Fraser for the amount of their taxes for the present year, owing to their barns and crops being destroyed by fire. The Road Commissioner gave in his report, which was received and adopted, and his bill of charge \$37, ordered to be paid. The Treasurer's half-yearly salary of \$40 and a sum of \$18 to each of the Councilors for their services during the year 1867, was ordered to be paid; likewise the sum of \$10 to James Armstrong for the use of the Council Room during the year. By-laws for the nomination and election of Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councilors to serve during 1868 were read three times and passed. Moved that the thanks of this Council be due and tendered to John Duffield, Esq., Reeve, for his courteous and impartial conduct in presiding over the meeting of this Council during the current year, and that this resolution be engrossed on the minutes. Passed.

The Council then adjourned.

The Best White Coal Oil

Can now be had at MR. HORSMAN'S for 15 cents per gallon. Cans of any size are also supplied.

November 29th, 1867.

WRECK of the Schooner.—On Thursday morning the Schooner C. G. Alford of Detroit was wrecked on the Burlington Beach. The residents on shore made every possible exertion to save the crew and succeeded. The vessel was bound for Oswego, and laden with 15,200 bushels of wheat. A few hours longer exposure would have been fatal to all on board, as they were found completely exhausted. The schooner sprang a leak on Wednesday, ice gathered on her rigging, and it was found impossible to work her, so that she had to be left at the mercy of the wind and waves.

A "MERCURY" APPRENTICE IN LUCK.

—We had a pleasant call on Tuesday, from our young friend, Mr. H. O. Hall, late of Lansing, and formerly of this office, who has just accepted a lucrative position in the Government Printing Office at Washington. Mr. Hall's gentlemanly deportment and knowledge of the "Art" will always procure him a good "sit" wherever he goes.—Flint paper. [The gentleman referred to served his apprenticeship in the Mercury Office.]

OUR NEW STORY.

The new story, entitled "The Maiden's Choice" by the author of "The Outcasts" and "A French Cavalier" will be commenced in the DAILY MERCURY on Saturday the 21st inst. Don't fail to get a copy of the paper with the commencement of the story.

MR. GALT'S EXPLANATIONS.

Mr. Galt made a statement of some length in the House on Thursday, with reference to the circumstances connected with the failure of the Commercial Bank, in order to put himself right before the public, and relieve him of the blame which had been attached to him in connection with the failure. His reason for not making this explanation sooner was, that he had no wish to make the difference of opinion on this subject militate against the government in any way, especially at the opening of the House, but felt it was better for him to remain for a time subject to misapprehension and misconception than run the risk of putting any obstacle in the way of the government, whose policy he intended to support.

He was first informed by Mr. Holton that the Commercial Bank was in difficulty. After consulting with Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Cartier, he informed the Directors of the Bank, at their meeting in Montreal, that the Government would not, under the circumstances, be justified in interfering on behalf of the Bank. At the same time, they both agreed that the Government might possibly express such a desire to the Bank of Montreal as would induce them to give the assistance that might be required, or such securities as the Commercial Bank had in its power to hand over to that institution. The result of this was that the Bank of Montreal advanced \$300,000 to the Commercial. On the 15th October he was again informed that the affairs of the Bank had assumed an alarming character. He again met the Directors, after which he came to the conclusion, and it was acquiesced in by Mr. King, that the best course to take under the circumstances, was that the Government should assume the responsibility of coming to the assistance of the bank, and that it would be well for him (Mr. Galt), to submit the case to the Government, with the recommendation that assistance should be afforded to the amount of half a million dollars. Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Cartier agreed that with the pressure the Government could put on the financial institutions of the country, the necessary assistance might be obtained from other banking institutions. Sir John, however, was of opinion that it was not expedient to submit the case to the Executive Council, from which opinion Mr. Galt dissented. The meeting of Bank managers in Montreal was then referred to, at which, as our readers will recollect, no arrangement could be come to for aiding the Commercial. It was then proposed by the Directors of the Commercial, at a meeting at which Mr. Galt was present, to place the affairs of the Bank in the hands of the Bank of Montreal. He could not assume that responsibility. He felt that beyond a certain point he could not urge the matter upon Mr. King, knowing, as Finance Minister, that the Government had been obliged themselves to borrow largely from the Bank of Montreal, and fearing that to cripple that institution might interfere with the arrangements of the Government itself. He told Mr. King that as assistance could not otherwise be obtained, he would immediately telegraph to the Government the unfortunate failure of their efforts. This was done along with the earnest request that a meeting of the Executive Council should be held that same night (Sunday, Oct. 20th) as the Bank would close its doors next morning if something was not done. At half past two on Monday morning he received the following telegram from Sir John A. Macdonald:—"Council met and considered your telegrams giving information as to the condition of the bank, the character of the security offered, and the reasons why the other banks declined to help, insufficient to warrant any other action by the Government."

He was greatly disappointed on receiving the above, and at once went to the telegraph office to send a message of remonstrance, and to ask that something might be done before it was too late. But the office was closed, and he had therefore to face the failure of the bank and its possible consequences. He had not recommended to Sir John A. Macdonald that any assistance should be given to the bank because he was aware that he (Mr. Galt) had been to Ottawa for the express purpose of urging that such assistance should be given. As Finance Minister he was looked to by the country for the maintenance of its credit, and he found himself in the position of being supposed to have the power, while he really was incompetent to save its credit. Under these circumstances, he felt there was only one course for him to pursue, to place his resignation in his Excellency's hands. As soon as the letter containing his resignation was received, Sir John A. Macdonald took a special train for Montreal, and on his arrival stated to him that he quite misunderstood the intention of the Government, who by no means wished to throw the responsibility on him, or that he or any of his colleagues had any talk of confidence. He, however, still adhered to his purpose of resigning until pressed by Sir John and Mr. King to retain office until at least the crisis, which the failure of the Commercial had raised, was over. He detailed the steps he, along

try in the other banks, which happily had a good effect. In concluding he said it was extraordinary that imputation should ever have been cast upon him as Finance Minister and the manager of the largest banking institution in the country, of deliberately attempting to bring about the failure of one of the most important banks in the country. Should he have put himself in that position on the eve of meeting Parliament, and having besides personal interest in the Commercial Bank, he would have shown himself a fitting candidate for a lunatic asylum. And as for the Bank of Montreal, it was equally absurd to make such charges against it, because it must necessarily, as the largest banking institution in the country, have suffered most by the financial panic.

SENATORIAL FILIBUSTERING.

We inserted a few days ago a paragraph to the effect, that certain enterprising Yankee citizens had gone out to Abyssinia with the intention of procuring letters of marque from King Theodore, by which they might be enabled to prey on British commerce, and that a proposal had been introduced into the American Senate to recognize the belligerent rights of Abyssinia. On this latter action the Scottish American Journal has the following:—"A Joke or no joke, the resolution of Chandler in favor of recognizing the 'belligerent rights of Abyssinia,' is discreditable to the Senate which listens to it and even debates its merits. It is not the first folly of the kind of which the Michigan senator has been guilty. He labors chronically under an Anglo-phobia of the most malignant type. Some months ago it took the shape of a suggestion to seize Canada in settlement of the Alabama claims; now, it reappears in the form of a proposal to parody the action of Britain in the early stages of the rebellion, and to invest with Congressional sanction any mad piratical expedition of which the Abyssinian war may be made the pretext. Nobody believes that what Mr. Chandler proposes will ever amount to a practical difficulty. But it serves his purpose when it affords an opening for pent-up malignity and the mischief-making in which demagogues stand ever ready to indulge. Of course it is to be regretted that the ill-advised proclamation with which Earl Russell greeted the Richmond Confederacy furnishes a precedent which the enemies of Great Britain may so readily use to the detriment of that country. This error of the British Government it is which the Chandlers of Congress profit by whenever opportunities of annoyance arise. And the fact that it stands upon the record, a cause of irritation if not of danger, should stimulate Lord Stanley and his colleagues to hasten a settlement of the Alabama account.—On the main points of the question Great Britain is so clearly wrong, that she might advantageously, and without any surrender of dignity, waive considerations about which, under other circumstances, her rulers might have properly contended. With this question settled, with this ugly legacy of the war disposed of and the international problem which it involves satisfactorily solved, Senator Chandler and those who share his views would be left without an inch of ground to stand upon.

ANOTHER CABLE.—It appears that the British Government will soon lay down a telegraphic cable between Jamaica and Cuba, which is now connected with this continent and with Europe through the Atlantic Cable. The British Colonial Office will then be in immediate communication with the island dependency. By thus being able at slight expense to transmit despatches and orders, and to take cognizance of the military, civil and commercial relations of the island, the Government will, in a few months, save the expense of the cable, while at the same time, in any emergency, it will be far better able to act in the circumstances may demand. Independently of this the cable will be of great service to Canada, by bringing the markets of the important colony of Jamaica into direct communication with us.

THE AMERICAN DEBT.—The December statement shows the total public debt of the United States to be \$2,639,382,572 68, with a coin and currency total in the Treasury of \$183,176,820 93. The amount of the public debt less cash in the Treasury, is \$2,501,205,751 75. The amount in the Treasury is as follows:—Coin, \$100,690,645 69; currency, \$37,486,175 24. Compared with the November statement, this shows an increase in the debt of \$9,601,301, and compared with the statement in December 1866, a decrease of \$43,424,487.

THE NEW BRITISH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON.—It is announced that the Hon. Edward Thornton, C. B., has accepted the appointment of the United States, and that he may shortly be expected to arrive on this continent. He is a son of the late Sir Edward Thornton, and has been in the diplomatic service of Britain for upwards of a quarter of a century, tho' not more than forty-five or forty-six years of age.

SMUGGLING.—An extensive smuggling business, which has been in operation on the Grand Trunk has been discovered.—Cars are loaded with merchandise for the West and bonded through Canada. At St. Hyacinthe the cars were set upon the siding by a dishonest Conductor, the seals of the cars were broken, and their contents removed and Canada goods bearing the same marks were put in, the cars resealed with die counterfeiting the U. S. and Canada seals; and thus the goods were carried out of Canada without detection by the customs officers. By this means they contrived to smuggle both in and out of Canada. This went on till the conductor was discharged for some misconduct, and another employed in his place,

NEW-YORK MARKETS.—The New-York Tribune contains full reports of the New-York Cattle, Sheep, and Hog Markets, as well as the Produce and Miscellaneous Markets. See advertisement for terms.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FARMERS' CLUB.—The full Weekly Reports of the American Institute Farmers' Club, published in the New York Weekly Tribune, from which the Institute's official report is made up, would each year make two large volumes of over 500 pages each, if printed in book form. For terms see advertisement.

A PORTRAIT OF HORACE GREELEY.—The publishers of the New York Tribune are sending a first-rate steel-engraved portrait of Mr Greeley to yearly subscribers to The Tribune. For particulars see advertisement. dec14-1m

SWIFTER THAN TIME.—The New York Herald says that the new cable, via the island of St. Pierre and along the coast of Newfoundland, is now in operation, as well as the new land line connecting the cable at Heart's Content with the telegraph system of the United States. Telegrams sent from London on the 29th inst. were received in New York at 28 minutes past 11 o'clock on the night of the 29th, thus arriving in advance of their own dates.

A conspiracy to reinstate King 'Bomba' as King of Naples has been discovered in Sicily.

MEMBERS LEAVING THE CAPITAL.—It is said that nearly all the Nova Scotia members will leave Ottawa to-day, and take the Cunard steamer at Boston, on Wednesday next, for Halifax.

New Advertisements.

G. A. D. C.

FIRST APPEARANCE

OF THE Guelph Amateur

DRAMATIC CLUB!

Town Hall,

Monday Evening, Dec. 30th,

On which occasion will be produced for the first time here George Ainslie's celebrated Drama, in two acts, entitled

"The Charcoal Burner," or "The Dying Well of Knarlaboro."

To conclude with an amusing afterpiece by all the members of the Club. For particulars see programme. Admission 25 cents; Reserved seats 50 cents. For sale at the Book and Drug Stores, and also by the Members of the Club.

MR. VALE, MORRIS ARMOUR, Manager, Guelph, 14th December, 1867. dtd

MIDWIFERY.

MRS. MORRIS, Midwife. Residence, Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Holiday's Brewery, first house east of Mr. Minna's former residence. Guelph, 13th December, 1867. d1m

To the Mechanics and Labourers of the Town of Guelph.

Home Made BLANKETS.

In order to give you an opportunity of securing some of those celebrated Blankets at the Clearing Sale prices I will reserve until Saturday Evening, at 6 o'clock, 50 pairs of the Heaviest Twill, when they will then be sold at a still further reduction from regular sale prices. Heavy Twill, \$3.75; Extra Heavy do., \$4.50. Also a Job lot at \$2.50. A. O. BUCHAM.

Guelph, 13th Dec., 1867. 2d

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

22 lbs. New Currants for \$1

11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins 1

10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins 1

8 lbs. New London Layer do. 1

Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

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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

TOWN OF GUELPH.

ALL CLAIMS

AGAINST the Corporation of the Town of Guelph must be presented forthwith, in order that they may be discharged and entered in this year's accounts. JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk and Treasurer. Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 9th Dec., 1867. d6

XXX OYSTERS!

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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. Indubitably more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to incur 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 crudeness 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 opprobrium on Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deceptive and highly reprehensible.

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Chemist, Market Square, Guelph, Dec. 7 1867. dw

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Guelph, December 14, 1867. dw

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HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

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SKATING BOOTS!

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To the Public.

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Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives, Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Carvers, Bread Knives, Bread Platters, and Table Steels. WILLIAM HUTTON & SONS' Sheffield Electro-plated Tea, Table and Dessert Spoons, Electro-plated Forks, Salt, Egg and Mustard Spoons, Butter Knives, Butter Coolers, Pickle Forks. Also, a great variety of ELECTRO-PLATED CRUETS.

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Guelph, 24th December, 1867.

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

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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

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Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 14.

POETRY.
Written for the MERCURY.

OVER THE RIVER.

Over the river I loved to gaze,
In the years that have gone by,
When the autumn sun's soft lingering rays
Painted the evening sky.

For it was there that my loved ones of earth
Dwelt in their happiness free,
And often the sounds of their innocent mirth
Were borne o'er the waters to me.

But years have sped over me, and left in their track
But sadness, and sorrow, and care;
They have borne in their course what time cannot
Bring back,

For the light of their home is not there.

And now over the river I love to gaze,
The river so dark and chill,
Where waters none of the summer haze,
But the waters are deep and still.

For their voices I hear on the other side,
In anthems of rapture that flow
Out o'er the waves of the death-cold tide,
To comfort me here in my woe.

And away on the shore a glory gleams,
Lighting up river and tree,
From the throne of God that radiance streams,
'Tis the light of their homes I see.

HETTY HAZELWOOD.

The Land o' the Leal.

It has been said with warrant, that the only song deserving the name of sacred in the Scotch tongue is the "Land o' the Leal."

But the "Land o' the Leal" is in itself worth a thousand, and is among songs like an army with banners. The same alone is a triumph of word painting. Like other familiar things, we hold it fast as a treasure, but we cease to think of the exquisite lingering beauty of the alliteration, and the fullness and fineness of the expression.

With a figure the most touching and the most perfect, as thousands know whose breaking hearts have seen it fulfilled; while they would have given half their lives to delay the fulfillment, the song begins soft and low, as Christian faith and resignation sing the inevitable—

I'm wearing awa', Jean,
Like snow-wreaths in thaw, Jean,
I'm wearing awa',
To the Land o' the Leal.

W' such words as are no wher to be found out of holy writ, that land where we all hope to be is described—

There's nae sorrow there, Jean,
There's nae either child nor care, Jean,
The day is aye fair,
To the Land o' the Leal.

Be it said that noble is the allusion to the week and mild the reference to the old snow become tender as a joy; and fond of cheering the final comfort to the strict watcher—

Hand ye leal and true, Jean,
For day it's wearing through, Jean,
I'll welcome ye,
To the Land o' the Leal.

What has heard the "Land o' the Leal" sung in a Scotch gloaming to a group of listeners will not confirm my faith that there is no song, not even of Burns, nor of Moore, nor of the French, nor of the German Heine, which approaches on its own ground

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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

The Wizard Soap

W. F. FOX & CO.

HAVE commenced to manufacture the celebrated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is superior to any other.

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING

IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR.

Does not injure the hands, takes less labor, and gives the clothes a better appearance.

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JOHN HOWARD, Agent. W. F. FOX & CO., Woolwich-st. Guelph, 30th November, 1867. dw

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON.)

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

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

DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawdy

Span of Working Horses FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, a span of 7 years old good working Horses. Warranted to be in good, sound working condition. Will be sold for cash, or credit on approved security, as may be agreed upon. For further information apply to the proprietor, near the Race Course Jan.

JOSEPH RYDALL.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1867. dw

JOHN HARRIS,

CONFECTIONER, and BISCUIT Manufacturer.

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

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

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COAL OIL

of the best quality always on hand.

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Watches, Chains, Rings Penell Cases, and all kinds of Jewelry Plated in Gold.

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

Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and despatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to.

Hamilton, November 23 1867. dwsm

STRAYED PIG.

CAME on the subscriber's premises, about two months ago, a large white hog. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take it away.

THOS. GRIFFITH & CO.,

Wholesale Grocers,

39 Front-st., TORONTO.

ARE now receiving Ex S. S. Nova Scotian, Moravian, and other vessels,

Boxes New Valencia Raisins
" New Layer do
" Very Prime West End Layer Raisins
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Bags and Pockets choice Java Coffee
Or Casks and Cases Dunville Irish Whiskey
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Chests, Half Chests, and Caddies New Season, Ping Suet, Young Hysons, Gunpowders, Congous, Souchongs, Color'd and Uncolor'd Japans, Imperial, Twankay, Orange, Pekoe, &c., &c.

Bags superior Arracan Rice
Cases English Thumb Blue
Bbls Brazil Nuts
Bags S. S. Almonds
" Walnuts
" Filberts,
Cases Pearl Tapioca,
" Thin's Pickles,
" Booth's, Betts' and Barclay's Old Tom
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Bottles
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Boxes Valencia and Jordan Almonds
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AND DAILY EXPECTED
Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces, Preserves.

The above, together with a large stock of

GENERAL GROCERIES,

INCLUDING
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COMPRISEING
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Will be sold at unusually Low Prices to the Trade.

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ROBBINS & APPLETON, New York, } General Agents.
ROBERT WILKES, Toronto and Montreal. }

D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

December 10th, 1867. dw

CHRISTMAS HO!

Wholesale, Wholesale!

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Guelph, 6th December, 1867. dw

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FOR 1868.

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JUST RECEIVED!

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No. 1 Coal Oil

FOR FAMILY USE.

Perfectly clear and free from smell.

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OVER THE SNOW. A Christmas Story.

Before a cheerful fire, in the best kitchen of a snug west-country cottage, sat two persons, a man and a woman both advanced in years. All around wore an air of homely comfort. Of merriment there was little; but the furniture, though plain as could be, and bearing the marks of long service, was good and solid; and its trim arrangement and spotless cleanliness spoke highly for the good housekeeping of its owners. A square of Dutch carpet, bound with crimson braid, was spread upon the stone floor; and a gilded oak bookcase displayed upon its shelves a goodly store of delf and ancient china. On the chimney-piece a cuckoo-clock ticked merrily, and in one corner of the room stood an old-fashioned square piano, on which were piled a considerable number of well-bound books. Two or three old line engravings, mostly of scriptural subjects, decorated the walls, and the lattice window was half hidden by a crimson curtain. The whole aspect of the cottage betokened competence and modest independence. Nor were the inmates belied by appearances, for few among the inhabitants of the village were more universally respected than David and Mary Holt. In the same cottage they had lived for thirty years, paying their way, and asking no favour of any man; and for five-and-twenty of those years David had been parish clerk and schoolmaster, and in the estimation of the younger parishioners, little if at all inferior in dignity to the parson himself. His wife, with no less respect, won more affection; for David Holt was a stern and hard man, always just but seldom generous; while Mary was ever tender-hearted, with a kind word and smile for everybody. To her the schoolchildren came in all their troubles, whether arising from blow or cricket-ball, or the perplexities of the rules of three, and rarely failed to receive some measure of consolation. Such were the couple who sat, one Christmas Eve not very long ago, by the cosy fireside. A long clay pipe, a real old-fashioned churchwarden, just put aside, lay upon the snow-white deal table, and David Holt was reading aloud from a ponderous Family Bible, while his good wife, her hands crossed upon her knees, sat reverently listening. As befitted their solemn occupation, the faces of both were grave and quiet, but that quiet gravity seemed only to throw into stronger relief the characteristic expression of each—David, square-headed and square-chested, with massive jaw and bushy over-hanging eyebrows, and deep-set keen grey eyes, hard, proud, and unforgiving, the embodiment of stern self-will and rugged pride; the old woman, gentle and quiet, with downcast eyes, soft grey hair, and pleasant smiling lips, that told of nothing but love and charity. And yet, though the two faces were so unlike, a keen observer might have detected an element of likeness. There are some events (happy those who have known none such) which, coming into a human life, leave behind them a shadow for ever. It needed no second glance at the these two persons to know that some such event (some great sin, or shame or sorrow) had passed over their lives. But as natures differ, so the scars left by the fiery trial differ too. In David Holt's face the shadow bore the impress of humbled pride; in Mary's that of wounded affection. The smile on the old woman's lips, the kindly smile that rested there from youth, and that did age could not wear away, though still sweet, was sad as well; and the kind voice, that had so often spoken courage and cheer to others, had now a tone of weariness and ever-present pain. The rugged nature of David, on the other hand, seemed to have hardened under the rod; the hard features had become harsher, the cold grey eye colder and sterner than ever. Even now, while reading the sweet Christmas idyll, the sweet story whose burden is the song of the angels, Peace on earth, good will to men, his harsh voice lost none of its accustomed harshness, but uttered the sacred words defiantly, in tones suited rather to some tale of battle and violence, than to the glad tidings of everlasting peace. Slowly and steadily, never raising his eyes from the sacred page, David Holt read on; but even above his loud harsh tones could be heard the unmistakable sounds of a storm raging without. The wind howled and roared over the wild west-country moor, and against the cottage eaves, wrestling with door and casement, and piling heaps of snow high against the lattice windows. It was a night in which no one, with a home to go to would willingly have been out of doors; any shelter, even the poorest and roughest, would have been preferable to exposure to that pitiless storm. And yet, out in the cottage garden, under the full fury of the bitter wind and driving snow, a woman stood, bare-headed and motionless, gazing through the lattice with wild, longing, hungry eyes at the homely scene within. After a little while she crept into the porch, but not to ask for shelter. One knock at the door, as though dealt with a feeble or timid hand, was heard; and then, waiting not the result, she came forth again and fled swiftly, her long hair streaming in the wild wind, towards the open moor. After a moment or two the door opened, the light streamed from within casting a broad bright beam into the outer darkness; and Mary Holt shading her eyes with her hand, peered forth into the storm. She caught sight of the flying figure, and calling to her husband, the two gazed after it till it disappeared altogether in the darkness. David was the first to speak, saying, as he did so, "Come in, Missus, come in will 'ee? It's some foolish prank o' one o' the village wenches. She thought to fright us, I reckon." His wife turned to follow him but as she did so, stumbled against a bundle lying at her feet. "She's left some at behind her, then," said the old woman, stooping to examine it when a faint wailing cry was heard and she started back an instant, then hastily snatching up the bundle, rushed into the cottage. "Oh Davy, did 'ee ever; it's a child!" (TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Chariot says there is a talk of canonising a new saint in Rome—saint Chassepot!

COMMERCIAL.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Barley, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelph, December 14, 1867.

Gold, 1867. Greenbacks at 72 1/2 to 73 1/2; Sold at 73 to 74 1/2. Silver bought at 44 to 46. dis.; sold at 46 to 47. Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 60c. to 55c. Commercial Bank Bills bought at 85c. to 90c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'

TRAGIC END OF A GARIBALDIAN.—A letter addressed by a Garibaldian to the Independents of Bologna, says—Count Pietro Carletti d'Orvea (a nephew of Pius IX.) was the first to enter Vallecorsa, holding aloft the Italian flag, shouting 'Italy for ever!' Long live Garibaldi! Being wounded in the arm, and seeing himself surrounded by the Papalini, he flew his brains out with a revolver, in order not to fall living into the hands of those men, who would have massacred him in the name of his uncle.

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J. MASSIE & CO. Guelph 19th August 1867

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TO FILL THOSE

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which range in price from \$3.50 upwards. During the present month

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will sell their CLOTHING at prices much lower than that of any other house in Guelph. It is now generally admitted that this is the only Store in town where real Bargains can be obtained.

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SMITH & BOTSFORD.

Guelph, 11th December, 1867.

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100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, 100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings,

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THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

WITHOUT any exceptions, the Barclay Sewing Machine, Manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Company.

AT PARIS, ONTARIO,

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

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INSURE against Accidents in the original Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford. Net cash assets, Jan. 1, \$741,337.02.

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THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.

FRANK SMITH & CO.

77 Front Street, Toronto,

BEG to intimate to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of

Fresh English Groceries, Wines, Brandies, &c., Ex. 'Planet,' 'Chaudiere,' 'City of Hamilton,' 'Glenborie,' from London.

Fresh New Crop Fruit and Mediterranean Cargo Ex. 'Deodara,' 'Canny Scott' and 'Mary Ann,' from Malaga, Marcellis and Denia.

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE

303 Bbls and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars. 522 Bbls Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.

With a full assortment of Tobaccos, Refined Sugars, Wines and Liquors and Dry Groceries. All of which will be submitted to the trade, equal to and below Montreal prices.

HAVE YOU SEEN BARNUM?

YES!

Well the next biggest thing is the BOOT and SHOE Establishment of

PREST & HEPBURN

COME AND SEE IT.

THERE IS NOW ON EXHIBITION the Largest, Best, Cheapest, Neatest and most Durable assortment of

BOOTS AND SHOES

ever offered to the trade in the county of Wellington. In fact, it is the stock of Ontario. This is the only house that manufactures their own Boots and Shoes.

SUPPORT HOME MANUFACTURE!

and keep your money in the country. We do not believe in puffing, but simply ask the public to come and see our Boots and Shoes, and we are confident the verdict will be in our favor.

The Old Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store!

And the oldest Shoe Store in Guelph. REPAIRING DONE, AS USUAL.

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph, 16th October, 1867.

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OF STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured. REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS, MANTLE CLOTHS, Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.

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TAKES pleasure in informing his customers and the public that he has received his Stock of FALL and WINTER GOODS, consisting of

Cloths of every Description,

Which he is prepared to make up to order in the latest and most fashionable styles. On hand a stock of the

BEST READY-MADE CLOTHING IN TOWN

All of our own manufacture, and warranted to give satisfaction. Also, on hand, a large stock of

Felt Hats, Fur and Cloth Caps and Gloves, Under and Over SHIRTS, and every other article in Gents' Wear.

CLOTH SOLD BY THE YARD. A lot of

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