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### Book and Job Printing,

Execution on short notice, at reasonable rates, and on the best style of the Art. Having every facility of our connected in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.  
McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.  
Office: East-Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.  
October 29, 1867. daw-ff.

### CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

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

### THE BAR

will be supplied with the  
**Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars**  
And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

### LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 2 o'clock.  
**OYSTERS AND GAME,**  
By Dinner and Supper parties provided at short notice, at reasonable charges.  
**JOHN MILLER,** Proprietor.  
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittly.  
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do-ff.

### 320. STAR \$100.

### SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE,

Patented May, 1867.  
THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family. Mr. J. SPAFFORD, having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample or work, or terms, address—  
J. E. SPAFFORD,  
Room 10, Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O., or Box 100, Toronto.

### H. HOGG'S

### FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.  
CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Flour, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!  
Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.  
Guelph, 25th August, 1867. do-ff.

### DOMINION SALOON,

(GATE 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. daw-ff.

### THE RED MILL.

THE subscriber having put a steam engine in the Mill, farmers bringing in their Grists will be having them ground the same day.  
C. G. Guelph, 10th Dec. 1867. do-ff.

### FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.  
GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old stand, near the Railway Crossing.  
GEORGE BALKWILL,  
Guelph 10th Dec. 1867. do-ff.

### Sewing Machine for Sale

FOR sale, a superior Family SEWING MACHINE. Apply at this office.  
J. H. 25th Jan. 1868. do

### BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
(From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.)  
Toronto, 13th September, 1866.  
Messrs Messinger & Wright,  
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.  
DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in testifying to the value of the training for commercial pursuits obtained by the young men educated at your College.  
We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he never had any previous experience, has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient Book-keeper.  
We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, we gave a decided preference to one of your graduates, as we have no hesitation in saying, that as far as our experience goes, your course of training is entirely adapted to make a thoroughly efficient office hand.  
Yours truly,  
LYMAN & MACNAB,  
(From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.)  
Toronto, May 21, 1867.  
Messrs Messinger & Wright,  
B. A. Commercial College, Toronto.  
DEAR SIR,—We can eminently recommend your establishment to the business men of the city, who select their Book-keepers. The young man in our employ bears testimony to the efficient system taught in your College, and the results derived therefrom, and though different business pursue different methods, yet the general principles, rules, and varieties of commerce are thoroughly explained by your system of tuition, as to render the knowledge applicable to each feature in each particular system.  
Your efforts are worthy of every appreciation in the intelligent youth of Canada, and though occasionally students fall to become proficient, it can only be attributed to lack of ability on the student's part and not the incapacity of the tutor. We shall ever give a warm and wise preference to your pupils for an office hand, and feel glad to see that our experience of the same.  
We remain, Gentlemen, yours, &c.,  
MORRISON, TAYLOR, & CO.,  
Wholesale Provision Dealers,  
For Circulars, Favourable Bank Notes, &c., address—  
MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,  
Guelph, 4th Feb. 1868. (dw)

### INDIA & CHINA TEA COY.

Home Depot London and Liverpool,  
Canada Dept. 23 Hospital Street,  
Montreal.  
THE India and China Tea Company beg to call the attention of the Canadian community to their directly imported Teas, which for purity and excellence will be found unequalled.  
The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce of some of the best plantations in Assam and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by judicious blending of these magnificent Teas with the best selected Chinese Teas, they are enabled to offer the public Tea of quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the general consumer. These Teas are in high favour in England and France, and a single trial will prove their superiority.  
The Teas we supply are of the finest quality only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great briskness and flavour, combined with colour and strength, and to be entirely different from the flat and vapour article usually sold as Black Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether free from the deleterious mineral matter so commonly used for coloring the leaf.  
PRICES: Rich full-flavoured Tea, for family use, in tin, 4s. 6d. per lb. 4 years' old, 7s. 6d. per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.  
To be had in packets of Quarter Pound, Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 1 lb., and upwards, from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada, N. B. All the packages are lined with red paper, and the Teas will consequently retain their flavour any length of time.  
OSKARKE.—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are to be trusted.  
MR. N. HIGGINOTHAM, Agent, Guelph.  
Guelph, August 3, 1867. do-ff.

### W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Acupuncturist. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of the College over Mr. Massie's new store, entrance Macdonnell Street.  
Guelph, 27th Jan. 1868. do-ff.

### Four Corners' Hotel,

ERANOSA ROAD.  
JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class liquors and cigars. Good stable and attentive hostler.  
NOTICE.  
PERSONS having claims against the estate of the late Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair will please send particulars of them to D. Guthrie, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, for adjustment.  
G. D. FERGUSON, Executor  
Guelph 28th January, 1868. do-ff.

### Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the premises of the subscriber, Macdonnell Street, on the 30th January last, a white cow, medium size, 4 years old, with horns turned in at the top. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be handsomely rewarded.  
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,  
Guelph, 5th Feb. 1868. do-ff.

### Heifer Strayed.

CAME on the premises of the subscriber about the last of November last, a red and white heifer. The owner can have her by proving property and paying expenses.  
ANGUS McLEAN,  
Lot 4, 6th Con. Township of Erin,  
Guelph, 5th Feb. 1868. do-ff.

### NATIONAL Steamship Company.

(LIMITED)  
STEAMERS Weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown.  
A Company of this line, consisting of the  
Queen England Virginia  
Erin Louisiana and  
Helenia Pennsylvania France.  
Leaves NEW YORK from Pier 47, North River, every Saturday, and Liverpool on Wednesday of each week, calling at Queenstown each way.  
The size of these Steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the Saloons. The accommodation is first class, and the rates lower than by any other line. The accommodation for storage passengers are large and plenty of deck-room is allowed, whilst the fare is of the best quality, well cooked and ample.  
An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge. Tickets are issued in this country for parties wishing to prepay the passage of their friends from Liverpool or Queenstown (Ireland), for \$25, American money.  
For tickets, special berths, and all information, apply to  
J. W. MURTON,  
General Passage Agent, No. 9, James Street  
Hamilton, 28th Nov. 1867. do-ff.

### Cow Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the Fair Ground yesterday, a red cow, is giving a little milk, in good order, was bought of a man near Morrison. Any one returning her, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be rewarded.  
JOHN ROBERTS, Butcher  
Guelph, 5th Feb. 1868. do-ff.

### NEW LAW OFFICE.

### FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS.  
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,  
CONVEYANCERS, &c.  
S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN,  
227 Office over Berry's Confectionery Store,  
Wynham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, 4th December 1867. do

### Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: EAST MACDONNELL STREET.  
MONDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 10, 1868.  
**Local News.**  
Beef was worth from \$3 to \$4.75 at the last fair held at Elora.

### "BANK OF AGRICULTURE."

A public meeting is called in Hamilton for the 15th inst., to adopt measures towards the establishment of a Bank of Agriculture in that city.

### SEVERE WEATHER.

There was a very heavy snow storm to the west on Friday last. The drift on Thursday night, says the *Goderich Signal*, was terrific, and it is feared that the country roads will be rendered almost impassable.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We are indebted by Mr. Evan Macdonald to return his warm thanks to Mr. Lindsay, and the many other friends who showed so much kindness to his children on the occasion of the late accident.

### FLATTERING.

At the annual meeting of the congregation presided over by the Rev. Mr. McGuire, Glanellen, the Sabbath School scholars presented that gentleman with an address and a purse containing between forty and fifty dollars.

### ORANGE SOIREE.

There is to be a grand Orange Soiree in Norval on Tuesday evening the 18th inst. Messrs. O. R. Gowen, John Coyne, Tom Ferguson, Tom Daly, and other guns of similar calibre are expected to be present.

### NEW PARTNERSHIP.

We understand that Mr. John Smith, of the *Chronicle*, has entered into partnership with Mr. J. M. Shw of the *Elora Observer*. The new firm intend to enlarge the *Observer* and make other improvements on it. Mr. Smith we believe removes to Elora this week and the publication of the *Chronicle* will be discontinued.

### DISAPPOINTMENT.

Some burglars broke into the office of Mr. Neil Currie, boiler maker, Toronto, on Tuesday night of last week and after a great deal of labor forced the door of the safe. Fancy their disgust and disappointment when they found only the beggarly sum of two dollars where they had anticipated that their toils would be rewarded by hundreds or perhaps thousands.

### SNOW STORM.

The snow storm which prevailed with such violence from night-fall last Saturday, until an advanced hour on Sunday morning had the effect of blocking up many of the roads in this section of the country and impeding travel. The market to-day was very light in consequence, and no change of prices can be quoted.

### LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY.

Hamilton has had a meeting with the design of constituting a Live Stock Insurance Company for the Dominion of Canada. Resolutions were passed to endeavor to have \$400,000 capital subscribed in \$10 shares, and to apply for an Act of Incorporation. A provisional Board of Directors was also appointed.

### PRESENTATION.

On the 31st ultimo, says the *Fergus News Record*, when the Bible classes of Melville church spent the evening at the manse, the Sabbath morning class took occasion to present Mrs. Smellie with an elegant silver fob basket accompanied by a touching address, most creditable to the feelings of the young people. Mr. Smellie returned thanks for the regards thus expressed, and appreciations of their teacher's labor.

### SUICIDE BY A BRIDE.

The *Owen Sound Times* says: An occurrence of an extraordinary and melancholy nature took place in the township of Artemisia on Tuesday last, the 4th inst., the particulars of which, as far as we have learned, are as follows.—It appears that on that day Mr. Charles VanFelsen, of Cornabus, was married to a young lady named Miss Hall, of Artemisia; and but a few minutes had elapsed after the ceremony which made them man and wife, (we believe before the officiating clergyman had retired from the house,) when the mirth of the company was turned into sadness on learning that the bride had taken a poisonous dose of laudanum, and in six hours thereafter she expired; thus bringing to a melancholy and tragical termination an event which is usually looked upon as one of the greatest happiness of joy. No reason for the rash act has been assigned, but we understand an inquest is being held by Coroner Gordon, at which some explanation of the affair will doubtless be elicited.

### Vast Military Preparations.

The *Daily News* (London) in an editorial note says: "It is a curious phenomenon, if not a strange contradiction, that while all the governments of Europe are proclaiming their desire for the continuance of peace, the preparation of arms and armed men was never so active as it is at present on almost every side. The *British Gazette* records with satisfaction that France, England, Austria and Prussia, are agreed in the policy of preventing a conflagration from bursting forth in the south of Europe, and insists on the fact that 'friendly relations between Austria and Prussia alone would modify more than one design and one hope.' The *North German Gazette* also considers that the chances of peace have become greater, and looks forward to the time when the States of Europe will direct their attention, not to the formation of immense armies, but to internal administrative and economical reforms. In France, Italy and Russia pacific declarations are also heard. But unfortunately the acts of the Governments do not harmonize with the official and semi-official announcements in favor of peace. In Italy the Minister of Marine has asked the Chamber of Deputies for a supplementary credit to meet the cost of the armament of nine iron-plated vessels and the alteration of the carabines of the Royal Marines. The Spanish Chambers have unanimously passed an armament bill, and the Government, it is said, have applied to the United States for the purchase of \$50,000 needle-guns. A telegraphic despatch from Vienna mentions that the Servian Government have made a similar application at Vienna for the purchase of 20,000 guns, and that it was refused. The Chamber of Stuttgart, of Munich, and of Brussels are discussing army bills. Notwithstanding the pacific declarations of the Berlin journals, if the *British Gazette* is correctly informed, Prussia is making immense war preparations: her troops are already concentrating on the Silesian and Saxon frontiers, and with such a formidable accumulation of military material that one would imagine we were on the eve of a second Salvo. The *York Herald*, which speaks for the pacific policy of Russia, and maintains that to that policy it is owing that the peace of Europe has not been broken before this time, copies an article from the *Invalide Russe*, by which we find that Russia has diminished her active army to 700,000, but that she has an immense reserve, from which the army could at once be increased by 64 per cent. It is further stated that the army being no longer composed of men, the men are animated by the highest spirit. The State and private factories are busily employed in the manufacture of needle-guns of which the *Invalide* calculates that 800,000 will be ready in the course of the present year. The Carl rifle is the one adopted by the Government, and the Russian organ evidently expects it will 'do wonders.' Rifled cannon and the preparation of the fortresses are not omitted from the peaceful anticipations of Russia. Even the Sovereign Pontiff of Rome is studying the art of maintaining peace by increasing his army to 25,000 men. Such is the condition of Continental Europe as presented by its press in the first month of 1868."

### Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate  
MONDAY, 10th.—William Hoover was charged this morning by Robert Soden with non-payment of two months' wages. The defendant said he did not owe anything, and moreover that the boy left without giving due notice. On the contrary the boy said he had been discharged. It seemed evident that the defendant calculated that the complainant was one month less in his service than he really was. Ordered to pay \$14.75, within 21 days, together with costs.

### Sic Transit.

Under this heading we find the following interesting paragraph in the last number of the *Thorold Patriot*: Was sold at public auction on Saturday, the 25th inst., at the Market House, Thorold, 'The Old German Church,' situated a short distance east of this town. This venerable structure was erected about the beginning of the present century, upon a tract of land granted by the late Jacob Ball, Esq., to Peter Laupman, Adam Hutt and George Miller, Trustees and Wardens, for erecting a Meeting House, Parsonage and School for the Lutheran and Presbyterian Congregations of the Township of Thorold. It is 30 feet square, of hewn logs, with gallery on three sides, the timber still comparatively sound. A faithful representation of this old church, even the number of logs composing the walls, may be seen in Harpers' Monthly for October, 1863, from Lossings's Pictorial History of the War of 1812. In the Northwest corner there used to be a plain box, looking very much like a meal chest, in which were wont to sit those respectable dignitaries, Trustees and Wardens, and the awe with which we young folks used to look upon these ancient worthies and their surroundings, has hardly yet died out. The German Lutherans long since lost their distinctive appellation, and the generation, as such has passed away, and their descendants being Presbyterian and Episcopalian, see with no simulated concern, the demolition of the temple in which their fathers used to worship. South of the church stood, until within a year or two, the Parsonage, of the same size and construction as the church. Here Dr. Pendergast lived and practised his profession previous to the war of 1812, and here the late Hon. Mr. Merritt wooed and won the Dr. daughter, Catharine. Midway between the Church and Parsonage was a smaller and less pretensions structure—this was the School House—demolished so long since that it is not easy to distinguish the place where it stood. Of the teachers who there labored to inform the 'common mind,' there may be some amongst us who will remember Mrs. Howland, respectable and precise, understood to be an officer's widow, whose little black teapot, and toast were regularly in a chimney corner; and Powell, a martyr of learning, who taught his pupils to count in French, Latin and Greek; and Clendinning, who ate opium; and Hopkins, who made a Spelling Book, and some moderns of less note.

### HONOUR TO A GUELPH DOCTOR.

We notice in the *London Times* of the 24th of January, that W. J. Mickle, M. D. son of Charles Mickle Esq., of Guelph, was on the day previous admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Only one other Canadian was admitted along with Dr. Mickle. We congratulate the Doctor and his family on attaining this honourable step in his professional career.

### SUDDEN DEATH.

It is with regret we have to record the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Charles Kiernan, which took place about two o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Deceased was at a party on Monday night, and though complaining of a cold, did not anticipate any danger. Erysipelas and inflammation of the lungs, however, set in, under which he succumbed. His father who resides in Three Rivers has been telegraphed for, and it is expected he will reach Guelph to-morrow. Deceased has been about seven years in Guelph in the employment of Mr. Geo. Jeffrey, and was much respected by all who knew him.

### A SORROWFUL END.

The last number of the *News Record* has the following:—An unfortunate man, of very dissipated habits, had both of his hands badly frozen some time ago. Since then he has been about Fergus, and the St. Andrew's Society and a few private individuals had taken charge of him, and would have taken care of him until he recovered sufficiently to be able to do for himself had he acted in any kind of proper manner. His appetite for strong drink, however, had got the master over him, and he would tear the bandages off his hands and go about with them bare from one place to another, presenting a sad spectacle of human suffering and depravity. He had been going about in this way for some time past, until the afternoon of Wednesday, when he died on a chair in Dr. Munroe's drug store. The poor man always refused to give any information as to his history, or who he was, until before he expired, when he said his name was Peter Grant Young. It is probable he had seen better days; and as he had become so degraded, intended passing away without saying who or what he was. An inquest was held on the body of deceased man on Thursday afternoon, by Dr. Munroe, Coroner, when the Jury returned the following verdict: 'We are of opinion that the deceased came to his death by exposure to cold; and his hands being badly frozen, acting upon a shattered constitution, brought about by irregular habits, was the immediate cause of his death.'

### Another terrible storm has raged on the Newfoundland coast during the week. A great many lives have been lost.

### BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

### Another Fenian Arrest.

PROGRESS OF THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.  
*Estrangement of the Pope and Napoleon.*  
ADM. FARRAGUT IN ITALY.

### BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Berlin, Feb. 8th.—Count Von Bismarck has ordered the absence for several months, and will devote his time to travelling for the benefit of his health. The Minister of Finance will take his place.  
London, Feb. 8.—Despatches from Athens state that a new Cabinet, with Bulgaria as President and Minister of the Interior, has been formed.  
Paris, Feb. 8th.—Young Iturbide, who was to succeed Maximilian in Mexico, has joined the Papal Zouaves at Rome.  
London, Feb. 8.—The notorious Fenian, Captain Mackay, was captured in Cork last night. While being taken to jail, his friends rallied in great force, and for a time a desperate fight prevailed. The mob was finally beaten down, and the prisoner lodged in goal. The guards around the goal were doubled during the night, to prevent a rescue.  
New York, Feb. 8.—Special telegrams dated Paris and Madrid, yesterday, state that Emperor Napoleon had altered his policy towards the Pope and Italy in a sudden and remarkable manner. His Majesty evinces a disposition to abandon his position as champion of the Holy See, as, it is said, of the existence of Bourbon intrigues radiating from Rome. The Imperial diplomacy with Rome has become colder and colder, while the friendly relations hitherto existing with Victor Emmanuel are to be renewed.  
Queen Isabella is forced to dissolve the Papal Legion which was recruited under her warrant in Madrid. Napoleon flatly objects to its service in the cause of the Holy See.  
Cable telegrams from Florence yesterday state that Admiral Farragut remained in the Italian capital a much honored visitor. The U. S. fleet was at Spessia.  
Special telegrams from Abyssinia, forwarded by way of Alexandria to London, state that a strong force of British troops advanced from the camp at Senaf towards the interior on the 26th ult. Water had been bored for according to an American plan, and was found in abundance near the English line of march. The coast shore has been lighted by the English for naval purposes. The camp followers from India were being returned home, and the Egyptian governor of Quasim was recalled with the approval of the British authorities.  
Paris, Feb. 9.—The bill for the regulation of the press is under discussion in the Corps Legislatif. Last week the Liberals proposed, as an amendment to the bill, to insert a clause specially providing for the trial by jury of all offenders of the press. After a lengthy debate the vote was taken yesterday on the amendment, and it was defeated by 200 nays to 35 yeas. The French Government has consented to expel the Hanoverian refugees from France.  
Florence, Feb. 9.—During the stay of Admiral Farragut in Italy the fleet under his command will be stationed on the coast between Quieral and Civita Vecchia.  
Berlin, Feb. 9th.—At an interview last week, Bismarck told Gen. Carl that it was the most earnest desire of the King of Prussia to cultivate the good-will of the people of the United States. This favorable disposition of the King of Prussia is regarded by the Americans as most important, in view of the necessity which may arise for the selection of some European power and umpire in the pending differences between the United States and Great Britain.  
London, Feb. 9.—The feeling of uneasiness created by the threatening appearance of affairs in Northern Turkey has somewhat subsided. The reports of the troubles on the Danube prove greatly exaggerated.

### A SAD MISHAP.

A little boy, son of Mr. Rombough, surveyor, Durham, met with rather a bad accident last week. He received a kick from a horse which cut his cheek open nearly the whole way across, and left him wanting two of his teeth.  
Public feeling in Nova Scotia is so strong that Messrs. Tupper and Archibald have decided to come to Canada to reside. *L'Espresso* remarks that Confederation will thus have gained us two compatriots of whom we may be proud.

### PICTURE OF LOWER CANADA.

*Le Journal de Ste Hyacinthe* thus paints the portrait of his country and race: "French Canada sleeps a deep sleep; taxes increase; industry withers; commerce declines; misery squats on her hearth; her children, driven away by hunger, leave her by thousands. The people open their eyes, and ask why? The priest replies, All right, and the people go to sleep again."  
Charles Gordon, a young printer, only fifteen years of age, belonging to Toronto, was found murdered in Chicago, on Wednesday last. A bullet had passed through his breast, in the region of the heart.

The Russian Government has quietly dropped the name of Poland in its official documents, and substituted that of Vistulian Land or Vistulian Government. It has also introduced the old style or Julian calendar into its Polish possessions.  
A short time ago, a large black fox, an exceedingly rare member of the family, was captured in Little River, near Fredon. The skin was very thick, rich, and glossy, perfectly black except a silver tuft on the tip of its tail. \$60 was offered for it, but its possessor would not part with it under \$100.  
The New-Brunswickians have always been furnished with parliamentary debates, officially reported and printed at the expense of the Government. This year, most of the papers are opposed to such a plan. There are enterprising dailies now in St. John which are able to produce them in their columns, and furnish them in this manner more satisfactorily.

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Paris, Feb. 9.—The bill for the regulation of the press is under discussion in the Corps Legislatif. Last week the Liberals proposed, as an amendment to the bill, to insert a clause specially providing for the trial by jury of all offenders of the press. After a lengthy debate the vote was taken yesterday on the amendment, and it was defeated by 200 nays to 35 yeas. The French Government has consented to expel the Hanoverian refugees from France.  
Florence, Feb. 9.—During the stay of Admiral Farragut in Italy the fleet under his command will be stationed on the coast between Quieral and Civita Vecchia.  
Berlin, Feb. 9th.—At an interview last week, Bismarck told Gen. Carl that it was the most earnest desire of the King of Prussia to cultivate the good-will of the people of the United States. This favorable disposition of the King of Prussia is regarded by the Americans as most important, in view of the necessity which may arise for the selection of some European power and umpire in the pending differences between the United States and Great Britain.  
London, Feb. 9.—The feeling of uneasiness created by the threatening appearance of affairs in Northern Turkey has somewhat subsided. The reports of the troubles on the Danube prove greatly exaggerated.

### A SAD MISHAP.

A little boy, son of Mr. Rombough, surveyor, Durham, met with rather a bad accident last week. He received a kick from a horse which cut his cheek open nearly the whole way across, and left him wanting two of his teeth.  
Public feeling in Nova Scotia is so strong that Messrs. Tupper and Archibald have decided to come to Canada to reside. *L'Espresso* remarks that Confederation will thus have gained us two compatriots of whom we may be proud.

### PICTURE OF LOWER CANADA.

*Le Journal de Ste Hyacinthe* thus paints the portrait of his country and race: "French Canada sleeps a deep sleep; taxes increase; industry withers; commerce declines; misery squats on her hearth; her children, driven away by hunger, leave her by thousands. The people open their eyes, and ask why? The priest replies, All right, and the people go to sleep again."  
Charles Gordon, a young printer, only fifteen years of age, belonging to Toronto, was found murdered in Chicago, on Wednesday last. A bullet had passed through his breast, in the region of the heart.

The Russian Government has quietly dropped the name of Poland in its official documents, and substituted that of Vistulian Land or Vistulian Government. It has also introduced the old style or Julian calendar into its Polish possessions.  
A short time ago, a large black fox, an exceedingly rare member of the family, was captured in Little River, near Fredon. The skin was very thick, rich, and glossy, perfectly black except a silver tuft on the tip of its tail. \$60 was offered for it, but its possessor would not part with it under \$100.  
The New-Brunswickians have always been furnished with parliamentary debates, officially reported and printed at the expense of the Government. This year, most of the papers are opposed to such a plan. There are enterprising dailies now in St. John which are able to produce them in their columns, and furnish them in this manner more satisfactorily.

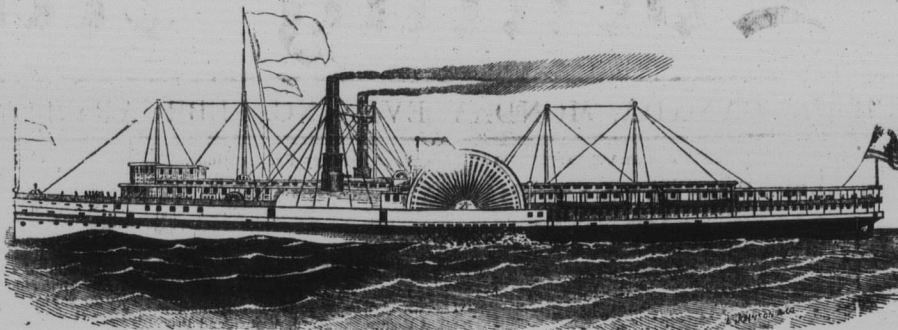


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#### Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET  
MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 10, 1868.

#### Condition and Prospects of the British Ministry.

The London correspondent of the New York Times discussing the prospects of the Government in view of the early opening of Parliament, says:—No wonder if Mr Disraeli is passing an anxious time. Upon him mainly rests the burden of finding a path for the Ministry out of the thicket in which they are entangled. Half the time there is practically no Premier, Lord Derby being too ill to be consulted. At this moment he is again, for the fiftieth time, confined to a room in his house at Knowsley, unable to give that attention to public affairs which they greatly stand in need of. Lord Stanley is really the only working and thoroughly able colleague Mr Disraeli has to depend upon. Mr Gathorne Hardy, the Home Secretary, is well enough in his place—he is not an overgrown baby, as his predecessor (Mr Walpole) was, but still he has no opinions on great questions worth saying thank you for. The Duke of Buckingham is Secretary for the Colonies—a dual makeshift; Sir Jno Pakington is Secretary of War—a very impulsive, indiscreet, and even dangerous man, for if the Cabinet happens to have a secret which it is very necessary to keep close, and Sir John blabs it. You may remember his ludicrous revelation about the "ten minutes" reform bill as an instance. Sir Stafford Northcote (Indian Secretary) is a keen man, but the business of his own department must be amply sufficient to occupy all his time. The Lord President of the Council is the Duke of Marlborough, of whom the kindest thing that can be said is that nature denied him the qualifications which would have enabled him to fill even an inferior post with average respectability. Then we have in the Cabinet the Duke of Richmond, the Duke of Montrose, the Earl of Malmesbury—three noblemen and nothing more. Now, what is a clever man like Mr Disraeli to make out of such material as this? Well may he talk of educating his party when the leaders consist of aristocratic noodles who would not have been able to earn their salt if they had been put to any occupation in which competition entered. Therefore, I repeat, the ordering of the policy of the Ministry rests chiefly with Mr Disraeli—and Mr Disraeli governs England, so long as the House of Commons chooses to let him.

**THE EASTERN QUESTION.**—There seems to have been, of late, a great change in the aspect of the Eastern Question. For some time England, France and Austria have declared themselves very strongly in favour of preserving unimpaired the territory of the Sultan, and against the revolutionary tendencies of the Christian provinces. More recently, Prussia has been prevailed upon to associate itself with this policy, by issuing a threatening note against the Prince of Serbia. Russia, thus left alone, is now reported to have likewise made some concessions, and to have issued a protest against the armaments of Serbia. For the present, this secures to the Turks a new lease of power in Europe.

**ONTARIO.**—An exchange speaking of the prosperity of this part of the Dominion, says: In very many respects Upper Canada is highly favored.—Among other reasons for thankfulness we have plenty of wholesome food, and there are not many in this Province who have to go hungry to sleep. But this is far from being the case throughout the world. We hear of terrible destitution in the Southern States—from India the cry of distress reaches us, owing to the failure of the rice crops; in Old London, while we write, nearly a million souls are living solely upon public and private charity. And people are dying by thousands for want of bread in Tunis. Of Nova Scotia our readers are already informed. And the British Consul in Finland appeals for aid for the people of that country. Moss, the bark of trees, and pea straw, are being eagerly devoured; the long and dreary Finnish winter has set in, and the cries of the starving women and children are described as truly heartrending. Let Canadians tempted to repine at their lot be rather thankful that they are, comparatively speaking, so happily circumstanced.

**AFFAIRS IN MEXICO.**—Senor Romero in a private letter to a friend in New York, dated Jan. 6, says:—Congress is quietly at work. The outbreak at Yucatan will soon be subdued. President Juarez has not yet recognized his Cabinet. Mr. Lerdo de Tejada will, however, remain at the head of it. General Diaz is expected in this city after a few days, and he may go into the Cabinet. We have found several of Maximilian's secret papers and are examining them and publishing portions of the same. We may yet find his correspondence with Napoleon, which I think will interest the world. Nothing has been decided about the Mexican Legation at Washington.

**POST OFFICE APPOINTMENT.**—The Montreal Gazette says: We have the following further explanations of some recent promotions in the Post Office Department. The Post Office Act of this Session having provided for the establishment of a Savings Bank in connection with that Department, Mr J.C. Stewart, of the Secretary's branch was appointed to the charge of it, with the title of Superintendent. Mr Stewart has, we learn, been connected with the Post Office Department for the last thirteen years, and has won a high character for himself as a public officer of ability and merit. There is every reason to believe that his appointment to this important office will give general satisfaction.

**RESIGNATION OF THE U. S. MINISTER TO ENGLAND.**—There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Charles F. Adams, United States Minister to England, has tendered his resignation to the President. This determination on his part, it is said, has had no connection whatever with his official relations, but was superinduced exclusively by a natural desire to return to his home and to the care of his long neglected private interests. The story that Secretary Seward has received the appointment of Minister to Great Britain is without the least foundation.

**STATUTES OF CANADA.**—We have received from the office of Routine & Records Part I of the Statutes of Canada for 1867. Four insane persons were burned to death by the burning of the Genesee Lunatic asylum on Thursday.

**THE EMPRESS CHARLOTTE.**—A Brussels letter to a Paris paper contains intelligence which will create a profound emotion on account of the painful circumstances connected with it. The Empress Charlotte was a few days back informed by their Majesties King and Queen of the Belgians of the shooting catastrophe of Queretaro. The first movement of the Empress was to utter a cry of anguish, which was immediately followed by a flood of tears. Then, resuming all the former character, her Majesty became calm; she observed that for some time past she had suspected that a great calamity must have taken place. She at once requested mourning provided for her. The Queen of the Belgians has since remained constantly with her sister-in-law, who supports this cruel trial thus far without injury to her health.

**MEDICINAL QUALITIES OF SULPHUR.**—A Dr. Dewar, of Scotland, has been recently experimenting with sulphur as a medicine, and he finds it to possess many virtues as a curative and sanative agent. In cases of fever, diphtheria, and lung diseases, several cures have been effected. The mode adopted is, the fumigation constantly or a revival of the air of the room occupied by the patient. It has also been successfully applied in the treatment of cattle in the diseases of the rinderpest, pleuro-pneumonia by daily fumigating the stables occupied. The doctor recommends a constant taint of the sulphur in sick-rooms, both as a cure to the invalid and as an almost certain protector of the attendants against the infection of disease. It is also adapted to the purification of the air of crowded apartments, such as schoolrooms &c.

Three million of cards passed through the English post office the first week of the year, proving that the custom of exchanging postcards at the commencement of the year is not on the decrease.

**COAL OIL.**  
Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

**New Advertisements.**

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Two young men of steady habits. Apply at the Mercury office. Guelph, 5th February, 1868.

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No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 31, 1867. (d/w) D. MOLTON

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**A. B. PETRIE**  
Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, 29th Jan. 1868.

**G. A. D. C.**  
The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club intend giving another of their popular entertainments in the TOWN HALL.

On Wednesday, 19th Feb.,  
When the celebrated Tragedy, in Five Acts, entitled

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By John Brown, D. D., will be produced for the first time in Canada. To conclude with the "Farce of

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**SPEED LODGE NO. 180.**  
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The next regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the old Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, February 11th, at half past seven. By order,  
JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.  
Guelph, 7th February, 1868.

**Guelph Garrison Battery**  
**ATTENTION!**  
A FULL MUSTER of the above Company is ordered on TUESDAY EVENING FIRST, at half past 7 p. m., as the Company is to be inspected on Friday following.  
JAS. BARCLAY, Capt.  
Guelph, Feb. 8, 1868.

#### New Advertisements.

**The Fruit Depot.**  
**ORANGES and LEMONS**  
Just received, Wholesale and Retail, at  
**HUGH WALI ER'S**  
Guelph, 10th February, 1868. dw Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**Where do you get your Watches, CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?**  
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Guelph, February 6, 1868.

**PUBLIC REQUEST.**  
**A. O. BUCHAM**  
REQUESTS public attention to the fact that Dry Goods men never quarrel over their profits; they are not large enough to make a fuss about. Nevertheless, their desire to do business is all the same, and A. O. B. would take this opportunity of strongly recommending the peaceable inhabitants of this town to visit his Establishment in order to secure the Best Choice, and most Durable Bargains in Dry Goods and Wearing Apparel of every description. On hand new, and selling at the latest market quotations, a Superior

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**Insolvent Act of 1864.**  
In the matter of Thomas M. Griler, AN INSOLVENT.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, BY virtue of the PROVISIONS OF STATUTE, I, the undersigned, being vested in me as Assignee of the Estate of the above-named Insolvent, under the provisions of the above Act, I shall offer for sale at the Town Hall, in the Village of Morriston, in the said County,  
**Saturday, 11th April, 1868**

at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the right, title and interest of the said Insolvent, in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Village of Morriston, Township of English, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, composed of Village Lot number Eight, on the East side of Queen Street, in Donald McEdward's Survey, in the Village of Morriston, bounded and bounded as is described in a deed from John M. Schlenker and wife to the said Insolvent, made the 23rd February, 1867, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stable and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with wo-tiths of an acre.

Further particulars may be had on the premises, or at the office of Messrs. McLennan & O'Connor, Barristers, Guelph, or at the office of the undersigned, with whom all hypothecary creditors are required to file their claims within six days of the day of sale.  
THOMAS SAUNDERS,  
Official Assignee.  
Guelph, 7th January, 1868.

**Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.**  
**CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH.**

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders.  
Guelph, 26th December, 1867.







