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PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

## To the Electors and Ratepayers

OF THE  
TOWN OF GUELPH.

After a number of years' services in your Council, as well as in the Board of School Trustees, I have resolved, at the desire of many of my friends, to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year. If the length of the term which I have spent in behalf of the interests of our good town can be a recommendation to your favor, I respectfully urge this claim. After nearly ten years' Municipal life, I think none will deny to me sincerity and fearlessness of purpose in the discharge of public duties, whilst I have ever sought to promote the welfare of the town in every possible way that lay in my power.

As there are many important and new questions affecting the public welfare likely to arise during the coming year, I have determined personally to interchange views with you during the short time left before the election. Amongst the most prominent of the questions, as you are aware, are the following, and which deserve the most anxious consideration:

1. The indebtedness of the town on account of the Municipal Loan Fund.
2. The question of Railway Extension northward.
3. The Union Station.
4. The change in the Municipal and Assessment laws.
5. The new School Law and Central School question.
6. Town Hall enlargement.
7. Increased economy in the expenditure on our roads and sidewalks, and the introduction of a thorough system by which they will be gradually made permanently good.

It is not possible for me in the scope of a brief address like this, to discuss these important matters, but I shall have ample opportunity hereafter to do so. I may briefly here observe that I consider no step should be taken involving the expenditure of any large sum of money without reference to any of these questions without the opinion of the ratepayers being first duly obtained. Our present liabilities are heavy, taxation sufficient, and our future, in a measure, fraught with perplexity. Still, I think, with prudence and judgment, the town of Guelph is bound to flourish, and increase in general prosperity.

Respectfully soliciting your kind support and influence,

I am your obedient servant,  
GEORGE S. HEROD,  
Guelph, 16th December 1868. dwf

## PLANCHEITE.

### The Maquette Fortune Teller

Hundreds of thousands of this the greatest curiosity of the age have been sold in the United States and Canada. To be had at

## SHAWAN'S OLD STAND.

Wynham Street. Guelph, 23rd December. d2

## DOMINION SALOON

### FRESH OYSTERS!

Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.

## DENIS BUNYAN.

STILL ON THE MOVE.

## H. METCALF,

### SADDLER,

Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

### IN THE NEW BUILDING,

Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts,

Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of HORSE COLLARS, Blankets, Surstrings, a Call and all other goods, which are sold at the lowest prices. Repairing done as usual.

H. METCALF,  
Guelph, December 4. dw

## HARTFORD

### Fire Insurance Company

OF Hartford, Conn.  
INCORPORATED IN 1810. - CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.

E. MORRIS, Agent.  
Guelph, Dec. 21. dly

## CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,

Market Square, GUELPH.

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 & Cigars

And the table with 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 3 o'clock.

## OYSTERS AND GAME,

Best Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,  
Proprietor,  
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitty

## TROTTER & GRAHAM,

DENTISTS!

GUELPH AND BRAMPTON

### LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY

Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter,  
Office, over Higginbotham's Drugstore  
Guelph, 2nd August, 1868. dw

## WILLIAM C. BAINE,

### ACCOUNTANT.

Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.

Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.

OFFICE.—AT MESSRS. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Guelph, Nov. 28. do 5w

## THE

### Equitable Life Assurance Society

OF THE UNITED STATES.

Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.

W. O. BUCHANAN,  
S1 Great St. James-St., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

COLIN SEWELL, M. D., Examining Physician, Dr. R. L. MACDONNELL, Consulting

GEORGE MACREA, Solicitor,  
BANK OF MONTREAL, Bankers.

The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of Dollars, already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for unforgotten congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policyholder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed.

For the year ending on the 31st of December, 1867, the Society has received from its contributors, stands as follows:—In 1867 it was the ninth; in 1868 the eighth; in 1869 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second.

Insurances effected on the most favorable terms by

J. E. MURTON, Agent for Guelph.  
Guelph, December 4th. dit

## GREAT POWERS

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

## PREST & HEPBURN

In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wynham-st.

WE do not believe in both and banank, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict in the hands of the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puffing and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wynham Street, Guelph, manufacture more

## BOOTS AND SHOES

And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth.

A great deal has been said for and against machine-made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which must be admitted is far superior to any machine-made goods. We have on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which will sell as cheap as any other goods. Remember that all our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

PREST & HEPBURN,  
Guelph, 2nd November. dw

## THE GUELPH MELODEON COMPANY

on both MELODEONS and CABINET ORGANS at the Provincial Exhibition for 1868, which was open to all the world.

As we warrant all our instruments for five years, the public will easily see that it is to their interest to buy from us rather than from any agent or some distant New England firm, whose guarantee amounts simply to nothing, even on instruments which they consider good enough to put their names on.

LONG CREDIT given to responsible parties, for a liberal discount for cash in full. Usual discount to Clergymen, Churches, Schools, &c. Factory and Ware-rooms in the Old Gore Bank Building, East Market Square.

BELL, WOOD & CO., Guelph, Ont.  
Guelph, December 18th, 1868. dly

## Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL, NATHAN TOVELL, Jr.  
Guelph, December 12. dly

## MORTGAGE SALE

OF A

### VALUABLE PARK LOT!

There will be sold by public auction, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale,

ON FRIDAY, 8th January, 1869,

at noon, at the Market House, Guelph, by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH, adjoining the Town of Guelph, viz:—Park Lot No. 43, fronting upon Forest Street, in the Sub-division of the South-west half of Lot No. 5, in the 3rd Concession of Division G, in the Township of Guelph, according to a plan made by William Haskins, P. L. S., and duly registered, the said Park Lot being in what is commonly known as McLaughlin's Survey.

The Park Lot contains two acres, more or less, and adjoins the South-eastern limits of the town. It is a desirable property. Immediate possession given. TERMS CASH. For further particulars apply to

DONALD GUTHRIE,  
Vendor's Solicitor, Guelph.  
Guelph, 29th December. dwt

## Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

THURSDAY EV'NG, DEC. 31, 1868.

## Local and Miscellaneous

NO PAPER TO-MORROW.—To-morrow being New Year's Day, no paper will be issued from this office.

Guelph is unfortunate in the matter of tanks. The new one at Nelson Crescent, put down by Mr Ferguson, leaks.

A merchant, named Ward, of Fort Erie, apparently in good health, dropped dead in the street a few days ago.

In Western New York lives a man named King, who has had thirty-one children by one wife. An exchange announces him both a King and a patriarch.

THE ST. MARY'S FRAGS.—Charles McGurk, the young man who had his skull broken in the affray here on Christmas, died of his injuries on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Price, who lives near Homer, was cutting hay a few days ago, when he was surprised to see a number of fingers among the hay, and on looking at his left hand he was surprised to see that all the fingers were smoothly taken off.

The death by suicide of the reputed widow of Augustus, brother of Charles Dickens, is reported by telegraph from Chicago. Augustus Dickens deserted his wife in England, and she has since lived on the generosity of his brother, and the woman whose death is now announced is she with whom he fled.

THE ST. MARY'S ROW.—Clyde, the man who knocked a hole in McGurk's skull at St. Mary's, on Christmas, has been arrested, together with another person named Jackson. It appears that Clyde was struck with a pair of tongs by an unknown hand, that he wrested them and struck McGurk, who is now failing rapidly.

A young married woman living in Huron county, Ohio, retired to bed one night last week with her babe. To quiet it she had placed in its mouth a "sugar teat." During the night she dreamed it was choking and that she tried to grasp the teat with her fingers, but could not. She then tried, as she supposed, to grasp it with her teeth, when the screams of the child awakened her. She found its face bloody, and that its nose was almost bitten through at the point. Medical aid was procured and the child rendered comfortable, but the mother was inconsolable at the accident.

ONTARIO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Association assembled at Toronto on Wednesday. The Bill for the amendment of the Grammar School Act now before the House was discussed. It was resolved that the 3rd clause of the Bill should be amended so as to include commercial instruction, and the modern languages in the branches to be taught in Grammar School. A discussion was raised on the question whether the minimum of a Grammar School teacher's salary should remain fixed at \$1,000, which terminated in its being left as in the Bill: The sixth section it was resolved should be amended, so that the examination for admission of pupils to the High School shall be made by a board consisting of the Co. Superintendent of the High School, the Head Master of the High School, instead of merely by the County or City Superintendent. A committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Mills, Messrs. McCurdy, Seath, McAllister and Anderson, to submit the alterations recommended to the Chief Superintendent and the Legislature.

POLITICS AND THE BIBLE.—In the late election for West Aberdeenshire, one of the candidates was Mr. McCombie, a famous breeder of cattle. His opponents chose two verses from the Apocrypha, and placarded them in conspicuous places:—"How can he get wisdom that holdeth the plow, and that glorieth in the goad; that driveth oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and whose talk is of bullocks? He giveth his mind to make furrows, and is diligent to give the kine fodder." "He shall not be sought for in public conourse, nor sit high in the congregation; he shall not sit on the judge's seat, nor understand the sentence of judgment; he cannot declare justice and judgment, and shall not be found where wisdom is spoken." Ecclesiasticus, xxxviii, 25-33. Mr. McCombie's friends answered this triumphantly by two verses from the Canonical Books, and headed them, "Not from the Apocrypha." "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Prov. xxii 29. "Blessed shall be the man that smiteth his enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face, they shall come up against thee one way, and shall flee before thee seven ways.—Deut. xxviii 7."

POSTAL CHANGES.—Important changes take effect on the first of January, in relation to newspaper and periodical postage. A circular in which the charges are detailed has been received, and from it we make the following extracts: The circular reminds postmasters that from and after January, 1869, all periodical matter passing by post in Canada will be subject to charge, and that the exceptions enjoyed by certain temperance, agricultural, educational, scientific periodicals passing within the Dominion, will cease on Dec. 31, 1868. The circular proceeds as follows: "From the 1st of January, 1869, therefore, all periodicals posted in Canada and addressed to any place within the Dominion of Canada—to Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the United States, with the exceptions hereinafter noted, must be prepaid by postage stamps, at the rate of 1c. per oz. weight of package. When a package of periodicals so posted, prepaid, is addressed by the sender to any postoffice within the Dominion, it will be the duty of the postmaster at such office to open the package, and without further charge, distribute the contents to the individual subscribers within the delivery of his office, to whom the separate numbers contained in the package may be addressed." The exceptions above alluded to refer to the exceptional rate of charge of half a cent per number on small periodicals, weighing less than one ounce per number and put up singly, and to the privilege of free transmission accorded to a single copy of each publication interchanged between publishers.

## ANOTHER YEAR.

The year 1868 will soon have completed its course and vanished into the ages that are lost forever. Although it has witnessed events of much moment in the annals of nations and of importance to the world at large, yet it has not been so fruitful in them as some of its predecessors, but had we the power to examine it as a witness of individual experience, of each person's share of joy and grief, of his hopes disappointed and his aspirations attained, we should probably find but little difference between its testimony and that of any other year since time began to run. Nations may rise, flourish and decay, and though their mutations may affect others, yet there is a private individual history distinct from a national, and the former will repeat itself, not at long intervals, but daily, while mutability continues to be the chief characteristic of all things terrestrial, that is, until years shall cease to be numbered. We are reminded by the date, that the notched wheel of life has moved another space, and though its further progress be arrested by the lever of vitality, it is well worth remembering that the lever will not always bear the strain, that it will snap sooner or later, and that a New Year's morning shall dawn which we shall not see or enjoy. The period, if not the age, is favorable to a little reflection, and we might put an hour to profitable use by inspecting the footprints we have made on the shores of time, and marking the point to which they tend. We might compare our moral and worldly condition with that of twelve months ago, ascertain whether our reasonings and our actions had been correct and proper, rectify errors if they existed, or pursue our journey in the path of right if they did not. We might ask ourselves if we had, as far as human frailty permitted, performed every enjoined duty, and then, as the old year was rung out and the new rung in, we might take a new start with still better purposes, and adopt, with the firm intention of abiding by, the grand and noble motto "Excelsior." We would not lightly attempt to mar the pleasures which are supposed to be the usual attendants upon the New Year, but we would desire to check exuberance of spirits, to warn against excess by bringing to recollection that while the birth of one year may give proper occasion for rejoicing, there is a modifying solemnity in the fact that another has expired, since at twelve o'clock on the night of every 31st of December, there is a sound of the knell that marks our more or less rapid, though in every case sure, progress towards the house appointed for all living.

Having said so much we now purpose giving a brief rehearsal of some of the principal events which have occurred during the year 1868 on the civilized portions of the globe. Beginning at home we have but little of importance to record besides the violent death of an illustrious statesman. Our Parliaments have been legislating, but they have accomplished nothing very remarkable, and though negotiations have been on foot for the annexation of the North-west, they have, as yet, produced no definite results. The harvest returns were moderate, though far below what was anticipated from the benignant smile of a delightful spring. There is little necessity for recalling to recollection the terrible "heated term," which we suffered in common with many other parts of the world, and which, in its fierceness, withered the hopes of the husbandman.

Our neighbours across the line have had an exciting year. In the early part of it an attempt was made to remove President Johnson by impeachment, but the effort failed and he retained the office by one vote. The war with the Indians has been raging fiercely, and Ku-Klux Klans have been committing unprecedented cruelties in the South; but the Republicans have won the Presidential contest, Grant and Colfax are elected, and under their administration the country hopes for order, and for a cessation of the political and social turmoils which have for some years disturbed the national economy and retarded all progress. Their claims for the depredations of the Alabama are not yet settled, though negotiations are in such a forward state that all that is required for an adjustment of the difficulty is the preservation of the amicable spirit which characterized the intercourse of Lord Stanley and the American Minister. Little or nothing has been heard from Mexico lately. Having butchered Maximilian last year, the inhabitants set to work to butcher one another, and whether there are any of them yet remaining is a matter of indifference to every nation but the States. Cuba has had, and still has her insurrection, the result of which is yet concealed by the veil of the future. The war in South America still continues, though the Paraguayans are losing ground day by day, and only resist out of pure obstinacy, or even the daring and sanguinary Lopez can have but little hopes of ultimate success when he is menaced front and rear by forces many times more numerous than his own, and better equipped for war. He has also drawn down upon himself lately the ire

of the American Republic by putting to death two of the members of their legation. Some of their ships are looking after him, so that if Paraguay be not possessed of inexhaustible vitality she must soon be crushed beneath the power of her numerous foes. Fearful earthquakes have also visited some portions of this continent, laying cities in ruins, and causing the loss of hundreds of lives.

Europe has been comparatively quiet. Early in the year the bill for the re-organization of the French army passed the Corps Legislatif, and when Napoleon had obtained over two millions of an army, when he had provided himself with countless Chassepots, and when his huge magazines were abundantly supplied, then he proclaimed the empire was reborn. Nothing very remarkable has occurred in Prussia. Proud and stately in her strength and fearing no enemy, she has neither given nor received an insult. Austria, as usual, has profited by her experience. The most conservative of all countries, she has at last come to understand that a too rigid adherence to old theories and old precedents will not answer at the present time. She has set herself to work in earnest to improve, and she is improving. She has granted important concessions to Hungary, and she has abolished the Concordat, made marriage a civil institution, and defied the authority of him who sways the sceptre in the City of the Seven Hills. What country has done more, or done it better during the past year than Austria? Italy, *mirabile dictu*, for some cause has been at peace, but there is at present some talk of her old agitator being again at work. Switzerland, that nest in the Alps, has been the scene of a Peace Conference; not of much moment to the world.

The people of Spain, long crushed by tyranny have demonstrated that there is an end to human endurance. In a brief space of time they drove the last Bourbon disgrace from the throne of their country, and effected changes which a month before few, if any, of the present generation had ever thought of witness. Fear was entertained that they would abuse the liberties of which they had so long been deprived, but it is to be hoped that better counsels will prevail, that order will be established under a stable form of government and Spain allowed an opportunity to emerge from her long night of darkness. With the exception of the advance into Bockara, Russia has been quiet. She has still been faithful to her word of de-nationalizing Poland, and still keeps an eye on Turkey. The Cretan forces have been driven from the field by overpowering force, and the insurrection in the island consists at present of little more than a few guerilla bands. Nevertheless the last of it threatens to be worse than the first for the irascible Greeks have embroiled themselves, and even the good offices of the great powers may be insufficient to prevent a collision between Greece and Turkey.

The events connected with Great Britain have been rather interesting. Early in the year that monster, Fenianism, exhibited its ugly figure, and received less punishment than it deserved. The arrogant tyrant, Theodoros, witnessed a demonstration of British military power when a handful of British soldiers, marched steadily on through his almost impassable country, rescued the prisoners who had so long worn his fetters, laid his capital, such as it was, in ashes, and departed, while he himself was stretched a corpse—a suicide. Disraeli's ministry unable to withstand the pressure exerted by the Liberals appealed to the country, the test being the Irish Church question. The result is on record, and a Liberal majority of 100 clearly showed the First Lord of the Treasury that it was his policy, or perhaps his duty, to resign. Mr. Gladstone has formed a new and an able administration which will no doubt grant much needed reforms.

It may almost be said that the year closes its dying eyes on a world at peace, for besides the South American squabble and the threatened disturbance in the East all else is quietness. Long may such a state of things continue, and then nations, like acquaintances, may consistently wish each other a happy new year. We, readers of the MERCURY, shall now do so to you, and hope that, whatever your joys have been during the past months, they may be augmented, whatever your griefs that they may be diminished during 1869, and that during its course you may find many delightful cases even in this vale of tears.

OUR NEW STORY.—In order to give in tending subscribers time to send in their names, the first instalment of our new tale "Jeannie Sinclair" will not appear in the WEEKLY MERCURY till January the 14th. It will be commenced in the Daily on Saturday, the 2nd January.

On Christmas a drunken row occurred in St. Mary's, when a man named McQuirk had his skull smashed in, with a pair of tongs, by one Clyde. The latter and some others have been arrested. There are no hopes of McQuirk's recovery.

A blacksmith in Wyoming Valley, whose name is unknown, was the first man who used the anthracite coal of Pennsylvania, as fuel. This was in 1708. A century later, in 1808, Judge Fell of Wilkesbarre, used it in a grate for heating his family mansion. In the year 1826 the production in all Pennsylvania did not exceed 365 tons—one ton for each day. In 1868 the annual production had reached 12,000,000 tons—34,000 tons each day.

Sir Richard Mayne, K. C. B., whose whose death was announced by cable, was the fourth son of the late Mr. Justice Mayne, one of the judges in the court of King's Bench, Ireland. He was appointed Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1829, and for his services in that capacity was created a C. B. in 1847, and a K. C. B., civil division, in 1851. Since that period he has been the chief officer of the Metropolitan Police, and the great efficiency of the force is due to his excellent discipline.

A ROMANCE IN PAROCHIAL LIFE.—About eleven years ago, as was stated the other day at the Govan Parochial Board, an old Highland woman became chargeable on that parish. A son of the old woman had left for America seventeen years ago, and owing to the miscarriage of letters, son and mother believed each other dead. The son, however, came home again the other day to have another look at Scotland, and, after many inquiries, he found his old mother alive, a pauper, in her 84th year. He called immediately at the parsonage to repay the advances which had been made to her, amounting in all to £74 odds. A circumstance like that is very rare in the management of parochial affairs.

## Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

London, Dec. 30.—The Right Hon. Stafford H. Northcote succeeds the Earl of Kimberley as Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The following despatch from Constantinople dated yesterday, comprises the latest news on the subject of the Eastern Question:—Great preparations are being made in the arsenals on account of the threatened war with Greece. The new House of Commons met yesterday for preliminary business only. The ministers who were re-elected took the oath of office. Writs were issued for elections to fill vacant seats, after which the House adjourned until the 16th of January. It is the general impression that the Conservatives will be successful in the elections for members of Parliament to fill vacancies.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The Government will dispatch 10,000 soldiers from Cadix for Cuba and Porto Rico during the month of January.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The Press of the city says that the Greek Government is ready to comply with the recent demands made by Turkey and supported by the Great Powers of Europe.

In reply to Mr. Bennett's acceptance of the grand ocean yacht race challenge sent by Mr. Ashbury, the latter gentleman objects to the first clause in the conditions, respecting the tonnage, the Dauntless being 99 per cent. larger than the Cambria. In declining Mr. Bennett's offer, however, he hopes that he shall have the pleasure of meeting the Dauntless at the principal races that will come off in the English and French waters during the ensuing summer. In case no other American gentleman should accept the challenge for the great ocean race, Mr. Ashbury still intends to cross the Atlantic and join in the competition for the Queen's cup in American waters. In reference to Mr. Bennett's proposed course from Cowes to New York, the London Post, yesterday, argues that a race to the Azores and back would be decidedly preferable as a fair test of the respective qualities of the vessels.

## American Despatches

New York, 31st.—By way of St. Thomas, Dec. 19, we learn that affairs remain quiet at Venezuela.

Advices from Mexico state a grand demonstration in favor of the independence of Cuba took place on the 5th inst, and its annexation to Mexico was favored.

The Tribune special says: "The Chilean government has officially signified its acceptance of the proposition made by our government for a peace conference with Peru and Bolivia."

## GRAVEL ROADS IN WATERLOO.

We clip the following from the Galt Reformer: Considerable interest is now manifested in the making of gravel roads, and a project for a main leading line from Listowel to Waterloo is freely discussed—a party advocates the building of the road from Listowel to Dorking, in the expectation that the county of Perth will take this road by a continuation of the Stratford and Millbank road, and that the people of Guelph will also connect with it by making the road from Dorking on the Maryboro' line to the Glenallen and Elmira road, 14 miles. This will give the farmers the choice of the road to Millbank and Stratford, or to Elmira and Guelph, according as the market rates of either place may hold out strongest inducements. Another party urge the continuance of the road from Dorking, on the boundary line east between Peel and Wellesley, to the western boundary of Woolwich, whereas it is hoped the people of Waterloo and St. Jacobs will meet the road, and also the people of Elmira make the connection with the Elmira and Guelph roads—12 miles—giving again the farmers on this long line of road, the choice of Elmira and Guelph markets, or St. Jacobs, Waterloo, Berlin, Doon, Preston, Hespe, and Galt. A meeting was held at Wallenstein one night in the beginning of last week, at which parties from Waterloo, St. Jacobs, Hawkesville, and the farmers along the line attended. A strong feeling was manifested in favour of such roads, and a committee of respectable, wealthy men appointed to canvass the landholders on the route. On Saturday night, 26th Dec., a very large and influential meeting was held at Hawkesville, and after a full discussion a motion was passed declaring that such a main road from Waterloo to Listowel was very desirable. Another motion was made declaring that the roads should pass from Waterloo to Heidelberg, thence to the townline towards Listowel. A motion in amendment to substitute the word St. Jacobs for Heidelberg was carried.—A committee of influential gentlemen was appointed to canvass the people and agitate the question by asking voluntary contributions, the consent of the people on the line to be taxed for a definite sum per mile, for subscriptions from Waterloo, Berlin and Galt, and for a free grant from the County Council.

BILLIARDS.—The great billiard match for \$1000 a side between Foster and Dion took place at New York, on Monday night. The game was French caroms, 300 points up, and was won by Foster, he making 300 to Dion's 296.

THE MONTREAL TELEGRAPH CO.—The Montreal Telegraph Company has declared a dividend of 5 per cent on the half-year. The profits would warrant a much greater dividend, but it is not desirable that the public should know how great the Company's profits are.

William Thom, "The Bard of Inverurie," author of "The Mithered Bairn," was a native of Dundee. His bones now lie mouldering in Dundee Western Cemetery. His son, "the dark-ed Willie" of his poetry, who "laid in" his father's head, died in Mexico, and "Jamie" has recently arrived in Dundee bitterly disappointed. An appeal has been made to public charity for him and his wife and five heirs.

UNFOUNDED.—The report of the attack on the Jew at Suspension Bridge on Thursday morning and the robbery of his person of several thousands of dollars, turns out to have been a dodge to excite sympathy and influence creditors to compromise on easy terms. The man blackened his own eye and scratched his neck, tearing his vest

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OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET THURSDAY EV'NG, DEC. 31, 1868.

The British Bribery Bill.

Seventy cases of protest have grown out of the recent general election in Britain. If the ballot would amend such a state of things, it is no wonder that the leading Liberals recommend its introduction, and it is not surprising that a trial of it should be advocated, in the hope that it might prove effective to a certain extent in preventing such a large amount of after contests.

Shortly before the dissolution of the British Parliament a bill was passed with the intent to prevent bribery at elections by making more prompt and searching investigations into the grounds on which protests might in future be brought. Parliamentary committees are to be dispensed with, and the scrutiny is to be made by some of the Superior Court judges, and on the spot where the election took place. The judges have a character for integrity to preserve which must and will raise them far above party predilections, and it may be presumed that their decisions in some of the cases on which they are now called to adjudicate will strike terror to the hearts of those who might be inclined to attempt bribery in future. The knowledge that the law was in existence has certainly failed to prevent corruption; an experience of its execution may yet do so. Its provisions are very stringent. Under it an election petition must be presented within twenty-one days after the return is made, except in cases of alleged corrupt practices, when a petition is good at any time within twenty-eight days after the date of the payment made by any member, or on his account, or with his privacy, in pursuance or in furtherance of corrupt practices, which shall have been specifically set forth in the petition.

The act also provides that a petition signed by two or more electors, and alleging corrupt practices have extensively prevailed, or that there is reason to believe in their extensive prevalence, be sufficient cause for an enquiry. The Judge has power to examine any who may seem to him to have been concerned in the election, whether called by either of the contestants or not, and the penalty for bribery is well calculated to produce a deterrent effect. If such a charge be brought home to a candidate he is incapacitated for seven years from sitting in the House of Commons, or voting at any election, or holding any municipal or judicial office. Any other person found guilty of the same crime incurs a similar penalty. A candidate is not even allowed to treat his supporters, under pain of being allowed to sit for that particular constituency.

There is a possibility of making laws so rigid that men cannot and will not keep them, and which consequently become first a farce and afterwards a dead letter. There is this danger in the Act under notice. It makes illegal practices which have so long prevailed in connection with the elections that they have come to be regarded as their natural and legitimate accompaniments. The idea of prohibiting a man from treating his friends at election time! But perhaps the clause means no more than an abolition of the custom of keeping open houses. But however the bill in its entirety may be found to work there is no doubt that the substitution of a judge for a committee of the House will be successful and satisfactory.

THE LEADER LABEL SUIT.—At the Court now sitting in Toronto, the proprietor of the Leader was sued for libel by Capt. Prince, Chief of Police, Toronto, for saying in November last that Prince was guilty of cowardice by pretending to be sick and selling out his commission in the army during the Crimean war. The jury was discharged, being unable to agree.

Mr. M. C. Cameron told some of his friends of the Georgian Bay Canal scheme, that if a paper was signed by a majority of his constituents expressing disapproval of his conduct in regard to the project, he would resign his seat in the cabinet.

An Irishman on hearing of a friend having a stone coffin made for himself, exclaimed: "By my soul and that a good idea. Sure and a stone coffin would last a man a life time."

The Mayor of Toronto states that \$1,900 in all, and 110 barrels of flour, have been sent from that city to the Red River Settlement. A few dollars yet remain in hand.

SNOW.—Frequent falls of snow continue to take place along the valley of the Ottawa, and in Lower Canada.—It is now three feet deep in the woods.

According to the Tribune, New York city consumes between 3 and 4 tons of hair at a cost of \$2,000 per annum for its wigs and chignons.

WHELAN.—The argument in the Whelan case comes up to-day in the Court of Appeal.

A fire broke out in the store of Frank Smith & Co., London, on Tuesday morning, and goods to the amount of \$40,000 were destroyed. Three-fourths of the amount are covered by insurance.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—The details of the Conference among the leading European powers, on the Eastern question, have been agreed on, and the session will begin on Saturday in Paris.

The sleeping car on the night mail from the Falls went down an embankment, at Eastwood, on Tuesday morning, and twelve out of the eighteen persons it contained were injured, two of them seriously.

The county council of Bruce have granted \$200 to the detective who followed up and apprehended the criminal Hong, murderer of Newtucker, thus showing their determination to assist in bringing such parties to justice.

DEATH OF MR. SHAW. M. P. P.—We regret to notice the death of William M. Shaw, member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the South Riding of Lanark, which took place on Wednesday morning. Mr. Shaw was a lawyer by profession, a man of amiable disposition, and generally more esteemed for his social virtues than for his intellectual powers.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Splendid bargains in Groceries, Haddies, &c., are now to be had at Geo. Wilkinson's.

CENTRE WELLINGTON ELECTION.

The Writ for the new election for the Centre Riding, addressed to Sheriff Grange, arrived to-day.

CARIBOO.—The Woodstock Sentinel says: We are pleased to learn by the Cariboo Sentinel that our townsman Dr. Robert W. W. Carrall, has been elected by acclamation to represent the District of Cariboo in the Legislative Council of British Columbia. After Dr. Carrall was declared elected he made an eloquent and effective speech to the electors present, in which he said that his great object, in seeking to become a member of the Legislative Council, was to advocate and if possible expedite the confederation of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, a consummation devoutly to be desired as a means tending to be beneficial to the social and political advancement of British Columbia.

ANNIVERSARY TEA MEETING.—The anniversary tea meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Church Sabbath School was held last (Wednesday) night in the Wesleyan church. There was a large attendance of scholars, as also their parents and others interested in Sabbath School work. After an excellent tea and abundant refreshments had been served to the company, the Rev. Mr. Griffin, pastor of the church, took the chair, and made some appropriate introductory remarks. He was followed by Rev. Messrs Ball, Wood, Howie and W. W. Clarke, who gave excellent and very suitable speeches. During the evening the splendid choir of the church, led by Mr. Wheatley, sang some beautiful anthems, to the great delight of all present. Recitations were also given by Ephraim Stevenson, Edwin Hutton, and Wesley Kirkland, and an excellent dialogue by Frank Hatch and Robt. Howie. The pieces were admirably recited, and elicited much applause. At the close the customary votes of thanks were given to the ladies, the choir &c. We are glad to learn that the Sabbath School is in a very flourishing condition, as may be inferred from the following figures. There are thirty-five officers and teachers attached to the school. The total number of scholars on the roll is 341; average attendance in the morning 58, in the afternoon 204. There are over 500 volumes in the library.

G. A. D. C.—We would wish our readers to bear in mind that the Guelph Amateur Dramatic Association give their first entertainment this season in the Town Hall, on next Monday evening, Jan. 4th, 1869. The entertainments given by them last season were very popular and largely attended, and we are assured that the coming season will not be behind its predecessor. There is no class of entertainment that deserves encouragement more than one of this kind. It takes weeks of preparation, labor and study to perfect each in his respective part, and enable him to "hold the mirror up to nature." The play chosen for next Monday is "The Drunkard, or the Fallen Saved," a moral, temperance drama which is sure to draw crowded houses whenever produced in large theatres, and is well patronized even by the clergy. The return home from college of the young heir, his marriage, his intemperate habits, his downward progress step by step, until reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and degradation, he turns to the universal antidote, the powerful conqueror of all earthly cares—Dearly is named like a "brand from the burning," gives up the horrid vice, and becomes once more a respectable member of society; in this play vividly pictured, and constitutes one of the best temperance lectures ever given. The Club have gone to great expense in procuring entirely new scenery for the play, and from a personal inspection of it, we think they deserve credit for encountering such a heavy expense at first, in order to put it on the boards in first-class style. We hope to see a crowded house on next Monday evening, as the performance will be for one night only.

DIED. Wilson.—In Guelph Township, on the 21st inst., after a short illness, William Wilson, aged 56 years. [The funeral will take place from his late residence, near the Eramosa Road, on Saturday, the 2nd January, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.]

New Advertisements.

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH COY. NOTICE is hereby given, that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices in Montreal, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of January next, at one o'clock, p.m., to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and generally to transact the business of the Company.

A Dividend of five per cent, for the half-year ending 20th November, has been declared upon the capital stock, which will be payable at the offices of the Company on and after Friday, 8th January.

The Transfer Books will be closed from 31st December till after the General Meeting. By order of this Board. JAMES DAKER, Secretary, December 27. 741

COTTAGE TO LET. To let a cottage opposite the farm of P. Gow, Esq., M. P. P., containing four rooms and a good cellar, 2 1/2 acres attached, splendid garden well stocked with fruit. A stable and one shed are attached to the house. Apply to MISS SMITH, Dressmaker, near Hat-t's Block. Guelph, 28th Dec. d101

WANTED, A STRONG, ACTIVE, INTELLIGENT BOY, to deliver the Toronto morning papers in Town, and learn the Book business. Apply at DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Dec. 29. d

WATCH LOST. Lost between Knox's Church and Rev. Mr. Ball's residence, on Sunday last, a lady's GOLD WATCH. The finder on returning it to Mr. Ball, or leaving it at the Mercury Office, will be suitably rewarded. Guelph, 29th Dec. d3

EDUCATIONAL. MRS. WM. BUDD, Organist of the Congregational Church, Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodion. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 30. d107-108

NOTICE. SILVER CREEK BREWERY. Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged. GEO. SLEEMAN, daw 11 Guelph, Nov. 20.

New Advertisements.

ARRIVED One Case Clouds, At 20c. 25c. and 30c. AT W. STEWART'S, Guelph, 31st December

GUELPH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

J. M. DUNN, B.A., LL.B., Head Master. G. H. PORTER, Assistant. The above School will be re-opened after the Christmas holidays, on MONDAY, 11th JAN. Fees in both Classical and English Departments 25 cents a month. H. W. PETERSON, Chairman Board School Trustees, Dec. 30.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The Law Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned is this day dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Webster, who has been appointed Deputy Registrar for the County of Wellington. Mr. Saunders continues the practice of the law in all its branches. Office, for the present, No. 4, Day's Block THOS. W. SAUNDERS, JAMES WEBSTER, Jr. Guelph, 24th December, 1868. d106-107

A Select Dramatic Entertainment.

Opening of the Season 1869. W. ANDERSON, President. THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager. PROF. VALE, Leader of Orchestra. The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will make their first appearance this season, in the TOWN HALL, Guelph, on the evening of MONDAY, the 4th of JANUARY. On which occasion will be produced the great MORAL TEMPERANCE DRAMA, in 5 Acts, entitled THE DRUNKARD!

THE DRUNKARD!

Or, The Fallen Saved! Being a powerful and vivid picture of the fall and downward progress of the victim of intemperance. The scenery to be used on this occasion is all new, and has been painted expressly for the Club. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50c. For particulars see programmes. Guelph, 24th Dec, do

THE BOUND VOLUME FOR 1868

OF THE British Workman Infants' Magazine Children's Friend Band of Hope Sunday at Home Leisure Hour TO HAVE AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 29th December. dw

THE WHEEL OF LIFE!

ZOETROPE and PLANCHETTE AT CUTHBERT'S. CUTHBERT'S ATTRACTIONS For the Present Holiday Season Exceed anything that has ever been in Guelph. CALL AND SEE. Guelph, December 25 dw

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England. Established in London, Oct. 1842 and in Guelph 1853. WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. DAY'S BLOCK, Opposite the Market Guelph. Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery. Guelph, December 17th dw

DYEING DAILY.

The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Hair Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all PERSONS WHO DYE To give him a call. Resuscitation guaranteed to perfection. J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.

F. M. WILSON, Banking, Exchange & Passage OFFICE, No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

American Money and Silver, Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold. Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, London, and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania, Havre, &c., via Leith. Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mail Line Steamship Company to California. Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

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No. 1 WHITE COAL OIL Of the best quality. Wholesale and Retail

E. HARVEY & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail MEDICAL HALL! E. HARVEY & CO., Guelph, December 21 dw

GIFTS AND PRESENTS FOR NEW YEAR.

Notwithstanding the tremendous rush at Christmas, there is still at J. HUNTER'S, Wyndham Street, Guelph, not only the largest and most select, but also the cheapest assortment of general FANCY GOODS AND TOYS, suitable for this season of the year to be found west of Toronto. Call and see. Writing Desks Dressing Cases Work Boxes, Ladies' Companions At less than Toronto Prices. Slippers, Ottomans, Wooll, Toys and Fancy Goods of refinement. J. HUNTER'S, Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St. Guelph, December 29th. dw

THE ROARIN' GAME.

New Year's Day CURLER'S BROOMS AT JOHN A. WOOD'S, Guelph, 30th December. dw

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market sheds. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage. Guelph, Dec 23 w4 B. B. PRESENT.

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph, November 19 daw 11

New Advertisement.

Retiring from the Retail Trade. ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OUT. WM. STEWART, In returning thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on him for the last thirteen years, respectfully intimates his intention of retiring from the Retail Business.

In order to facilitate the entire clearance of Stock, he will on WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, commence the GREAT SALE, when Goods will be offered at Cost, and in many cases under. The public should take advantage of this rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at the Lowest Prices ever offered in Guelph. The reputation of the Stock being so well known for extra quality, and being composed of New and Fashionable Goods, all may rely on extraordinary Bargains.

On and after the 2nd of January the Books will be closed, and during the sale Goods will be sold only FOR CASH.

N. B.—This is no clap-trap sale, as the subscriber is positively retiring. WILLIAM STEWART. Wyndham Street, Guelph } Dec. 30th, 1868. dw

COME EARLY TO-NIGHT

AND SECURE A KEG OR CAN OF THOSE FAMOUS BALTIMORE OYSTERS! THAT CAME DIRECT TO HUGH WALKER. TREMENDOUS ARRIVALS. Tremendous arrivals. Express heavily laden daily with Oysters for H. WALKER. HADDIES that are Haddies. None of your stale trash kept. ORANGES and LEMONS—Beautiful Oranges and Lemons just arrived this day. HUGH WALKER, Guelph, 31st December. dw Wholesale and Retail, Guelph

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ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

WHOLESALE. NOW OPENING. Another Shipment of Glassware! CONSISTING OF IN PART Tumblers, Goblets, Wines Decanters, Celery Glasses Butters, Sugars and Creams Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars Preserve Dishes, in great variety Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames Bird Fountains, Bird Seed Boxes, Bird Baths Lamp Chimneys Specia Jars, Japanned Covers &c. &c. &c. R. RAE & CO. IMPORTERS. Guelph, 28th December. dw

SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED,

And is superintending the RETAIL DEPARTMENT of the Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works THE MAMMOTH CAKE To be Cut and Sold at 30c. per lb., worth 50c. Every person should have a piece of the LARGEST CAKE EVER MADE IN THE DOMINION. Please leave your order by Wednesday evening. Also, an endless variety of GOODS for Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts! For large and small. Come one and all, come all, and see for yourselves. H. BERRY. Guelph, Dec. 21, 1868. daw 11

POETRY.

Old Year, a kind Good-night.  
Old Year, a kind good-night,  
Your reign is almost o'er,  
Soon we'll see your face no more  
And it makes us very sad to part from you.  
Old friends, both true and tried,  
We have journey'd side by side -  
In your beauty and your pride,  
And your gifts to us were neither mean nor few.  
All the hours of joy you cast  
O'er our lives, will soon be past,  
For too bright were they to last,  
But the friends you gave to us are kind and true,  
And for this we hold you dear,  
Love your very name, Old Year,  
Mourn our parting is so near,  
And the hours you have to live have grown so few.  
So Old Year, a kind good-night,  
Your reign is almost o'er,  
Soon we'll see your face no more,  
And it makes us very sad to part from you.  
But we long to see the Night  
Going hand in hand with Light,  
And triumph in the fight,  
Over darkness and oppression in the New.  
HETTY HAZELWOOD.

The Grave of the Year.

Be composed every toil and each turbulent motion  
That encircle the heart in life's treacherous snares,  
And the hour that invites to the calm of devotion  
Undisturbed by regret, unencumbered with cares.  
How cheerless the late blooming face of creation;  
Weary time seems to pass in his rapid career,  
And, fatigued with the work of his own dissolution,  
Looks behind with a smile—On the grave of the year.  
Hark! the wind rustles rudely—the shadows are closing,  
That envelop his broad path in the mantle of night;  
Whistling pleasure's gay sons are in quiet reposing,  
Undisturbed at the wrecks that have numbered his flight.  
From your temple where fashion's bright tapers are lighted,  
Her votaries in crowds, decked with garlands,  
And (as yet) their gay hopes by no spectres affrighted,  
Assembled to dance round the grave of the year.  
Oh! I hate the stale cup which the idlers have tasted,  
When I think of the ill of life's uncomfortable day,  
How the flowers of my childhood their verdure have wasted,  
And the friends of my youth have been taken away.  
They think not how fruitless the warmest endeavor,  
To recall the kind moments neglected when near,  
When the hours that oblivion has cancelled for ever,  
Are interred, by her hand, in the grave of the year.

Since thy last solemn reign of this day of reflection,  
When throughs have relinquished life's perishing breath;  
How many have shed their last tear of dejection,  
And close their dim eye in the darkness of death.  
How many have sudden their pilgrimage ended,  
Beneath the low pall that envelopes their bier,  
Or to death's lonesome valley have slowly descended,  
And made their cold beds with the grave of the year.  
'Tis the year that so late its new beauties disclose,  
Rose bright on the happy, the careless and gay;  
Who now on the pillows of dust are reposing,  
Where the sod presses damp on their bosoms of clay.  
Then talk not of bliss while her smile is expiring,  
Disappointment still dwells in its misery's tear;  
Reflect and be wise, for the day is retiring,  
And to-morrow will dawn on the grave of the year.

Yet awhile and to seasons around us will flourish,  
But silence for each her dark mansions prepare,  
Where beauty no longer her roses shall nourish,  
Nor the lily o'erspread the wan cheek of despair;  
But the eye shall with lustre unfading be brightened,  
When it wakes the true bliss in your orient sphere,  
By sunbeams and splendour immortal enlightened,  
Which no more shall go down on the grave of the year.

Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet.

The London Telegraph of the 9th Dec. thus speaks of the personnel of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet:—  
"The Cabinet is at last completed, and some advance has been made even in what are called the subordinate appointments. The definitive list will be found in another column. It certainly is sufficiently 'strong,'—if that be the right word—in Peers. The contemporary which has of late appointed itself to the honorary, though not very high, office of Peers to the House of Lords, may sing an evening song of thanksgiving as it recites the titled roll. To give Deacons his due, his sacred pages enshrine statesmen who would be eminent even if they were not grandees of the British Empire; but as we read the catalogue of titles, 'Argyle, Clarendon, Granville, De Grey, Kimberley, Hartington,'—the six Lords appointed to Cabinet offices—we are obliged to confess that most of them might have failed to prove themselves 'leading men,' if they had not been born Peers. The Commoners in the Cabinet are Messrs. Bright, Bruce, Cardwell, Childers, Fortescue, Goschen, and Lowe. Of Mr. Bright's claims it is needless to speak; and there can be no doubt that his presence is significant. We know that his acceptance of the Board of Trade, rather than a Secretaryship of State, is his own choice; yet many persons will believe that the post allotted to him is hardly worthy of his reputation or just influence, and hardly commensurate with his past services and unabated political power. Still, he is a Cabinet Minister, and the advanced Liberalism of the time will be ably represented by him in the councils of our rulers. But when we name Mr. Bright, we name the only man in the new Cabinet who represents the Radical school. Mr. Cardwell originally belonged to the Conservative side, being distinguished among the immediate followers of Peel; Mr. Childers, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Bruce are most intelligent Liberals, but are not known as belonging to the 'advanced' school. Mr. Fortescue has thoroughly statesmanlike views, and is personally popular in England as well as in Ireland. Mr. Lowe is an Adullamite; and the rest are Whigs. We have heard that on Monday evenings Brook's was in a ferment; it was said that, for the first time since the Deluge, there was to be a new Liberal Cabinet without the due admixture of Whigs; but Brook's must now be more than satisfied. The Whig element so largely dilutes the Cabinet, that it is difficult to detect the Radical flavour. Mr. Bright, of course, is there, but one Radical among so many is not much; can so little heaven lighten the whole lump? The Duke of Argyll is a Whig, Lord Clarendon is a Whig, Lord Granville is a Whig, Lord Kimberley is a Whig, Lord Hartington is a Whig, Lord De Grey is 'something' more; but still a Whig. It would almost seem as if Herod's line, a little altered, must be applied to Downing street: 'A sense of Whiggery the spirit daunted, And said, as plain as whieper in the ear, 'The place is haunted'—by the family ghosts—the Bishops in livery, of the old great houses. In this particular aspect of the Cabinet, one thing is truly lucky: Mr. Gladstone offered places to Lord Russell and Sir George Grey, and both declined. Had they accepted, there would have been eight Whigs in office; but it is something, it shows that 'the earth still moves' when—mirabile dictu—the satirists are for once unable to reiterate their taunt that a Liberal Cabinet cannot be constructed without a Russell and without a Grey."

**FIRE AT AMHERSTBURG.**—It appears that the portion of the lunatic asylum destroyed by fire at Amherstburg, was attached from the main building, and that only one of the inmates was suffocated. The building referred to was occupied only by unruly patients, among the number being a colored woman known as "Black Nancy," and a white woman whose name is unknown. In order to prevent accidents and to guard against any freaks of fancy the inmates might be disposed to execute, a heavy wire screen was constructed around and over the stove which heated the place. The white woman alluded to above, however, seems to have overcome all difficulties, to have set the place on fire, and paid the forfeit with her life. She managed to thrust a portion of her bed clothes through the screen upon the stove, and by this method set the place on fire. The building was pretty badly burned, and she was found quite dead, and is supposed to have been choked with the smoke. "Black Nancy" was taken from the building as was supposed in a dying condition, but will recover from the effects of the heat and smoke.

Special Notices.

**ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM!**  
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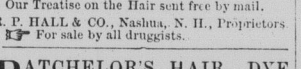
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It has now been before the Public for a number of years and has gained for itself a  
**World-Wide Reputation.**  
Physicians recommend it in their practice and the formula from which it is prepared is highly commended by Medical Journals, all the Druggists and get a pamphlet. Every Druggist sells the Balsam.  
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Our Renewer is not a Dye—it will not stain the skin as others. It will keep the hair from falling out. It cleanses the Scalp, and makes the Hair Soft, Lustrous and Silken.  
Our Treatise on the Hair sent free by mail.  
R. P. HALL & CO., Nashua, N. H., Proprietors.  
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**ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 1869.**  
**TOWN OF GUELPH**  
THE VOTE AND INTEREST OF THE Electors are respectfully solicited in favor of  
**Mr. ROBT. MELVIN**  
FOR MAYOR.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**  
The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as  
**New RUSTIC Accessories.**  
He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds  
**From the Locket to Life Size**  
Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.  
Copping of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.  
In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.  
Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens at his prices.  
Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.  
Guelph, December 12. W. H. BURGESS. dw

**Removal.—Card of Thanks.**  
  
WM. HOOVER,  
CABMAN and Livery Stable Keeper, begs to thank his patrons and the public for their support, and to inform them that he has removed to the New Stone Stable, in rear of Miller's Hotel,  
**WEST MACDONNELL STREET**  
Orders may be left at his office in the Stable, a his house, near the Alma Block, or at Miller's Hotel, and will be promptly attended to.  
**THE CAB STAND**  
For the winter will be at the corner of Mr. Hogg's Dry Goods Store.  
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1868. 43m

**Something New!**  
JUST RECEIVED at the Dominion Store, a very nice assortment of  
**Men's Underclothing,**  
and Socks, also,  
**Ladies' Breakfast Shawls**  
Stockings of all colors, of the best quality made and can be bought cheap.  
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The Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in town, including English, Fingering, Clondel, Berlin, double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns.  
Stamping and braiding done to order.  
Guelph, Oct. 15 1868. MRS. ROBINSON. dw

**FUNERALS**  
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**WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER.**  
CHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, N. Douglas Street. Hours in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.  
The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend  
**FUNERALS.**  
As usual in Town and Country. Collins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. WM. BROWNLOW. dw  
Dec. 29, 1868.

FRUITS.

FRUITS SOLD  
EXTREMELY CHEAP  
DURING THE  
HOLIDAYS  
AT  
E. CARROLL & CO'S.,  
Day's 2 Block.

Guelph, December 21st. dw

**PETRIE'S DRUG STORE,**  
OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK.

**A Very Superior Article**  
NOW ON HAND.  
**AT PETRIE'S**  
Drug Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph

**COAL OIL!**  
NOW ON HAND.  
**AT PETRIE'S**  
Drug Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph

**150 Cutters for Sale**  
I. X. L.  
CARRIAGE WORKS,  
Awarded at Provincial Fairs 1866. Four First Prizes.  
1868 Five First Prizes.

**THE GUELPH BAKERY**  
Upper Wyndham Street.

**EXECUTORS' NOTICE.**  
All parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned.  
GEORGE ELLIOTT,  
NATHANIEL H. BIRNBOHAM,  
EDWARD BLAKE, Executors  
Guelph, Nov. 6. dw

**SALT SALT**  
Wholesale and Retail at  
**A. H. R. KENNEDY'S**  
FLOUR AND FEED STORE,  
UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH  
Guelph, July 14. dw-tf

Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to

JOHN R. PORTE'S

JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE,  
Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street

The following choice articles will be found in Stock:  
**Ladies' Companions**  
**Ladies' Work Boxes**  
**Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks**  
**Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c.**

WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY

Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.  
Guelph, 17th December dw

JOHN R. PORTE.

**B. L. S.**  
Lately with Messrs. James Massie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of

Groceries, Wines and Liquors

**DINNER and TEA SETS, GLASSWARE, &c.**  
Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the Store.

Next Door to THE ALMA BLOCK, Guelph.

**LANGDON**  
FOR WINES and LIQUORS.  
For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.

**LANGDON**  
FOR TEAS.  
For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY.

**LANGDON**  
FOR SUGARS.  
For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE.

JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. SALT; 100 Bbls and hlf bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 50 bbls. Labrador HERRING.  
Guelph, 15th December. daw

Sale of Cloths and Clothing!

A. THOMSON & CO.

WOULD intimate that as their Mr. Thomson is retiring from business, the whole of their store must be sold and the business wound up. To facilitate this, they have determined to

Commence a Clearing Sale on Monday 21st Dec.,  
When they will offer their immense stock of

**Cloths and Clothing, Shirts, Drawers, Hats, Caps, &c.**

AT COST AND UNDER. As this is a rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at auction prices, they would recommend all to take advantage of the great bargains which shall be given. There will positively be no credit given during this sale. All indebted to the firm are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts at once.

Guelph, 17th December 1868

A. THOMSON & CO

Distinguished Arrivals

AT  
**A. O. BUCHAM'S.**

An Immense Stock of CLOTHS, in every color, from Three York Shillings up  
Another lot of the co. extra

"GRECIAN BEND."

THE  
**AMERICAN "FELT SKIRTS,"**  
Something quite new for Ladies and Misses

**DRESS AND JACKET BUTTONS,** a splendid lot just in.  
**BREAKFAST SHAWLS** for \$1 and \$1 25, worth nearly double the money.  
**DUNDAS COTTONS** at 10c. 11c. 12c. An extra heavy article, 1 yard wide, 14c

**BLANKETS**—On hand, 200 pair extra heavy Canada Blankets, from \$2.50 up, well adapted to meet the wants of the people during the cold weather.

**LADIES OF GUELPH!**  
Visit our establishment during the coming week. We are now opening up and showing an immense stock of New Goods suited for the present season, at remarkable prices. Call and see.

Guelph, December 19. dw

A. O. BUCHAM.

The Sale of Cloths, Clothing, AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,

STILL GOING ON  
**AT JAMES CORMACK'S,**  
MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

now on hand the Largest, Best Assorted and

Cheapest Stock of Goods in the Province,

Being purchased by and the Clothing manufactured under the personal superintendence of the subscriber, he can with confidence recommend them to his numerous customers and the public. Another lot of these FINE

BEAVER OVERCOATS

Just made. Will arrive in a few days,  
**ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE CHEAP SHIRTS AND DRAWERS**  
For which there has been such a run. Keep up the demand, and I will keep up the supply at as low prices as can be bought at cost or under.

Guelph, December 19th. dw

JAMES CORMACK.

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

**APPRENTICE WANTED.**  
Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once  
Guelph, 3rd December.

**ELECTION OF SCOTTISH PEERS.**—The election of the sixteen Representative Peers for Scotland took place at Holyrood on Dec. 3rd. Eighteen Peers were present, and twenty-five others voted by proxy and signed lists. When the votes came to be summed up, the Earl of Perth and the Earl of Strathmore, being in a minority, were struck off. The Earl of Kellie and Lord Hollo (L) between whom the contest chiefly lay, were found to have an equal number of votes, and consequently a decision remains to be made as to which of them is to draw off the trade from the country. We can however afford to wait a while and see what they do. If the council will go upon the plan of "first come first served," we certainly hope that the Broad Gange will come first, as we never looked with favor upon the child's play plan. Should a bonus be granted, we hope that it will not define the line that is to be taken through the country; and that no company will try and promise a railway by every man's door, but that they will attentively and impartially look at the country as a whole and determine upon that line which will be the best for the country. Upon such a principle we would very calmly await the result.

**BRIGGS' MODERN CURATIVE FOR CORNS, BUNIONS, INGROWING NAILS, TENDER FEET, &c.**—It is the safest and most efficacious remedy ever discovered for the cure and prevention of ailments of the feet. It is not potash or acid, but a soothing, softening and healing ointment warranted not to injure the most delicate foot, but will soon effect a radical cure of those vexatious torments of the human family. There is no remedy equal to an operation by a skillful chiropodist. When this is not convenient, BRIGGS' MODERN CURATIVE comes as an angel of mercy. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., and druggists generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, agents for British Possessions.

It is said that Col. Grey, M. P., has been receiving \$200 per day ever since he was appointed Dominion arbitrator between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, although the arbitrators have never yet been called together, or performed any of the duties of the office.

**Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry**  
This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs; while even Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

**UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.**  
From Andrew Archer, Esq., of Fairfield, Me.  
"About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the Lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a "Seated Consumption." He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition, for it is, I think, all it purports to be. THE GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIMES. The above statement, gentlemen, is my voluntary offering to you in favor of your Balsam, and at the same time a warning to the public to be on their guard against cheap imitations. Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SON, 18 Tremont-st., Boston, and for sale by all druggists generally."

**GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.**  
AMESBURY, Mass., Oct. 13th, 1864.  
MR. GRACE—SIR, Having been afflicted grievously for several weeks with a severe sore upon my side, I used several remedies for its eradication without receiving any relief, until I applied your salve, which effected a speedy and permanent cure. I therefore feel happy to certify confidence in its virtues. Yours with respect,  
JAMES DEAN.  
I certify to the truthfulness of the above statement.  
H. S. DEARBORN, M.D.  
SETH W. FOWLE & SON, Boston, Proprietors Sold by all Druggists, and at all Wholesale and Retail Agents. Northrup & Tynan, General Agents, Newcastle, Ont. law 17

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**  
If you want superior LAMP OIL that will give a cheerful light call at  
**JOHN HORSMAN'S.**  
If you want first-class LAMP GLASSES that will not easily break go to  
**JOHN HORSMAN'S.**  
If you want good WICKS go to  
**JOHN HORSMAN'S.**

**COMMERCIAL.**  
Guelph Markets  
MERCUY OFFICE, GUELPH, Dec. 31, 1868.

Flour # 100 lbs	2 50	@	2 75
Paik Wheat, 4 bush	1 10	@	1 13
Spring Wheat # bush	0 98	@	1 00
Oats # bush	0 52	@	0 53
Peas do	0 80	@	0 85
Barley do	1 10	@	1 20
Hay # ton	8 00	@	8 00
Straw	3 00	@	4 00
Shingles, # square	4 00	@	3 50
Wood, # cord	3 00	@	3 50
Wood	0 24	@	0 25
Eggs, # dozen	2 20	@	2 37
Butter, (store packed) # lb	0 18	@	0 19
do (dairy packed) # lb	0 20	@	0 22
Geese, each	0 30	@	0 35
Turkeys each	0 37	@	1 10
Chickens, # pair	0 20	@	0 25
Ducks, do	1 00	@	1 50
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	@	1 25
Apples, # bag	1 00	@	1 25
Lamb, # lb	0 04	@	0 05
Beef, # lb	4 00	@	7 00
Beef, # lb	0 05	@	0 12
Pork, # 100 lbs.	7 00	@	8 25
Sheep Pelts each	0 50	@	1 00
Lambskins	0 50	@	1 00
Hides	5 50	@	6 25

**Money Market.**  
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, Dec. 31, 1868.  
Gold, 155  
Greenbacks 77 at 77 to 73, sold at 73 to 74.  
Silver bought at 4 dis.; sold at 4.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c, 40 00

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**  
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury."  
Montreal, December 31, 1868.  
Flour—Extra, \$5 40 to \$5 50; Fancy, \$5 05 to \$5 10; Wellhead Canal Superfine, \$4 95 to \$5 00  
Superfine No. 1 Canada wheat, \$4 90 to \$5 10  
Superfine No. 1 Western wheat, \$4 95 to \$5 00  
No. 2 do, \$4 80 to \$4 90; Bag Hour, \$2 40 to \$2 50  
Wheat—Canada Fall, \$1 14 to \$1 15; Spring, \$1 15 to \$1 16; Western, \$1 10 to \$1 11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 45c to 46c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1 20 to \$1 30. Butter—dairy, 20c to 22c; store packed 18c to 20c. Ashes—Pots \$3 40 to \$5 45, pearls \$5 60 to \$5 65. Pork—Mess, \$21 50 to \$21 50; Prime, \$7 00 to \$7 50. Peas, 92c to 94c.

**TORONTO MARKETS.**  
Toronto, Dec. 30.  
Fall wheat \$1 10 to \$1 15; spring wheat \$1 00 to \$1 05; flour, No. 1 super, \$4 60, extra \$5 25; barley \$1 25; peas, 55c to 54c; oats, 55c to 54c.

**HAMILTON MARKETS.**  
Hamilton, Dec. 30.  
Barley, 1 25 to 1 35; peas, 55c to 56c; oats, 55c to 55c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 05; white wheat, 1 15 to 1 20; red winter, 1 00 to 1 03.

**EVENING DRESSES**  
**HEFFERNAN BROS.**

ARE now opening out a choice assortment of NEW AND FASHIONABLE Materials for BALL AND EVENING DRESSES.  
**Irish Poplins**  
**Colored Crapes**  
**Colored Tulle**  
**Fancy Alpacas**  
Muslins, Tulle, &c. ALEXANDER AND OTHER WHITE KIDS—Cheap. A beautiful variety of  
**SILK and VELVET RIBBONS for SASHES**  
Artificial Wreaths, Head-Dresses, &c.  
**HONITUN, CLUNY, AND VALENTIENNES LACE SETS, COIFFURES, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.**  
OPERA CLOAKS—New, Fashionable and Cheap.

**HEFFERNAN BROTHERS.**  
Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph.

**CARD.**  
**James Massie & Co.,**  
Have pleasure in intimating the re-opening of their RETAIL STORE in the recently re-erected "ALMA BLOCK." Having given special attention to the selection of suitable and seasonable articles, they can, with confidence, recommend their FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c., to their numerous friends and customers, who will ever find an ample stock of superior goods, and a courteous welcome at the ALMA BLOCK."  
Guelph, 9th Dec., 1868. law 17

**MASON & HAMLIN**  
CABINET AND METROPOLITAN ORGANS,  
Have Just ARRIVED at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE.

They are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than Three Hundred prominent American artists, and a great many European musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These Organs are provided with all the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS, including the  
**Mason & Hamlin Improved Vox Humana, or Fan Tremolo,**  
Which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effect, including a remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the nearest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the MASON & HAMLIN Company are now so great that they can afford and undertake to furnish, not only the best, but also the Lowest Priced Organs made. Every instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$30 to \$1000 and upwards.  
Illustrated Catalogues with full description and prices of the various styles of Instruments sent free to any applicant. **Canvassing Agents Wanted.**  
**W. WARNER CLARKE,**  
Guelph, Dec. 13. law 17 Market Square, Guelph

**A CARD to THE PUBLIC.**  
**THE GOLDEN LION**

It is certainly marvelous that any community should be so favored over the great success that has attended the efforts of MR. HOGG to obtain in the first Manufacturing Districts of the World the very excellent, novel and substantial fabrics in all of the various classes of  
**Fancy and Staple Dry Goods & Millinery**  
Shawls, Bonnets and Mantles,  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**  
Buffalo Skins, Grain Bags, &c.

Indeed everything in the Mercantile line usually kept in a first-class establishment. That MR HOGG'S efforts have been crowned with unprecedented success is beyond a doubt. The great Bargains that he is daily giving causes his immense establishment to be crowded from early morning until night. His stock to select from is so large and varied that parties get suited without loss of time, let their taste be ever so different; and in addition, by being able to import all of his goods direct from the Manufacturers, to offer a saving of 12 1/2 per cent (12 1/2 cents on every dollar, over any establishment in Town.  
All classes and descriptions of Clothing made to order by a first-class cutter and sent free of charge to any part of Canada.  
**JOHN HOGG,**  
Guelph October 31st, 1868. Golden Lion, Guelph

**WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY.**  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block.  
JOHN A. McMILLAN is now turning out over six hundred pairs of Boots and Shoes per week at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. An immense Stock of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Children's  
**RUBBER OVER SHOES AND BOOTS**  
At the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. The cheapest and best Boots in the County of Wellington, without exception, are got at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory. Ten thousand people can testify to the fact.  
Observe, you lose money if you do not get your Boots and Shoes from John A. McMillan, Boot Maker for the million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.  
**J. A. McMILLAN, Proprietor.**  
Guelph, 31 Oct. Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.



**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
GENERAL AGENTS,  
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, GUELPH,  
Agents for investing Money for the  
**TRUST and LOAN COMPANY**  
OF UPPER CANADA, AND  
**THE CANADA PERMANENT BUILDING and SAVINGS SOCIETIES**  
OF TORONTO.

THESE Companies afford every facility to the borrower, and give him the privilege of either retaining the principal for a term of years or paying it off by instalments extending over any term of years up to 15.  
**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,**  
Have also a large amount of  
**PRIVATE FUNDS**  
On hand for Investment.  
Money Invested and interest collected Mortgages bought subject to examination of title, and valuation of property offered.  
Debentures, Stocks and Securities of all kinds negotiated.

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
Are Agents for the  
**Royal Insurance Co'y**  
OF ENGLAND.  
CAPITAL - - \$10 000 000.  
**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
are Agents for the  
**STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,**  
Established - - - in 1825.  
The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested Funds, viz: \$18,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK**  
Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.  
Also, Town Lots and Houses  
In Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

**FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.**  
For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hard wood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered. The speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 26x40 feet, a stone kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30x50 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosa to Fergus, and is distant from that village 8 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or if by letter (post paid) to  
**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,**  
Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph.

**BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE.**  
MR. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on  
**Wednesday, 6th January, 1869**  
At one o'clock, p. m.  
Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street Guelph, on which there is a two-story house—part brick, part stone—containing nine rooms, with good cellar, woodshed, hard and soft water, stable, cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: one-tenth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or if by letter (post paid) to  
For further particulars apply to  
**DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,**  
Guelph, Dec. 16. Agents for the Vendor.

**MONTREAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
**GUELPH AGENCY.**  
**CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.**  
**GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.**  
CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool, \$83.50 and \$95.50  
STEERAGE, do do \$32.00  
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$73.50  
INTERMEDIATE, do do \$47.00  
STEREAGE, do do \$31.00  
Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, late-rooms and every information apply to  
**GEO. A. OXNARD,**  
Agent, G. T. R., Guelph  
Guelph, April 1, 1868. law 17

**CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.**  
LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queens town or Liverpool.  
**FARE FROM HAMILTON**  
First Cabin, - - - \$37, gold value  
Steerage - - - 29, " "  
Berths not earned until paid for. For further particulars apply to  
**CHARLES T. JONES & CO.**  
Exchange Brokers, Hamilton,  
Agents for the Erie and New York Railway, Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value  
Hamilton 1st June, 1868. dw

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company**  
HARTFORD CONN.

WOODRIDGE S. OLMSTED, Secretary. | GUY R. PHELPS, President. | ZEPHANIAH PRISTON, V. Pres.  
EDWIN W. BRYANT, Actuary. | LUCIAN S. WILCOX, Medical Examiner.  
**ORGANIZED IN 1846. - - - CHARTER PERPETUAL.**  
The largest Mutual Life Insurance Company, number of over 50,000 members. A purely Mutual Company—its Assets being exclusively its members.  
**ASSETS, \$21,000,000.**—Acquired by prudent and economical management of twenty-two years, without the aid of a single dollar of original capital.  
**SURPLUS ASSETS, \$6,361,067.**—All profits divided among the members. Each policy holder is a member. There are no stockholders.  
**ITS LARGE DIVIDENDS.**—They have averaged over 50 per cent. annually. Total amount of dividends paid the members since its organization, \$4,307,142.  
**ITS SUCCESS UNPARALLELED.**—It has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Total amount of losses paid by the Company, \$6,865,525.  
**ITS RESPONSIBILITY.**—For every \$100 of Liabilities, it has \$154 of Assets.  
LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.  
Amount insured fiscal year 1867 ..... \$45,647,101.00  
Income received " " " " ..... 7,530,886.19  
During its last fiscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its deceased members, nearly \$2,000,000, and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to its accumulated capital. The whole record of this Company has been one of prudent management and prosperous advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its rate of expenses to income has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.  
**ITS LIBERALITY.**—It accommodates the insured by giving credit for part premium, and grants insurance to meet all the contingencies and wants to which Life Insurance is applicable. Its issues policies on a single life from \$100 to \$25,000.  
Amount deposited with Receiver General of Canada, \$140,000.  
Medical Referee—DR. HEROD. DANIEL D. SILLS, General Agent for Canada.  
**GEORGE ROBINS, Agent for Guelph.**  
Guelph, 28th December.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**  
**Beautiful Jewellery!**

When you buy your Christmas Presents,  
DON'T FORGET TO CALL AND SEE  
**D. SAVAGE'S**  
Beautiful Stock of Jewellery.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, 18th December. dw

**BUSINESS STILL GOOD**  
AT THE  
**BRADFORD HOUSE**  
DRESS GOODS!  
Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.  
**JACKETS! JACKETS!**  
Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Seal-skin Jackets, Whitney,—Black and Coloured. Peterash,—Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of  
**FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.**

**Table Linen and Sheetings.**  
The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

**MILLINERY!**  
For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.  
For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.  
The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE  
**PHILIP BISH**  
Wyndham St. et. Guelph, November 2. law 17

**JACKSON & HALLETT, GROCERS,**  
NO. 7, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

We have ALWAYS ON HAND as below, which will be sold as CHEAP as quality will allow  
**Hyson, Japan, Congu and Gunpowder Teas,**  
Which for Strength and Flavour is not to be surpassed  
**McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal. Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal**  
Fruit and Fish. Cigars, Pickles, &c.

**WANTED,**  
Keep the feet dry, and the head cool.  
Customers to buy out one of the Largest and Cheapest stocks of  
**BOOTS AND SHOES**  
TO BE FOUND IN GUELPH.  
**JOHN CRIDIFORD**  
INVITES inspection to his stock of NEW FALL GOODS, which have been purchased from the best makers, and can be warranted as equal to any in the market for Style, Durability or Cheapness.  
Remember that the spot for Cheap Boots and Shoes is the **Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, No. 41, Wyndham-st., Guelph.** FOR CASH ONLY.  
Guelph, September 26th dw



**JOHN CRIDIFORD**  
Guelph, September 26th dw