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SATURDAY EVEN'G, JAN'Y 4, 1868.

Local News.

ACCIDENT.—Dr. Dunbar, of Mount Forest fell on Tuesday of last week, and fractured the small bone of his leg.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Librarian of the Mechanics' Institute desires us to intimate, that he would be much obliged if parties who have books out of the library would return them immediately, in order that he may have them all in before the annual meeting.

A man named James Murphy, a resident of the township of Arthur, had his shoulder dislocated by a horse which he was holding by the halter suddenly jerking up its head. Under careful treatment the sufferer is doing well.

THE NARROW GAUGE.—The Mount Forest Examiner says the County Council of Bruce has adopted a resolution in favor of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. In regard to the location of the line in the county of Bruce, the report recommends that the line enter the county near the south-east corner of the township of Warkent, thence to or near the village of Kincardine; thence to or near the village of Paisley; and thence through Port Elgin to the village of Southampton.

GARATRAXA RAILWAY BY-LAW.—The Observer says:—On Friday, the 27th of December, the Garatraxa Council met at McKee's Corners, when a protest was entered against the Railway By-law. The poll books at Douglas were illegal, and Mr. James Johnston entered the protest. The majority in favor of the By-law was 34. No doubt men favorable to the By-law will be elected to the Council for 1868.

THRASHING MACHINE ACCIDENT.—Another of those accidents which are constantly recurring is noted in the Elora Observer. A young man named Charles Carnegie, while thrashing on the farm of Mr. James Cross, of Peel, was caught by, and wound so tightly round the tumbling shaft, that his clothes had to be cut to pieces before he could be liberated. His shoulder was put out of joint, and he received internal injuries. Had it not been that the horses were just started it might have gone worse with him.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—We would remind our readers that the municipal elections take place on Monday next, the polls opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. Of course it is unnecessary to say that the polling continues only one day. In the North Ward there is no contest, Mr. Harvey having been elected by acclamation. In the South Ward the polling will be done in the School House; in the East Ward in the Town Hall; and in the West Ward in the Senior Girls' School.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The annual Sabbath School Anniversary in connection with Knox's Church, will be held on Thursday next, the 9th inst., beginning at seven o'clock. Refreshments consisting of cakes, fruits, &c., will be served to the children, and the entertainment afterwards will be made up of dialogues and recitations, interspersed with sacred music. The occasion will be an interesting one, and the parents of the children as well as the public generally are cordially invited to attend.

DONATIONS TO THE POOR.—The Licensed Victuallers of London, Ont., opened a subscription list among themselves for the benefit of the poor of the city, and \$42 were contributed. Besides the money, there were divided among the starving unfortunates on New Year's day 400 lbs. of beef, 275 lbs. of mutton, 10 bushels of potatoes, 10 lbs. of tea, and 100 loaves of bread which had been collected, that they too might partake of some of this world's comforts at a season of general festivity.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—The Owen Sound Times says: An incident occurred on Christmas day which should prove a caution against the discharge of firearms in the most thickly populated portion of the town, where there is always a danger that (no matter how cautiously they are used) accidents may result. On the morning of that day a young man was firing at a mark near Scrope street, not thinking of the possibility of mischief, when one of the balls penetrating thro' two boards, crossed Poulett street, and entered the shop of Mr. John Creighton, striking a sewing machine which he had just left. A number of children were playing on the street at the time, and narrowly escaped being shot. Those who wish to practice rifle shooting should retire to some safe place to do so, and not

Funeral of the Hon. Mr. Blair.
The remains of the Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair reached Wellington Square on Friday morning. The corpse was followed to the station at Ottawa by the Governor General, all the members of the Cabinet who were at Ottawa, and the officers of the Departments. The car, draped in mourning was brought directly through from the Capital to Wellington Square. The body was followed from the latter station to the family burying ground by a number of friends, among whom were the following: The two remaining brothers of the deceased, D. Stirling, Esq., M. P.; Sheriff Orange, Judge Kingdon, James Cowan, Esq., of Galt, T. W. Saunders and Jas. Webster Jr., Esq's, besides the Hon. Sam'l Mills, Jas. McMonies, Esq., M. P., and friends from Toronto, Berlin, Fergus, Waterdown, and a large portion of the inhabitants of Wellington Square. The Rev. Dr. Green, of the Church of England, officiated.

The Band of the Wellington Battalion will give a concert in Elora at an early date.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.—Smith & Botsford, opposite the Market, are now offering extraordinary bargains in Clothing of all kinds. See advertisement.

SOUTH WARD.—Mr. Kennedy and his friends have been actively engaged in the canvass for some days, and have met with much success. We hope his friends will be stirring early on Monday morning so as to secure every available vote. If they begin early, and work with a will for a few hours they have every prospect of returning their candidate.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The town of Picton came near being left without a mayor lately, for as that functionary was passing through a tannery, he missed a step and fell head foremost into a vat. Fortunately for his Worship assistance was near, but it was not without difficulty he was drawn out. In order to restore consciousness fully it was found necessary to assure him that when voting day came he would not be forgotten.

THE EAST WARD.—A meeting of Mr. Wm. Allan's Committee was held in Lindsay's Hotel last night, when after comparing votes it was found that his chances of election were excellent. We trust his supporters will turn out early on Monday morning and record their votes. A little earnest vigorous work in the forenoon will secure his election. This we would like to see, for Mr. Allan we believe will make an excellent representative for the East Ward.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.—Mr. T. J. Day has received a full supply of the Christmas number of this world renowned publication. "The Hair Loom" is the subject of the colored plate, an attractive assortment of rich fruits. Besides this plate, there are a large number of illustrations bearing upon the "merry" season as well as on a variety of other matters. It can be had at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.—An advertisement of another entertainment in the Town Hall, will be found in our columns to-day. The Ladies of the Benevolent Society are making preparations for a concert, which will consist of only a few pieces, carefully selected and sung by some of our best local vocalists. But they have enlisted besides the aid of the Guelph Dramatic Club, and by the special request of the ladies as well as the urgent solicitation of many who were not present on Monday night last, the play, "The Coal Burner," will be produced again, the dramatic personae we presume being the same. Good singing, first rate acting, and charitable considerations will no doubt draw a good house.

ANOTHER GREAT CLEARING SALE.—Among all the great clearing sales yet announced, Messrs. Fraser & Henderson state through our columns to-day that theirs is to be the greatest sale of the season. It commences on Monday first, and as the goods have been marked down to cost, and in many cases below cost, splendid bargains may be expected. It is well known that Messrs. Fraser & Henderson have a very large and very superior stock of dry goods, comprising all the staple articles, as well as every new and fashionable fancy fabric. Those therefore who want to lay in a stock of first class goods at the lowest prices should make an early call at Fraser & Henderson's. Remember the sale commences on Monday first.

SERIOUS FRACAS.—The Belleville Intelligence tells of a very serious row that occurred in that town on New Year's eve. It tells the following tale: It appears that several rowdies went into a hotel shortly after midnight, and got into a quarrel with one Sullivan, a person boarding in the house. Under the influence of liquor high words soon led to blows, and while scuffling, the cellar door was forced open and Sullivan and one or two others tumbled down cellar. When one of the parties belonging to the house went down stairs with a light, he found two of them kicking Sullivan, who had been so seriously injured that he was unable to move. He was assisted to his room and Dr. Lister immediately sent for. Upon examination it was found that his spine was very much injured, and but little hope is entertained of his recovery. The rowdies escaped, and are still at large.

FATAL AFFRAY.—The St. Mary's Argus says that on Monday last an inquest was held by Coroner Harrison, on the body of a boy named Joseph Clark, of Blanshard, who died on Friday, the 27th ult. It appears by the evidence that the boy Clark, while on his way home from school on the 28th November last, was attacked and beaten by two brothers, named John and James Webster. The injuries he sustained confined him to his bed, where he remained till he died. The jury returned the following verdict: That Jos. Clark came to his death from inflammation of the spinal cord and membrane, but the evidence against John Webster. The amount

Grammar School Teachers' Convention.
In accordance with a call by circular, the teachers of the County Grammar Schools of Ontario assembled in Toronto on Friday for the purpose of forming a Grammar School Teachers' Assn. with the object of mutual assistance and improvement, and of instituting certain reforms in their peculiar sphere of duty which has not hitherto been reached by the Provincial Teachers' Association.

The following officers for the year were then elected:—Rev. Dr. Wickson, Toronto, President; Wm. Tassie, M. A., Galt, Vice-President; J. Howard Hunter, M. A., Secretary; J. M. Buchan, M. A., Treasurer; Wm. McCabe, L.L.D., Oshawa; Samuel Woods, M. A., Kingston; Thos. Kirkland, Whitby, Councillors. The subjects discussed were the advisability of adopting a uniform course of classical reading, preparatory to admission to Universities and learned societies in this Province—the question of providing a suitable and inexpensive series of grammar school text books. Some discussion also took place in reference to the relation of Upper Canada College to the Grammar Schools of the Province. It was arranged that the annual meeting of the Association will be held on the first Monday in August, to give members an opportunity of attending both conventions—the Grammar School Teachers' and the Provincial Association; the latter of which meets the next day, (the first Tuesday in August).

An Ingenious Swindle.
A rather original swindle has been brought to light in Montreal. The way in which it has been discovered is as follows:—Certain letters, their contents being similar to each other, have been received by individuals in the States, many of whom have been thereby victimized of considerable amounts of money, besides compromising their characters to an extent which might be disastrous, were their replies to these epistles to be published. Two of these letters had been placed in the hands of the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police, New York who sent one of them to the Chief of Police, Montreal. The following extracts from it will give an idea of the general character, and the way in which it was intended that it should work on the susceptibilities of those to whom copies of it might be sent.

"MY LORD,—Your Lordship's letter of 26th ult. reached me just now, and it is with an almost breaking heart I hasten to reply. It was as a near relative that I appealed to you; how then, could you so cruelly reply? You know how shortly since I was the innocent, idolized daughter of a proud nobleman, who, for years, I believe, before you came to your title was your constant and devoted friend. You on the day I was presented at court my extreme loveliness fascinated you, and you then would have made me your Countess; but offended at the little gratification expressed for the honour intended, you gave up the idea, nor were surprised when a few months later, you heard the pretty butterfly had scorched her wings on the Continent." The letter then referring to some insulting proposals made by his Lordship, goes on,—"I met in this far country one kindly hearted man who would protect me from the world, his faithful, willing slave would I be, and love him with a love as intense as true. Alas, could I find my kind-hearted American friend of Genoa, whose generous heart and ready arm so ably protected me, to him would I bend the willing knee, proud if any way I could add to his happiness and pleasure. Often have I regretted that he left without thanks or naming his address. Last night as weeping out here, and other parts of Portugal in consequence of the imposition of new taxes. The unpopularity of the new system, and the excitement created by the attempt to carry it into effect, have led to the resignation of the Ministry.

American Despatches.
New York, Jan. 4.—The Herald's Havana special says: At St. Johns, Porto Rico, there were slight shocks of earthquake felt on Sunday, Dec. 29th. The shocks caused but little alarm, as the inhabitants have become accustomed to them.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 3.—Sylvester G. Sherman, Justice of Rhode Island Supreme Court, died suddenly last night.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Herald's special says the President is gathering all the official information in possession of the War Department in relation to the destitution in the Southern States, and has called upon Gen. Grant to report on the subject.

New York, Jan. 4.—Senator Pugh, the special ambassador from St. Domingo to propose a lease of Samana Bay to the U. S. Government, arrived on Thursday, and will leave here to-day for Washington.

Judge Blatchford has decided, in a suit brought by Drake & Cohen, of London, against the assignees of Robt. L. Taylor and Henry W. Hubbell, that they are entitled to be paid as creditors the sum of \$200,000.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.
SOIREE AT ROTHSAY.—A soiree was held in the Rev. Mr. Anderson's church, Rothsay, on New Year's Day. The Hollin Volunteer Company paraded in the morning and attracted a large crowd. The ladies of the congregation spread gratuitously a most tempting banquet to which those assembled nothing loath applied themselves. The speakers were Rev. Geo. McLennan, Dr. Tuck, and others. The proceeds are to be applied towards seating the church.

A DOUBLE SURPRISE.—One night last week, says the Mitchell Advocate, a surprise party, consisting of young men and maidens, called on a Mr. McEee, of Tuckersmith, and enjoyed themselves until midnight. Mr. McEee having had two surprise parties the week previous, imagined these things were becoming a little too troublesome, and to surprise them and stifle their mirth, he roasted a quantity of cayenne pepper on the stove, which soon had the effect to set the whole company sneezing. One gentleman made for the door, being troubled with a turning of the stomach, and the remainder of the party kept sneezing. At last the room became insufferable, and the whole party bolted to imitate him who went first. One lady exclaimed that she was surprised, a gentleman expressed himself as entertained like emotions, another wondered what was the matter, while a delicate

BY TELEGRAPH.
Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Discovery of Fenian Headquarters.

SEIZURE OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.

Startling Revelations!

Increased Military Vigilance in Ireland.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.
Brussels, Jan. 3.—Le Nord newspaper has received intelligence from Paris that the headquarters of the Fenian brotherhood on the continent have been discovered in the Faubourg du Temple, Paris, and have been seized by the French police. A large quantity of letters and documents revealing the plans of the organization, and a list of the head centres of the brotherhood, were found on the premises, and have been forwarded by the French authorities to London. The account in Le Nord also states that among the documents brought to light was one containing the details of a plot for destroying a portion of the British Channel fleet, by fire. Other papers of a similar character have been discovered, all of which have been placed in the hands of the British Government.

London, Jan. 2.—The examination of Desmond, Allan and others, alleged to be implicated in the Clerkenwell gaol explosion, has resulted so far in producing no satisfactory evidence as to their criminality, and leaves the affair almost as much a mystery as it was before the investigation commenced. The magistrates has adjourned the examination one week.

Paris, Jan. 3.—An urgent note has been received by the French Government from the Sublime Porte, in which it is stated that Russian agents are endeavoring to incite revolt among Christian subjects of the Sultan, and a vigorous protest is made by the Turkish Government against such hostile action, or at least connivance therein on the part of Russia.

Paris, Jan. 3.—It is now generally conceded, notwithstanding the recent attempt of certain journals to revive an impression to the contrary, that all hopes of the assembling of a general conference of the European Powers for the settlement of the Roman question has been abandoned by the French Government.

London, Jan. 3.—It is thought that the conference on the Eastern question recently held in St. Petersburg, by leading diplomats of Russia, has warlike significance.

Dublin, Jan. 2.—Lord Strathairn, the commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, is actively engaged in disposing his troops to meet a public outbreak. Particular attention is directed to the counties of Cork and Tipperary, in which extraordinary precautions are being taken. The banks of the river Shannon and the west coast of the island are guarded with increased vigilance to prevent a landing. The police in all the large cities, especially in the south, are unusually active and watchful.

Florence, Jan. 3.—Menebra has not yet succeeded in completing his new Cabinet, and the ministerial crisis continues. Meanwhile political agitation in the country is incessant and wide spread.

Lisbon, Jan. 3.—Tumults have broken out here, and other parts of Portugal in consequence of the imposition of new taxes. The unpopularity of the new system, and the excitement created by the attempt to carry it into effect, have led to the resignation of the Ministry.

ONTARIO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Board of Directors of the above Association held their annual meeting in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, on Thursday, the 3rd instant. Arrangements were made by the Board, for the next annual meeting of the Association to be held in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the 4th of August, 1868. Besides other business, the following topics were appointed for discussion at the next annual meeting. 1st. Is it desirable that prizes be given to the pupils in our schools, and if so, which is the best method of awarding them? 2nd. The importance of securing the attention of pupils, in order to successful teaching. 3rd. Are any changes desirable in the examination and admission of candidates to the profession of teaching, so as to raise its status? 4th. What steps can be taken to remedy the irregular attendance of pupils in our Common Schools? 5th. Is the present regulation respecting the selection and copyright of school books conducive to the best interests of education? 6th. Is it desirable that the clause in the Common School Act, respecting teacher Institutes, be put into operation.

A London writer who has been engaged in dissecting Ward Beecher's novel of "Norwood," says that it is a

The Municipal Elections.

The elections, as almost all electors know, take place in the various municipalities on Monday commencing at nine o'clock in the morning, the polls being kept open till five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and no longer. As to the qualification of voters, we need not now refer to them, except to that provision of the Act which disqualifies an elector from voting unless he has "paid all taxes due by him," by the 16th of December last. There is however, no provision made in the Act for swearing the voter on this point; so that the refusal of the vote of an elector whose taxes are not paid as the law requires, will depend altogether on the Returning officer, who, we think, will be fully justified in refusing the votes of those who had not paid in time, even although they insist on tendering them. It would indeed be useless for any voter who has not paid his taxes, to insist on the reception of his vote, as there appears to be no doubt whatever that it would be struck off the poll-book, on a scrutiny of the votes, even though received by the Returning Officer. The only object any voter could therefore have, by insisting upon recording his vote, would be to create annoyance to the candidate to whom he was opposed, and put him to the trouble of contesting the seat; and on this account we think Returning Officers will be fully justified in adhering closely to the list furnished by the Collectors, of those who had paid their taxes on or before 16th ultimo.

An Outside Opinion.

We find the following in the last number of the Scottish American Journal in reference to the Lieutenant Governor's Speech at the opening of our Local Legislature:—"It is gratifying to note that in the Ontario speech much stress is laid upon the importance of encouraging emigration and settlement by the extension of the free grant system and the enactment of a homestead law. These are, just now, among the vital concerns of the province. Only inexplicable blundering could have occasioned the exodus which year after year has been witnessed in the splendid farming region of the Western peninsula, or the constant neglect evinced by new-comers in search of homes. Some strong inducements are necessary to counterbalance the temptations offered by the prairies of the Western States, and the judicious liberality with which they have provided for the interests of settlers. The want of a homestead law has had quite as much to do with the driving out and keeping out of population from Canada as the short-sighted greed which distinguished the administration of its public domain. The Local Legislature cannot more credibly enter upon its new career than by so employing its powers as to promote settlement, and strengthen the attachment of the people to the soil. The development of the new state of affairs will be watched hopefully by every one familiar with the vast resources of the Dominion and the intelligence and enterprise of its citizens. The opportunity they now have of moulding the destiny of their land comes but rarely to any people, and there will be wide ground for regret if it be not used wisely and well."

An Excited Lawyer.

Late papers from the Emerald Isle say that the municipal elections in Dublin and Belfast just completed, have made no change in the political character of either town council. The majority of the former remains as before, extreme Liberal; that of the latter, Conservative. Mr. John Rea has failed to gain an entrance into the Belfast corporation, and at the close of the poll is reported to have made a violent speech from the windows of his house to an immense mob, proclaiming himself one who "revered the memories of Allen, Gould and Larkin; of Robert Emmet, Theobald, Wolfe Tone, and Henry Joy McCracken." They had died (he added) not for an Irish republic but for the cause of republicanism in Europe, and in England, Scotland and Ireland.

This Rea, be it understood, was for a long time a member of the Belfast town Council, and was one of the most capacious and pugnacious individuals that ever attempted to obstruct the workings of a public body. He is a lawyer and has an extensive practice, being chiefly employed to save culprits from justice, which frequently affects by his unparalleled powers of confusing witnesses. It was his extreme inclination for cross purposes that disgusted the men whom he represented and lost him his seat in the council. With proper ballast, he might have been a clever man, and a dangerous plotter of treason, but his own imprudence would form ample protection for those against whom he designed any enterprise. That he should make a furious speech, and a long one is nothing remarkable, since he has been known to speak while defending himself in a suit brought against him for libel, the greater part of a day. Violent though his harangues may be they are harmless, and no matter with whom he sympathises he will find very few to sympathize with him, although plenty may go to hear him for the fun of it.

The Valley of the Shadow of Death.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial writes from the Headwaters of Yellow Stone, Montana Territory:

"Out of this plain, or valley, rather, which extends over an area of fifty miles, issue a million sharp jets of bluish-white flame, interspersed with fitful puffs of pearly vapour, which seem upward in endless turbulent convulsions, until, reaching a high altitude, they dissolve and become blended with the fluctuating cloud which hangs over the valley, as if to shield it from mortal eyes. The plain is dotted with innumerable stumps, from whence these vapors and fiery columns are emitted. In their formation they resemble miniature volcanoes. Fire springs like these may be found in China; and the geysers of Iceland are but results of volcanic action of the same nature, though of greater force and power than the Hot Springs in the valley of the Yellowstone. One cannot help thinking that fiercest fires rage somewhere below the external envelope of the plain to thus fan and force flames above the surface. A gentleman and a servant, connected with our party, ascribes these igneous streams to gases escaping from a "volcanic" well. Another speciality of volcanic action may be observed by a closer investigation of the conical hills which loom up from the surface in every direction. Though there are no deep craters in their summits it is an easy matter to detect a gentle hollow in each, more or less deep, covered with crumbling particles of lava-like rock. The base and sides are also thickly strewn with the like porous deposits—some of very large size, like enormous cinder cakes, the refuse of a foundry furnace. A sulphurous odour is in the atmosphere, reminding one of our companions of the experience of a chock-damp.

Surrounding the entire plain are lofty calcareous rocks, eroded and skeletonized by action of rains or shifting bodies of water which now bear the appearance of inverted pyramids, prisms, and various other configurations. Besides preparing detritus, which lay piled in heaps at the foot of the cliffs, frequent torrents had so corroded and dismantled the rock that one would imagine a destructive fire had raged and burnt up a city, by the quantity of fallen columns which lay scattered around in the most indescribable confusion. In the interstices of the debris, there bubbled numerous saline springs and continuing our examination further, we discovered several hot water springs, from whence vapor columns continually ascended. On testing the warmth of the water with a Fahrenheit's thermometer, the mercury, which stood previously 80 degrees, shot up to 180 degrees.

The tread of our horses feet sounded hollow, while the noise seemed to reverberate along the earth like an echo. Not a blade of grass was to be seen except along the margin of the tiny streams. The whole aspect of the plain was arid in the extreme. Ghastly relics of animal life literally covered the ground along the stream. This was evidently caused by the gathering of the buffaloes in the fall to cross the Sweet Grass, where they luxuriated for a season, protected by the rising hills from the bleak winds, which, with the force of a simoon sweep over the northern prairies, until the severity of the season and the scarcity of grass warned them to leave, when they found their progress prevented by the deep snows in the passes, and they must have perished from hunger and cold, leaving their bones to be picked by the hungry wolves, and to be bleached by the sun and rain.

No language can give any idea of the desolation of this wonderful valley. It struck our hearts with a nameless dread. Not a wolf invested the chamber cavities of the cliff; not a buzzard hovered over the vicinity. All was silent in this Valley of Death. One of our party of explorers bestowed upon it the significant appellation of "Hell."

A Week of Prayer.

Sabbath next begins the Week of Prayer for the world. What a sublime and kindling thought, that the nations of the Christian world are at the throne of Grace, addressing it at the same time, and on the same special subjects! Let the week be faithfully and believingly improved, and a great blessing must ensue. What mighty motives have Christians to pray for the world just now! We again publish the plan agreed upon by the Evangelical Alliance, as follows:—

Sunday, January 5.—Sermons. Subject: The Person, Work, and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, January 6.—Thanksgiving for special and general mercies during the past year; to Nations, Churches and Families; and of Confession of Sin.

Tuesday, January 7.—Prayer for Nations and for all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for the removal of obstacles in the way of Moral and Religious Progress; and for Internal and International Peace.

Wednesday, January 8.—Prayer for Families; for Schools, Colleges and Universities; and for Sons and Daughters in Foreign Countries.

Thursday, January 9.—Prayer for Christian Ministers, and all engaged in Christ's Service; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 10.—Prayer for the Sick and Afflicted; for Widows and Orphans; and for the persecuted for Righteousness' sake.

Saturday, January 11.—Prayer for the Christian Church; for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sunday, January 12.—Sermons. Subject: Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13.

Scotch Whisky, Malt Whisky, and Rye Whisky, Cobourg Whisky, in A. Wood's.

Sir William Logan has received a medal from the Royal Society of England for his able labors on the geological survey of Canada.

STATE OF AFFAIRS SOUTH.—All parts of Virginia, except the Shenandoah Valley are reported to be under a reign of terror, owing to the atrocious intentions of the blacks. During the Christmas holidays, troops were called for by a military officer in Halifax county, as there were indications of a disturbance. The Freedmen's Bureau and military headquarters profess entire ignorance of any such state of affairs.

Why is a man ascending Vesuvius like an Irishman trying to kiss a pretty girl? Because he wants to get to the crater's mouth.

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

BIRTHS.

SCHOFFER—On the morning of the 21st Dec., on the G. W. R. train, between Perre and Woodstock, 2 1/2 m. from the city of Guelph, at an hour, the wife of Mr. John Schoffer, of a son. No doubt he will be a "just youth"—Ingersoll News.

DIED.

FATHAM—At Guelph, on the 4th inst., Thomas F. Fatham, aged 75 years. The funeral will take place on Tuesday the 7th at half-past 2 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

New Advertisements.

SCHOOL OPENING.

M. R. MOYLES' School will (D.V.) be re-opened on MONDAY the 6th inst., Guelph, 4th Jan, 1868. d2

CHRISTMAS NUMBER

OF THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

A SUPPLY of the above just to hand at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Mr. Sgt. Guelph, Guelph, 4th Jan, 1868. dw

SPECIAL MEETING

of the Members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the City of Wellington.

At the request of D. Guthrie, Esq., and other members by requisition presented to the President of the Company, a special meeting of the members will be held in the Anglo-American Hotel, Guelph, on

WEDNESDAY, 15th INST.,

at 1 o'clock, p. m., to take into consideration the loss sustained by Messrs. James Massie & Co., at the late fire in the Alma Block, Guelph.

By order of the President, CHAS. DAVIDSON, Sec. & Treas. Guelph, 4th January, 1868. dwt

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

A CONCERT in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Guelph will be held in the TOWN HALL, on the evening of

WEDNESDAY, 8th INST.

to be followed (by special request, and positively for the last time), by the drama,

The Charcoal Burner,

Played by the members of the Guelph Dramatic Club. For particulars see Programmes. Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 50c. Guelph, 4th Jan, 1868. dtd

JOSEPH HOBSON,

CIVIL ENGINEER, P. L. Surveyor and Architect, has opened an office in Guelph, at Messrs. Davidson and Chadwick's, Town Hall Buildings. Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle their accounts Before the 15th of JANUARY, inst., or they will be placed in the Division Court for collection. N. CROFT, No. 40, Wyndham-St. Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. dwt date

PRIVATE TUITION.

THE undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either at his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day. GEORGE GRAFFTEY. Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. 1nd

LADIES' SCHOOL.

MRS. W. W. BIRD begs to inform her pupils and friends that the present vacation terminates on MONDAY, 6th January, 1868.

GUELPH Classical & Commercial ACADEMY.

THE undersigned begs to inform his friends and the public that his Academy will open On Wednesday the 8th Instant, in Day's large building, near the Market Square.

NEW FRUITS

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

22 lbs. New Currants for . . \$1
11 lbs. New Valentia Raisins 1
10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins 1
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Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

FILBERTS!

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

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HUGH WALKER, Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer.

BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.



SMITH & BOTSFORD

Will sell, during the next six weeks, the balance of THEIR WINTER STOCK AT COST. See their prices, and be convinced that this is no humbug. ONLY ONE PRICE. SMITH & BOTSFORD, Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market, Guelph, 4th January, 1868

MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE,

West Market Square.

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

Christmas & New Year's

Berlin & Fancy Wools

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery.

MRS. HUNTER. Guelph, 11th Dec., 1867. dw

Apothecaries' Hall,

MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED

A large supply of

SYDNEY BROWN'S

PERFUME

WATCHES!

Superior to either the "Russell" or "American" Watch, containing as it does a new and

DELIGHTFUL PERFUME

for the Handkerchief, unrivalled for the sweetness of its odour and lasting properties.

Price Twenty-five Cents each

ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square, Guelph, Dec. 7 1867.

CORDWOOD for SALE

IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at

BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House. Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood yard. ALEX. BROWN. Guelph, 25th November, 1867. ddm

GUELPH TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at BUNYAN'S DOMINION SALOON

On Saturday, the 18th January, AT TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

JAMES LAIDLAW, Secretary. Guelph, 2nd Jan., 1868. *Herald and Weekly Advertiser copy.

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Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st., HAMILTON.

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

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

Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order with neatness and dispatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to. Hamilton, November 23 1867. dwtm

EDUCATIONAL.

Private Lessons in German, French, Latin and Greek, at the Pupils' Residences.

YOUNG men wishing to form or join an Evening Class, will also find an opportunity of doing so. Terms reasonable. Applications left at Cuthbert's or Day's Bookstore will be promptly attended to by

PROFESSOR H. G. VON HOKAR. Guelph, 3rd Jan, 1868. dw

Wool, Hide and Leather

Fire at Alma Block

The St. Barbara Log, intended to their numerous customers and the public that until larger premises can be procured the

RETAIL BUSINESS!

WILL BE CARRIED ON IN THEIR STORE IN DAY'S BLOCK,

Where they hope to continue to receive the patronage of their friends.

The WHOLESALE TRADE

WILL BE CARRIED ON AT

The Old "Advertiser" Office, East Market Square.

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. daw if

No. 2, Photographs

Day's Block, . . Guelph.

CHEAP Photographs

W. BURGESS

BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that having received a large lot of FRAMES suitable for

Christmas Presents,

he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at great

REDUCED PRICES.

Parties wishing to make presents of 1 or 2 photographs to their friends should call at once.

PICTURES

of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art.

Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store. W. BURGESS. Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dw

Dairy Farm & Mill Site

FOR SALE IN PUSLINC.

FOR SALE by private contract, the rear 1/2 of lots 3 and 4 in the 10th concession, and broken lots 3 and 4 in the 11th Concession of the Township of Puslinch, containing 239 acres more or less.

This desirable property will be sold in one or more lots, to suit purchasers.

The soil is a good loam, and the land is magnificently watered both by the river Speed and by a creek, on which there is a GOOD MILL SITE. For a DAIRY FARM this property offers unequalled advantages. 150 acres are cleared and under cultivation, the greater part free from stumps. There are two Log Houses on the property, with Log Barns, Stables, Cattle Sheds, Garden, &c., attached to each house. The property is about five miles from Guelph, and a good road leads to it. Terms of Sale, I liberal. Apply to

PALMER & LILLIE, Solicitors, &c., Day's Block, Guelph Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. 741-wtlf

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GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF

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AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,

Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty.

MACDONNELL STREET.

The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.

The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. R. McCURDIE, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

The very Best of Oysters

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GREATEST CHEAP SALE OF THE SEASON

Commencing on MONDAY, the 6th day of JANUARY, 1868.

FRASER & HENDERSON

Being desirous to sustain the high reputation which they have acquired during the last ten years, for their's being **the Cheapest DRY GOODS STORE** in Guelph, are now prepared

TO SELL THE BALANCE OF THEIR STOCK AT NETT COST!
AND IN MANY INSTANCES UNDER COST.

FRASER & HENDERSON will not, and shall not be undersold by any, no matter what their pretensions may be, and when they advertise a CHEAP SALE they mean it. Goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold for cash only. NO SECOND PRICE.

P.S.—Parties indebted to the Firm will please pay up before the FIRST OF FEBRUARY.

FRASER & HENDERSON.

TAKE NOTICE.—GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

GEORGE JEFFREY,

Being about to retire from the Dry Goods business, has determined to offer his **WHOLE STOCK AT COST PRICES.** The Store will be closed on **MONDAY, the 6th of JANUARY,** for the purpose of marking down the whole Stock to Cost Prices.

The Great Sale will Commence on Tuesday, 7th January.

And will continue for **ONE MONTH.** All Sales for Cash, and **NO SECOND PRICE.** THE STOCK BEING ALL NEW, and of the **VERY BEST DESCRIPTION,** parties can rely on getting **EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.**

GEORGE JEFFREY.

P. S.—All parties indebted to me must settle their accounts before the **FIRST OF FEBRUARY NEXT.** All accounts unsettled after that date will be handed to Mr. Baker, Clerk of the Court for collection.

PHOTOGRAPHS!

W. MARSHALL

HAS no time to write a long advertisement yet, but has succeeded in securing

A FIRST-CLASS ASSISTANT

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From some of the best rooms in the Dominion, and I think shall be able to give good satisfaction to all who want good Likenesses. Every style of work done at Marshall's.

Large Photographs!

Small Photographs, Carte de Visites, Imperial Cards, Pictures on Porcelain, Copying, Views, &c.

W. MARSHALL, Artist, Day's Block, Guelph, 28th Dec. 1867.

Santa Claus' HEADQUARTERS.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY

Christmas Presents,

And New Year's Gifts,

that will be appreciated, you should call and see my Stock, which is the largest and most varied ever opened out in Guelph, including a large assortment of splendid

FRENCH GOODS

DIRECT FROM PARIS.

I don't intend advertising my **CAKES** and **CONFECTIONERY** as from the rapid manner in which they are moving off I find they are very extensively known without it.

Platt & Co's celebrated Oysters arriving daily. Oysters in Shell and Cooked Oysters shortly expected.

H. BERRY, Guelph, 20th December, 1867.

THE RED MILL.

THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Oats can rely on having them ground the same day.

Chopping done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.

GEORGE BALKWILL, Guelph 19th December, 1867.

Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

HAS on hand a varied stock of **GENERAL GROCERIES** for

Christmas & New Year

consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

NEW FRUIT!

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

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

MRS. ROBINSON, Guelph.

Great Book Sale!

GREAT BOOK SALE

AT R. CUTHBERT'S.

BEHOLD! NOW IS YOUR TIME TO REPLENISH YOUR

LIBRARIES

With Standard Book of the Choicest Description.

Guelph, 2nd January, 1868.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE of the

AMERICAN WATCH

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

Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation, to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, and quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch. Our grades of **Extra Heavy Casco Watches** for Railway Engineers and Linnemen deserve particular attention in Canada, as nothing can equal them for the purpose. Our leading Watches in **15 Carat Gold Cases** for Ladies and Private Gentlemen, at medium prices, will also be found very desirable.

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

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

D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.

December 10th, 1867

NEW HOOP SKIRTS.

Newest Styles, for Ladies and Misses.

Another Lot of Cheap Blankets!

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffee's Hotel.

Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

Everybody in want of a good Trunk, Valise, or Travelling Bag, can be supplied at the new shop, two doors from the Post Office.

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c. on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church.

We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of common blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr. Hoover's Livery Office.

We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Saddlery line, a few doors south of the Registry Office.

Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual.

In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present staff of superior workmen.

SMITH & METCALF,

Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block.

Guelph, 20th December, 1867.

LOOK OUT

For No. 1.

WILKINSON'S

BY going to WILKINSON'S for

OYSTERS

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

FINNAN HADDIES

If you want real Finnan Haddies, fresh Cooked Fish, fresh Haddock and Yarmouth Bladders,

Go to **GEO. WILKINSON'S.**

SEALED GOODS!

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

GEO. WILKINSON'S.

FRUIT, FRUIT

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

10 pounds Layer Raisins for - \$1

12 " Seedless Raisins - - - 1

20 " French Prunes - - - 1

20 " Currants - - - 1

GEORGE WILKINSON.

Next door to Telegraph and Express Office

Guelph, Dec. 9, 1867.

An Apprentice Wanted.

WANTED at this Office, a stout active lad, about 15 or 16 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the printing business. None other need apply except those possessing the qualifications above mentioned. Apply at the **Printing Office, Broad Street.**

NO. 40. GREAT CLEARING SALE!

FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Canada Clothing Store

N. CROFT

WILL POSITIVELY SELL OFF HIS ENTIRE STOCK OF

Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underclothing, &c.

At Prime Cost for Cash only.

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

N. CROFT,

Canada-Clothing Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 19th, 1867.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

The Great Clearing Sale of

DRY GOODS!

IS STILL GOING ON AT

WM. STEWART'S,

Guelph 11th December, 1867.

Come and See the Bargains at the

RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING

And a Cheap lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underclothing,

All of which we are determined to sell cheaper than any house in the town, and our

Groceries, Crockery and Liquors are Cheaper than ever.

Just Arrived from Newfoundland

100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings,

100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings,

which can be confidently recommended as the best imported this year.

Commercial Bank BILLS taken at par.

TO SUBSCRIBERS. Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury...

Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN'Y 4, 1868

THE OLD HYMN.

On distant ground and holy My feet have trod. Where with a peaceful joy I worshipped God.

The Maiden's Choice OR, THE LADY OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters. A recent writer gives the following as his gleaming of the dark record.

It would fill a volume to relate all the iniquity, barbarity, and insolence of a soldier who were of themselves sufficiently inclined to these courses...

Pat and the Deacon. Some months ago, as Deacon Ingalls, of Swampcot, Rhode Island, was traveling through the western part of the State of New York...

When the storm of persecution gathered over Scotland the village and parish of Greystone, in the upper district of Strathclyde, had for their pastor Mr. Gordon...

As a consequence he was universally beloved, respected, looked up to, and trusted in all things. His people consulted him not in religious matters only, but in everything that concerned them...

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Business must be attended to, and in order to do this properly Mr. Horsman will keep open each evening till 10 o'clock, and on Saturday until 9, for the sale of Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Wicks, &c.

He solicited his old friend, Mr. Gordon, to receive him into his keeping, and the latter complied the more readily that he was at the very time constituted as the guardian of the young laird of Birkenleuch...

Of necessity Marion Gordon and the two youths living in the manse associated much together, and their intercourse could not be other than intimate. This was a continual source of uneasiness to Mr. Gordon...

As may be easily guessed, Mr. Gordon was not indifferent to the attempt made by the King and his Government to destroy the Presbyterian religion in Scotland and establish Episcopacy in its room.

But all efforts failed, and the Glasgow edict of excommunication was pronounced. Calmly but resolutely Mr. Gordon cast in his lot with the four hundred ministers who renounced their earthly minister rather than prove unfaithful to their Divine Master...

Pat was a strong man, a true Roman Catholic, and had never seen the Interior of a Protestant Church. Ingalls was a man of a different persuasion.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the pastor. Pat was eyeing him very closely, when an old gentleman, who was standing in the pew directly in front of Pat, shouted Amen!

The person grew more fervent in his devotions. Presently the deacon uttered an audible groan—Amen!

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Business must be attended to, and in order to do this properly Mr. Horsman will keep open each evening till 10 o'clock, and on Saturday until 9, for the sale of Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Wicks, &c.

COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH. JANUARY 4, 1868.

Money Market. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelph, January 4, 1868.

MONTREAL MARKETS. KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO'S. report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'

Toronto, January 3, 1868. Flour—Receipts, 200 bags; No. 1, at 86 00.

COW LOST. STRAYED or Stolen from the Fair ground on Fair Day, a White Cow. Had small horns, and was in good condition.

FAMILY KNITTING MACHINE. Manufactured by the Lamb Knitting Machine Manufacturing Company, CHICOPEE FALLS, N. Y.

TROTTER & GRAHAM, DENTISTS! GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

Men Wanted. WANTED, a few more GOOD CHOPPERS to cut wood by the Cord. Good wages can be made from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day being paid weekly.

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.

BERKSHIRE BOAR. THE subscriber has newly purchased a first class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve during the season.

Excellent Farm For Sale in Eramosa. FOR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 28, 3rd Concession, Eramosa.

One Hundred Acres! with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good Two Storey Stone House containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house.

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 highest priced machine.

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

Funerals, Funerals! NATHAN TOVELL, best to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual on this day on hand. He uses to hire. His Steam Planting Mill is in constant operation.

FURS, FURS, FURS. WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz: Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

Men's Coarse Boots! FURMER PRICES.—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.75; No. 3, \$2.50. PRESENT PRICES.—No. 1, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.50.

Kingston Penitentiary BOOT and SHOE STORE. Men's Coarse Boots! FURMER PRICES.—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.75; No. 3, \$2.50.

Opposite the Market Shed. CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

GEORGE PALMER BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor.

THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE. OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT. FRANK SMITH & CO. 77 Front Street, Toronto.

FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES, WINES, BRANDIES, &c. BEG to intimate to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE. 303 Hhds and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars. 527 Bbls Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.

REMOVAL! GRAND CLEARING SALE! JAMES CORMACK, HAVING leased that large and New Store next to JOHN HORST'S, he has determined to dispose of the balance of his large Stock of first-class

CHRISTMAS BOXES. WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE Christmas Presents Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON.

GREAT SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES. PREST & HEPBURN WILL COMMENCE On Monday next, 23rd Dec. To sell off the entire Stock of Imported Goods.

At Cost and Under! and will continue until the whole is CLEARED OUT, as they intend in future to keep nothing but their own manufacture. This will be the best opportunity ever offered in the Town of Guelph to buy cheap Boots and Shoes, as the

Whole Stock will be sold without Reserve for Cash only. PREST & HEPBURN. Guelph, 16th December, 1867.

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES. G. & A. HADDEN. Would invite the special attention of the public to their very large stock of

SEASONABLE DRY GOODS! Comprising a full assortment of every description of Goods suitable for the Fall and Winter Trade. No old, moth eaten bankrupt stock, but all Fresh New Goods, which they are determined to sell off at such a reduction in price as cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to the purchasers.