



**Guelph Evening Mercury**

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EV'G, MARCH 24, 1869

Job Printing of every description executed cheaply and promptly at the Mercury Steam Printing House, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. An immense assortment of the latest and most chased designs in plain and ornamental type has just been added to our previously large stock, rendering our establishment the most complete office in all its appointments to be found West of Toronto. Our charges are the lowest, and our work the best in the county.

**VOTE ON THE IRISH CHURCH.**

They had a very sharp debate in the British House of Commons on Tuesday night, on the bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church. After Mr. Walpole and the O'Donoghue had spoken—the latter making a fervid speech in favor of the bill—that austere Conservative, Gathorne Hardy, resolutely opposed the measure. He said that Mr. Gladstone had pledged himself and his followers to the destruction of all that was deemed most sacred, and maintained that the Church had always fulfilled its mission. Mr. Gladstone then rose to conclude the debate, reviewing the arguments which had been made for and against the bill, and declaring that a new policy for Ireland, of which this was the first step, was necessary. The speaker resumed his seat amid deafening cheers, and the House divided on the motion that the bill be read a second time, with the following result:—For the motion, 368; against 250—majority for the Government being 118. The announcement of the result was loudly cheered in the House. The cheers were taken up by the people in the lobbies, and the news was thus conveyed to an immense crowd outside the House, who joined in the applause with the wildest enthusiasm. Parliament adjourned immediately afterwards for the Easter holidays, and will not resume business till the first of April.

**Letter from a Dead Man!**

THE MACLEAN MURDER STORY EXPLODED—DAILY ALIVE AND WELL—HIS EMPHATIC DENIAL ABOUT THE ALLEGED MURDER.

We have to thank Dr. Keating for the perusal of a letter which he has received from James Daly, formerly of Morriston, whose death and death-bed confession of having murdered the late Rev. Alex. McLean of Puslinch, was some weeks ago so minutely described in a sensation report in the *Wentworth (Dundas) News*, and which naturally caused considerable excitement in Puslinch, in Guelph, and wherever Mr. McLean was known. We stated our mistrust in the story at the time we published it, and Dr. Keating's letter, which was subsequently given in the *Mercury*, set the mind of every reasonable man at rest with regard to its untruthfulness. Daly's own letter now furnishes conclusive evidence that the whole story from beginning to end was a malicious fabrication.

Daly's letter is dated Connersville, Indiana, March 14th. He says that on the night Mr. McLean received his injury (24th May, 1864) he was in company with a very respectable young lady and her brother in Hamilton—Mr. John Smith and sister. He was in their company all the afternoon and evening of that day, until 11 o'clock at night, after which in company with half a dozen young men he went to Dundas, where he stopped till the following day at his mother's. He says he cannot understand what object any one could have now in fabricating such a story about his murdering Mr. McLean, as he lived long enough in Morriston after Mr. McLean's death for any one to have accused him of the deed if they desired to do so.

He then refers to Dr. Keating's letter, which cleared him of any such imputation, and heartily thanks him for his friendly and disinterested defence of an absent man, who was unjustly charged with such an awful crime, and closes his letter by stating that he intends in the fall to go to California to his brother.

VERY SHARP.—The *Elora Observer* of last week, in copying our remarks about the "penny wise and pound foolish" practice of encouraging underbidding among teachers, says—"Might not these remarks apply with equal force to the system of underbidding pursued by newspaper publishers, at which the publishers of that journal appear to be very successful." We commend the "high" morality which our meddling neighbor is preaching, but which he never practices. He is extremely sharp, but on this occasion he omitted to give one of the strongest illustrations in point, when he forgot to tell his readers that his underbidding this year for the Township of Maryboro' printing for the year amounted to the magnificent sum of \$4 all told, for which our high moral friend does the Council's whole printing and advertising for the year. So much for the *Observer's* impudent lecture, and the way he acts up to his preaching.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS.—Great complaints are made in Montreal and elsewhere at the manner in which the Militia appointments are being made. When military schools were introduced by the Macdonald-Dorion Government, it was understood that they were intended to qualify persons to become officers, and that, where the militia was organized, none but those who passed the schools and obtained certificates would receive appointments. It appears, however, that men possessing no knowledge of drill are being appointed, merely because they formerly held commissions in the sedentary militia, while the claims of cadets holding certificates are passed over.

NEWTON AS A VELOCIPEDIST.—Dryasius has discovered that Sir Isaac Newton, while yet a lad, "made a small cart with four wheels, in which he could drive himself by turning a windlass." He wants to know if this machine in construction is different from the handcar at present used by workmen on railways? and if anything is known of the machinery of Sir Isaac's "small cart?" and if so, whether it might not be applied to the improvement of velocipedes?

A saloon keeper in Houston, Texas, has a close carriage stationed in front of his place, in which he stows inebriates who are too feeble to get home. They sleep sweetly, imagining that they are driving to their domiciles, and wake in the morning right on hand to further patronize the establishment of the shrewd dealer in fustil oil.

**TOWN COUNCIL.**

A special Meeting of the Town Council was held last (Tuesday) night. All the members present except Messrs. Hefferman and Mitchell.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Reynolds regarding errors in the assessment of lots 15 and 16, Surrey street, advertised for sale for arrears. The report of the special Committee was read by Mr. Chadwick, recommending that Mr. Hough's resignation as Town Clerk be accepted, but that the offices of Clerk and Treasurer be not separated. Council went into Committee on the whole, and after some discussion, Mr. Hough verbally tendered his resignation as Treasurer. Committee rose, and applications for the vacant office were read from Messrs. R. Meredith and E. Newton, but were ruled out of order and laid upon the table. Mr. Hough's resignation was then read and accepted; after which it was moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. McCurry, that the report of the special Committee be adopted, which was carried. An amendment moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Goldie, that the report of the special Committee be amended by recommending a separation of the offices of Clerk and Treasurer was lost—only four voting for it.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for applications for the vacant offices, and Council adjourned.

The Grammar School boys give their entertainment in the Town Hall this evening. Encourage the youngsters in their laudable efforts by purchasing a ticket.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE.**

GUELPH, March 24, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: W H Gillard, Hamilton; W R Jones, London; W Miller and daughter, Galt; Geo J Ferguson, Fergus. Robt A Hutcheson, Hamilton; Wm A Cooley, Ancaster; Thos Dickenson, Hamilton; Nicholas Miller, Galt; S Storel, Toronto; Geo Brown, Mount Forest; R C Stinson, Hamilton; Jas Watt, Mt Forest; J M Barr, Toronto; Geo Dempsey, Montreal; Peter S Gibson, Toronto; W Russell, Mt Forest; A Morrison, Toronto; Richard Wallace, Galt; W Robinson, Hamilton; Hugh Aurold, Montreal.

**SUGARS and SYRUPS**

REDUCED IN PRICE

At the popular Stores of

**JOHN A. WOOD**

Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st. Guelph, 20th March. dw

**TOWN OF GUELPH.**

Application for the offices of

**TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER**

Will be received at 11 half-past seven o'clock p.m. on MONDAY the 23rd day of April next. Applicants to name three good and sufficient sureties for \$4,000 each.

JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 24th March, 1869. dw10

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**

**NEW PROVISION STORE!**

West Market Square, (Adjoining John Harris')

**FLOUR, FEED**

and POTATOES—any quantity. Also Smoked Hams to be had. HIRSCH KENEDY. Guelph, March 24. dtf

**BEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE HAIR CUTTING**

**MORGAN'S BARBER SHOP**

The following are the prices charged: Hair Cutting.....10c Shaving.....5c Shampooing.....10c Will also be able to curl hair in a few days. Guelph, 10th March. dw

**ALL THE MAGAZINES**

FOR MARCH

**AT CUTHBERT'S**

What folly to buy Magazines when you can get the reading of them

**FOR \$1 A YEAR**

SUBSCRIBE TO HIS

**CIRCULATING LIBRARY!**

Subscriptions, and letters wishing the library success, from all parts of the county, are received daily. Guelph, 24th March. dw

**APPRENTICE WANTED.**

Wanted, a Protestant boy from the country with a fair education, to serve as apprentice at a good paying trade. For further particulars apply at the Mercury office, Guelph. Guelph, 8th March. dw1

**LOST OR STOLEN.**

A brindle BULL PUP, with ears cropped. Answers to the name of "Boley" had on a leather collar with a brass ring.—Whoever returns him to George Hood, butcher, will be rewarded. If found in any person's possession after this notice, they will be prosecuted. Guelph, March 24, 1869. dtf

**APPLES AND POTATOES**

A LARGE SUPPLY

**AT J. & D. MARTIN'S**

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 24th March. dw

**SALE BY AUCTION.**

**AUCTION SALE OF Fancy Goods!**

**AND STATIONERY**

**AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.**

On Thursday Evening, 25th instant.

Same to commence at seven o'clock. NO RESERVE.

W. WARNER CLARKE, Guelph, March 24. dw dtf Market Square, Guelph

**CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.**

**FARMERS,**

Buy your Clover and Timothy at

**HUGH WALKER'S**

Good Seed at a Small Price.

**HUGH WALKER,**

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st. Guelph, March 24. dw

**THE NEW BOOKS!**

PHINEAS FINN, BY A. TROLLOPE. (A splendid new novel.) GRIFFITH GAUNT, BY CHARLES READE. THE FAMOUS Dr. Syntax's Three Tours

1st. In Search of the Picturesque. 2nd. In Search of Consolation. 3rd. In Search of a Wife. Complete and unabridged. This is one of the most amusing and laughable books ever published. All the English and American MAGAZINES for APRIL at

**WELLINGTON BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY**

WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH. JOHN A. McMILLAN

Has much pleasure in informing the public that he is prepared to fill orders for EVERY DESCRIPTION OF Boots & Shoes!

For Spring and Summer Trade. All home manufacture, and as cheap as any house in Toronto or Montreal.

Dealers in Boots and Shoes are requested to call and examine my Stock and Price before ordering elsewhere.

An immense stock of Boots and Shoes always on hand.

**WANTED.**

A Partner, with \$5,000 or \$6,000 cash. A splendid opening for a practical man. Address, if by letter, post paid. JOHN A. McMILLAN, Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. dw

**DON'T FORGET**

That you can get 12 lbs. of Fresh Raisins FOR ONE DOLLAR

**AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S**

Guelph, 20th March. do

**THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,**

West Market Square, Guelph. J. MILLER, Proprietor.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL has recently been opened and fitted up in a style to meet the wants of the TRAVELLING PUBLIC, and secure to his patrons all the comforts and convenience of a home.

Particular attention is paid to the Table, which will always be furnished with all the delicacies of the season.

FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS, with LIVERY STABLE

Attached to the Hotel to meet the requirements of all permanent as well as transient customers. Guelph, March 5. do t

**CANNED PEACHES!**

CANNED CORN, CANNED TOMATOES, AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Guelph, 20th March. do

**BOARDERS.**

Board can be had for a lady and gentleman, or three gentlemen, at MRS. LAIDLAW'S, near the marble works. mar 17 dtf

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**SPRING IMPORTATIONS.**

**NEW GOODS.**

**301 Cases and Bales at the Golden Lion.**

Now arrived at the BONDED WAREHOUSE, 301 Cases, comprising all of the

Newest Styles and Designs in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,

And bought by our MR. CHANCE, with great care, in the FIRST BRITISH MARKETS, and direct from the Manufacturers, all of which will be opened out, and on inspection at our store here in the course of a week or so.

Our Business will be Conducted Strictly on the One-Price Principle

**HOGG AND CHANCE.**

Guelph, March 2, 1869. daw dtf

**CARD.**

JAMES JASSIE & CO. having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the Alma Block and Day's Block, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, No. 1, Day's Block, so successfully carried on under my management.

By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.

JOHN RISK. Guelph, 10th March. dw

**No. 2, 2000 Sap Buckets No. 2,**

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

**No. 2, 1000 Bbls SALT, No. 2,**

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

**No. 2, 1000 Bags SALT, No. 2,**

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

**No. 2, Tons Paris and Caledonia PLASTER, No. 2,**

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph

**No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED, No. 2,**

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. Day's Block, Guelph. Guelph, March 4 1869. daw dtf

**JUST RECEIVED,**

THE NEWEST STYLES OF

**HATS & CAPS**

AT THE

**GUELPH CLOTH HALL,**

WYNDHAM STREET.

**SHAW & MURTON.**

Guelph, March 4, 1869. daw dtf

**1869. SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1869.**

The subscribers having shipped via New York are now in receipt of a considerable portion of their Spring Importations, and have now in stock a large assortment of

**Dress Goods!**

IN ALL THE NEW CLOTHS.

**FRENCH & ENGLISH PRINTS,**

In the latest designs, and Full Lines of Staples, &c., which they are prepared to sell to cash and close buyers at a small advance on the sterling cost. Inspection solicited. Dress Goods and Prints being specialties, will be found equal, if not to excel, anything in the trade.

**R. A. HOSKINS & CO.**

Toronto, 20th March. dw1 No. 5, Wellington-st. East, Toronto.

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

You mean very kindly, Ned, but it would be foolish in me to build...

God bless ye, sir, but that's kind of you copy way, returned Ned...

That is because your desires are so men- gro and your contentment so abundant...

Well, my friend, these are signs that the time is coming when you will be unable to continue your wanderings...

Oh, Ned, but you forget what I have seen you during the two months...

I'm the pictur' o' a nobleman, said Ned, with a humorous look...

It's neither the clothes nor the outward appearance that makes the gentleman...

Oh, Ned, so tall as to reach the pole, Or grasp the ocean with my span...

God bless ye, I say again, Mr. Denman, responded Ned with much feeling...

And I'm not to be made man- for I assure ye, for a better lot I wadna desire...

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is shows that no extraneous matters what- ever remain."

The Canada Farmer says: "The White Plaster is the best, and to be pure it must be beautifully white and semi-transparent..."

Yours truly, ALEX. TAYLOR, Dealer in plaster, from his beds of pure white gypsum...

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22 Great St. James St., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies...

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ALMA BLOCK RETAIL GROCERY!

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

JOHN A. WOOD

HAVING LEASED OF MR. MASSIE

The most Spacious and Elegant Grocery in the Dominion of Canada,

And having (thanks to the liberality of his friends and customers for the last twelve years) bought the Stock on very favorable terms,

He is able and determined to take the lead in the Grocery Trade in Guelph.

Many of the Goods will be sold at less than they would cost to lay down at the present time.

TEAS, TEAS!

AT A VERY SLIGHT ADVANCE.

SUGARS AND SYRUPS

Will be sold at market rates.

FRESH COFFEES!

CHEAP AND GENUINE.

THE WINES & LIQUORS

Are all sound and of good age, carefully selected, and guaranteed genuine.

The Crockery and Glassware Department

Has also received great attention in selecting such Goods as are useful and necessary in every household.

ALMA BLOCK RETAIL GROCERY!

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID A VISIT TO THE

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RECOLLECT, my friends, that although this is a NEW STORE, I am not a stranger to you.

ALL ORDERS, however small, will be delivered by HORSE and VAN a short time after purchased.

Active and obliging Clerks, all old friends of the Guelph public, will be found at all times ready to show Goods to parties, no matter whether they want to purchase or not.

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS WILL BE ADVERTISED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

Glover, Timothy, Tares, Flax and Turnip Seeds

Of every description, in stock and arriving. We shall not in getting Seeds care so much about the prices as the quality...

Caledonia Plaster, Liverpool Coarse & Fine AND CODERICH SALT,

And all other kinds of Manures suitable for Agricultural use will be kept on hand, or obtained for customers as required.

JUST IN. Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest pattern of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread...

TO TAILORS. AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and points of boxes, all sizes, Squares, Carved Buttons, straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons...

TO MACHINISTS. STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Calliper Rules, Collier Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-adjusting Callipers and Dividers, Stub's Files and Tools...

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers. HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Film Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Audley's Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.

Undertakers! MITCHELL & TOVELL. Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage.

GREAT POWERS. Are always neutral in small squabbles.

PREST & HEPBURN. In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wyndham-st.

BOOTS AND SHOES. And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington.

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ARCHIBALD MCKEAN, (Successor to John W. Murtion).

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DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE. Being composed of the North-half of Lot No. 95 of the German Company Tract, of the Township of Waterloo...

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FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE. A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. D. BULL, Quebec-st., Guelph.

DOMINION SALOON. FRESH OYSTERS! Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice...

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INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid with reference to the Board in London.

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