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GUELPH, ON., CANADA, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23, 1867.

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The Municipal Elections now absorb

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The Victuallers Association in a New Character.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

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BRITISH AM ERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. PRIZE PENMANSHIP! Superior Advantages Offered !

THE attention of young man looking forward to mercartile life is expectly requested to the interest young man looking forward to make the man and the life of the college, which afford every possible advantage and facility for according a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business labits. The great characteristic of this institution is its actual business system. It is not only the first College in British America in which the system is related by the likewise the only one in which that system is related by the likewise the only one in which that system is related by the likewise the only one in which that system is related by the likewise the only one in which that system is related by the likewise the only one in which that system is related by the likewise the only one in which that system is related by the likewise the only one in which was conventionally through the course is ready on getting his discharge of the likewise the likewise the only one in which was conventional to the likewise the like

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FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

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HORSES FOR HIRE. PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horse es and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hote.

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Quelph, Oct. 7, 1867.

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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 yurd.

Guelph, 25th November, 1887.

The Wizard Soap

W. F. FOX & CO. HAVE commenced to manufacture the cele-brated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is su-

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING

IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR. pes not injure the hands, takes less [laboves the clothes a better appearance.

Sold at one-third the price of any soap of the same quality in the market—14 lbs. for 50 cents. Orders sent to W. F. FOX & CO., Woolwich-st.

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STRAY CATTLE.

CAME on the premises of the understreed on the 9th December 1867, 9 Heifers 3 years old, and one two years old. The dyner can have them by proving property and paying expense.

WARREN JESTIN, Lot 2, 12th Concession, Township of Garafraxa. Gnelph, Dec. 18, 1867. (w 3)

Store House to Rent.

RENT, the premises formerly known as williams old Brewery, with three floors 80 feet long by 25 wide, suitable for cit. williams on the total part of the Market Square. Apply to WILLIAM DYSON.

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Office over Berry's Confection Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 4th December, 1867.

Evening Mercuny OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

MONDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 23.

Local News.

The attention of the members of St. George's Church, Guelph, is requested to an advertisement in another column touching the Christmas offertory.

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brasil. Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

INCORPORATION .- A meeting of the good people of Durham was convened on Wednesday evening, last to consider the propriety of having the village incorporated. After considerable warm discussion and cross-firing, a resolution in favour of incorporation was put to the meeting, when it was declared to be lost.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey, Old Rye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

ACCIDENTAL POISONING.—The Brant ford Expositor says:—A daughter of Mr. R. Gripton drank a quantity of oxalic acid yesterday morning, and but little hope is entertained of her recovery.

The Chimney of the NEW COAL OIL BURNER can be taken off at any time without burning the fingers.—
To be had at MR. HORSMAN'S.

If you want Wine, Brandy, Rum, Gis, Extra Old Rye, Malt, Scotch Family Whiskeys, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62½c. per lb. by JAS.
MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

NORTH WARD SCHOOL .- In addition to the usual quarterly examination by the Rev. R. Torrance, Local Superintendent, the pupils of the above school have been subjected by their teachers to a thorough examination, extending through the entire last week of the term. In the senior division the subjects were reading, spelling, tables, grammer, geography, writing, theoretical, practical and mental arithmetic. In the junior division the subjects were reading, spelling, tables, arithmetic and scripture history. The 59 pupils in the Senior Division received 2554 tickets, each ticket representing a correct answer to a question on one of the above subjects. The 55 pupils attending the Junior Division received 1432 tickets for similar answers. After the examination, the teachers distributed a few small prizes to the most deserving: Frank Packham for the highest number in four classes; to Matthew Parker for being the most diligent boy in the school, and to Georgina Armstrong for being the most diligent girl. John Harding, Ernest Evatt and Rowland Hewer, nearly equal in the 2nd divison of the 4th book class. Phobe Crowe, Duncan McCrea, Lewis Packham, Henry Barry, Daniel Cass, Joseph Bruce, Ellen Parker, Will Wells and Ellen Church, were nearly equal in the C division of the 3rd book class. Samuel Kirk, James Hunter, James and Eliza Turnbull, Mary Howling, and Alfred Harley were nearly equal in the C division of the 3rd book class. The pupils who excelled in the Junior division were Eliza Graffey, Ellen Armstrong, in scripture history; Robert Johnson, Geo. Fenwick and Alex McDougall, in tables and arithmetic; W Murchy and Robt Stuart, in spelling, and Agnes Wallis and Wim Tovell, in general good conduct. Of the sixty pupils who write in copy-books, 26 were awarded a small prize by Mr Torrance for excellent writing, according to their various ages.

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Stock of Articles suitable for Christ-mas Presents.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

Monday 23 — Eliza Jane Wise, for disorderly conduct was dismissed, upon pledging her word that she would leave

w. P. Herney and David Herkimer two Indians, or half breeds, are under the care of the Chief Constable for stealing horses in the County of Middlesex, but they have not yet been tried.

A superior lot of Axe Handles just in at John Horsman's.

Good sleighing in Washington and Louisville, three hundred miles south of this latitude.

Hays city, Kansas, has not a house within its limits that is four months old, but it has four thousand inhabitants and a newspaper. Goderich Salt is only to be

had at John A. Wood's.

borer: Spend your hard earned money where you can get the most General Groceries for the holidays at the lowest prices. This is at Geo. Wilkinson's, Wyndham-st., Guelph:

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Guelph Dec. 21st, 1867. STILTON CHEESE.--Ingersoll Fac-tory Cheese at John A. Wood's. MUNICIPAL NOMINATION.

THE MAYOR, REEVE & DEPUTY REEVE all the attention of the free and indepen-dent, particularly the knowing ones, who have certain claims to the title of politi-cal and municipal jockeys. Indeed, the crop of candidates is large, and promises to increase on or before the day of nomi-nation, and if the business talent posses-

The nominations of Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeves, for the corporation of the Town of Guelph, took place in the Town Hall to-day (Monday) at 10 a.m. James Hough, Esq., Returning Officer, read the notice convening the meeting, but nearly twenty minutes were allowed to elapse before anything else was done. The attendance was moderately large.

Mr. P. Gow, at the expiration of the period we have mentioned, cane on the platform and said the time had again come round to elect a chief magistrate, a reeve, and two deputy reeves. He had much pleasure in rising to nominate as his successor a gentleman who, he felt certain, would give universal satisfaction to the ratepayers. The position is one of responsibility, and he believed that before any person were elevated to it he should be able to show that he had done the municipality and the State some service—Col. Higriphotham hed least and faithfully performed his duty in the Council, and had been for a lengthened period an active and energetic member of the Volunteer force. He thought that all parties, without distinction of politics, creed or nationality, would say that the Colonel was well deserving of the position, Indeed it was the prevalent opinion that the honour should have been conferred upon him ere now, but he had declined on the grounds that he could not spare time from his business to attend to the duties of a situation with which were joined at that time the functions of Police Magistrate. He would not make any lengthened remarks about municipal affairs, but he would just again urge the necessity that there was for the Mayor, and Reeve and Deputy Reeves to see that something were done immediately to place the town in a safer situation with regard to fires. He closed by expressing the extreme pleasure he felt in nominating Col. Higinbotham as his successor to the Mayoralty.

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Mr Peterson, in the absence of the gentleman who it had been agreed was to second the nomination, had much pleasure in doing what he should have done.

Mr Peterson endorsed the remarks of Mr Gow, and although we might regret that he was retiring, still that regret would be somewhat assuaged by the hope that a gentleman so worthy as Col. Higinbotham would be his successor. If long service can entitle any man to an exalted position, the Col. was certainly deserving, and the manner in which he had served the town in the capacity of Councillor would be a guarantee for his conduct in the future.

Mr. F. W Galbraith nominated Robert Melvin Esq. as Reeve for the current year.

Mr. Geo Howard seconded the nomina-

year.

Mr. Geo, Howard seconded the nomination, and said that they could get no on better fitted to represent them in the Coun

receiver rived to represent them in the County Council.

Mr. John Stephens nominated H. W. Peterson Esq. as Deputy Reeve.

Mr. Holden seconded the nomination.

Mr. John Harvey nominated Richard Mitchell Esq. as Deputy Reeve.

Mr Thos. Holliday seconded the nomination.

in proportion to the humber seeking election, this quarter of the Dominion will be well represented for the year 1868. It is yet hard, to determine who will contest the Reeveship of our village. Messrs. Swan, David Yeomans, Naismith, Scott, and McMillan are named as eligible; for the Council, in fact their name is legion, but the probability is that a majority of the old Council will be re-elected for the village. For the township of Normanby Messrs McMahon and Hendry for the Reeveship, and a dozen or so for the Council. In Egremont there are about a dozen aspirants for the Reeveship, and at two or more in each concession for the Council. In Arthur township, Messrs Small and R. Morrison, senr., for the Reeveship; for Deputy Reeve. Messrs Alex. Allan and Gordon. Candidates for Council quite numerous. The By-law for granting the sum of \$10,000 to aid the construction of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway was submitted to the ratepayers of Mount Forest on the 16th inst., and was carried almost unanimously, as there were only five nays recorded by the Returning Officer. The township of Normanby will submit their railway by-law after the elections are over; the amount named is \$50,000. The market here has been very lively during the past few days, owing to the abundant fall of snow which caused a sudden change in, the locomotion of the farmers—a change which all seem to-enjoy, and no doubt will now make I siness extra brisk until long after the happy times of Christmas and New Year.—It may not be inopportune to mention that farming operations have been carried on in this section in vigorous skyleduring the fall, such as ploughing, fall wheat sowing, fencing, draining, building, etc. The fall wheat looks splendid, and is now covered with snow for winter protection. There is evidence that the big prices now paid out for all kinds of farm produce has even stimulated the laxy drones who claim to be farmers, and has induced them to give to the soil a vigorous kick, so that their sporans may be well lined with "siller

Mitchell Esq. as Deputy Reeve.

Mr Thos. Holliday seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations for the present, the Candidates were then asked to address the ratepayers.

Mr. Higinbotham said that since the appointment of Police Magistrate had relieved the Mayor of the heaviest part of his duties, he had no hesitation in appearing before them as a candidate for that important and responsible office, and could assure them that he should devote all the time necessary in the discharge of his duties and in watching over the interests of the ratepayers. As he had not been in the Council for a year or two, he would leave to others to discuss the subjects that had come under their notice. With regard to the means for putting out fires, the subject was of great importance to every ratepayer, and he should with pleasure support any plan which would be efficient, and not entail too heavy a burden on the town. Something must be done and very soon. The expenditure on roads and bridges this last year may have perhaps been extravagant, and to that matter also he would, if elected, give his attention. The general course he had pursued in the Council in previous years be intended again to follow out. He would act with impartiality towards all parties whatever might be their station or religion. He thanked them for the position which they were about to confer on him—that of the Chief Magistrate of this rising and prosperous town, and he could assure them that he would endes-

SIR.—Some days ago the Adverticer published a series of resolutions passed at a late meeting of the Licensed Victuallers Association, but as they studiously omitted one of the resolutions passed at that meeting, and as I am desirous of giving the public all the information concerning its doings that I can, I copy the following from a note which I received on the 19th over the signature of Mr E. Grand, Secretary of the Association, addressed to me. It reads as follows: "At a meeting of the Licensed Victuallers Association, held at Mr. Wald's last evening, it was moved and seconded that on account of the course you saw fit to adopt at the recent election, your name be erased from the books of the society as a member."

They might have saved themselves the trouble, for I had ceased some time ago to be a member of this precious Association, having voluntarily withdrawn myself from it when I found that its objects were not so much to watch over and protect the interests of tavern and saloon keepers, but more of a political organization, banded together to support a man who had by his own written confession become their slave, and had promised to do anything they asked on condition that they would give him their influence and support. Well, we all know what that influence and support amounted to. Simply next to nothing, although such high flown orators as Jas. O'Neil, stumped the Riding in his behalf, and such prejudiced and bigotted whippers-in as John Hewer ran about like a man out of his senses. I joined the Victuallers Association and paid my share to its support until I was asked to pledge myself along with the other tavern keepers of the town that I would give §5 to pay Mr. Leslie's expenses in case he was defeated. To this I decidedly objected, for I refused to be bound down by the society becoming a political organization for that was foreign altogether to its original intentions. I therefore would have nothing to do with it, for I rather chose to conduct my business in the way it best suited me without being on hin—that of the Chief Magistrate of this rising and prosperous town, and he could assure them that he would endeavour to discharge its duties with a single eye to the interests of the town and the ratepayers generally.

Mr. Melvin thanked the electors for the honour they had done him in again nominating him as a candidate for Reeve. honour they had done him in again nom-nating him as a candidate for Reeve.—
He thought that on the whole the Coun-cil had very few sins to answer for, that they had done their duty. As an individ-ual he had tried to do his. The expendi-ture this year was after all not so great when they took everything into account. Last year the town paid for debentures to maturing and interest \$7,430. This year they paid for the same \$8,342. This in nade a material difference. Complaint had been made by some that the expen-diture on roads and bridges was large.— But they must recollect that some seven or eight years ago a very large sum was

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But they must recollect that some seven or eight years ago a very large sum was expended on necessary repairs, and now a number of the roads and bridges were getting out of repair, and he did not think that for some time to come they could get along with less, if they wished to keep the roads in an efficient state.—
Besides this, they had the additional cost of lighting a much larger number of lamps than in the year before. The members of the Council had every incentive to be as economical as the ratepayers, for their interests were identical with those of the Council. He then touched on the defects of the present Assessment Act, and showed wherein it was defective. As regards the fire department he had always done what he could to render it efficient, and he was willing to adopt any system of water works commensurate with our means. With respect to the County Council he thought we had realised all than we could expect. Of the total amount expended on roads during the year, \$12,539 out of the \$16,80 had been expended on roads cluding directly into the town, and all this had been done without any log rolling or being obliged to give grants for opening up side-roads. Should he be a gain elected he would endeavour faithfully to de

Mr. Peterson said that the observations made by Mr. Melvin were in the main correct. As one of the representatives of the town he had endesvoured both at the Council Board and in the County Council to promote the interests of the town, and ahould he be elected he would do his best to follow out the same course. They had been able during the year to get the Erin Road extended, and to secure a grant for a line which would form part of the Erin Road extended, and to secure a grant for a line which would form part of the Erin Road. He hoped that during the coming year they would be able to do still more in extending these roads. He made some remarks with regard to the Houses of Refuge, which by the terms of the new Act, Counties were obliged to provide for the homeless and indigent. The present Legislature would require to take the matter up and devise something of a more definite character. He very much questioned whether we required such Houses in Canada yet. As regarded the water works he thought the ratepayers were not so much to blame, because this was mew matter, involving a large expenditure. We required some scheme that would combine a supply of water for suppressing fire and also be collinary purposes. If again elected he would endeavour to do his duty both to the County and Town.

Mr. Chas. Davidson said he would nominate a party for Reeve who had acted last year as Deputy Reeve—Mr. Richard Mitchell. There had been a good deal said about contracts binding as regards the Mayor, but nothing about any other party being required to carry it out. In coming up the stairs to-day, he had seen the iron plates on them marked Mills & Melvin. He considered that Mr. Melvin was to all intents and purposes a contractor. He was sorry to find that the Mayor elect had been brought out for a political purpose, and for placing him there as one of a political party. Such being the case it was time to enquire why these plates were cast at the foundry of the Chairman of the Market House Committee, and it was time for us to know

and Mr. Mitchell as Deputy Reeves for the current year.

Mr. Higinbotham, in thanking them for the honor they had done him, said they made a great mistake in not electing Mr. Davidson, Mayor or Reeve or Deputy Reeve, for he combined the whole wisdom of the Council in himself. (Laughter.)

Mr. Melvin was sorry, or rather glad, to say that the only littleness displayed to day was by Mr. Davidson. He (Mr. Melvin) never got a cent for these plates. The work was not done by him, and it only showed how great Mr. Davidson was in small things to bring up such a matter.

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Mr. Mitchell, in thanking them for the honor they had done him, defended his conduct during the year as Chairman of the Kead and Bridge Committee. He said we had altogether 28 miles of roads and streets, and 12 miles of sidewalks, and it was no easy matter to keep these in repair, considering the vast amount of travel on them. The expenditure would be large for some years, if they did not wish to see the roads and sidewalks get out of repair.

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Mr. Davidson instanced the case of Mr. James Armstrong, who, while in the Council, was not allowed to do a cents worth of work for it.

Mr. Melvin said he had no interest whatever in the work referred to.

Mr. George Bruce, Jr.—I put in the plates, what have you got to do with them? I could have got them if I liked from Inglis & Co.

Mr. Davidson, yes, but you was employed by the Chairman of the Market House Committee.

Mr. Melvin—He was employed by the Committee.

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Mr. Bruce—You had better stop Charles you know too much. (Laughter.)

Mr. Higinbotham moved, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that the hearty and cordial thanks of the electors are tendered to P. Gow, Esq., for the ability and courtesy with which he has discharged the duties of Mayor for the past two years.—Carried unanimously.

The Mayor briefly returned thanks. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to the Returning Officer for his able conduct in presiding, which having been duly acknowledged, the meeting after giving three hearty cheers for the Queen, broke up.

The nominations for councillors in the room of those retiring took place at 12 o'clock.

In the East Ward Mr. Charles Davidson seconded by Mr. Allan, nominated Mr. Sayers, Mr. James Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Alex. Creighton, nominated Mr. Wm. Allan.

Mr. Wm. Allan.
In the South Ward, Mr. David Kennedy
was proposed by Mr. James Ferguson
seconded by Mr. Jno. Stephens, and Mr.
Thos. A. Heffernan was proposed by Mr.
W. S. G. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Hugh

Henry.
In the North Ward Mr. John Harvey was proposed by Mr. John A. Wood, seconded by Mr. Jas. Mays. As there was no other nomination, after the hour had elapsed Mr. Harvey was declared

elected.

In the West Ward Mr. George Howard was proposed by Mr. F. W. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. George Hadden, and Mr. Charles Buckland was proposed by Mr. Wm. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Pearson.

Nearly all gone are those large lots of Poultry. The reason why, J. MURPHY sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them. A fresh supply in time for Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Be sure to get the NEW BURN-ER. No other will answer. Is to be had at JOHN HORSMAN'S.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

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BY TELEGRAPH

spatches to the Evening Mercury.

Havana, Dec. 21—Captain General Lerzudi arrived from Spain.

Boston, Dec. 22—The express train from New York for Boston, ran into a freight-train this morning, near Nantick. The brakesman, Jas McCordy, was killed, and four passengers were injured.

New York, Dec. 22nd—By steamer Herman from Southampton, Dec. 10, details of news three days later have been received. France—The Etendard says it is reported that, in consequence of the amnesty promulgated at Florence, Garibaldi has already left Caprera. The same journal says: Our correspondent at Rome continues to believe there is danger of another attack against the Holy See. La France-says there is dissension in the ministry in consequence of the assertion made by M. Rouher. The Moniteur du Soir says; in reference to the speech of M. Rouher, the Senate recognized with M. Moustier that the position of Government on the Roman question is one of moderation—at once vigilant and firm. The order of the day was adopted, in testimony of confidence in the policy of the Emperor and approbation of the acts and language of Ministers to whom is entrusted the honor of carrying it into execution.—

17ALY—The speeches of M. Moustier and Rouher, in the French Senate on the Roman question, have raised susceptibilities in Italian Legislatures, and accordingly both in Senate and Deputies. Gen. Menebres has been asked what attitude the government would assume on the Roman question, at the same time burden the support of ministry and that of government, will manfully maintain the rights and the dignity of the nation and hasten to its legitimate considering the support of ministry and that of government, will manfully maintain the rights and the dignity of the nation and hasten to its legitimate considering the support of ministry and that of government, will manfully maintain the rights and the dignity of the nation and hasten to its legitimate completion, passes to the order of the day." FLORENER, Sth.—The rumour that Garibaldi had left Caprera is entirely unfounded. Sales of ecclesia

Latest from Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.
Parliament adjourned this forenoon until 12th of March. About twenty-five members of the House of Commons were in their places at the adjournment, the remainder having previously left for their homes.

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At 11 o'clock the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate in the Parliament building. The members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, the following bills were assented to in Her Majesty's name, by His Excellency the Governor General: An Act relating to the indemnity to members and the salaries of the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament. An Act respecting the office of Speaker of the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada. An Act respecting the Statutes of Canada. An Act respecting the Statutes of Canada. An Act respecting the Statutes of Canada. An Act to authorize the apprehension and detention of such persons as shall be suspected of committing acts of hostility or conspiring against Her Majesty's person or Government. An Act to authorize its amalgamation with any other bank or banks, or for its winding up. An Act to amend the Grand Trunk Arrangements Act of 1862, and for other purposes. An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating and relating to the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company, and to change its corporate name to that of Canadian Navigation Company, and for other purposes. An Act to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company. An Act for the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada, An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada An Act respecting the Customs. An Act respecting the Inland Revenue. An Act respecting the Public Accounts, and the Luability of Public Service, not otherwise provided for; for the period therein mentioned, for certain purposes dangerous to the public exceptional Railway. An Act Imposing duties of customs, with the tariff of duties payable under it. An Act for the regulation of the Postal service. D

Since 18th ult., the Island of St. Thomas has been shaken up by upwards of six hundred shocks of earthquake.

No other House in Town has one-quarter the Stock of COALOIL LAMPS that MERCHANN has.

Guelph Evening Mercury

....MACDONNELL STREE MONDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 28.

OUR COUNTRY. fluman nature is prone to grumble and complain, and to fancy that other people are happier and better off than we are ourselves. We are too often inclined to judge from mere superficial views and observations of our neighbors. This has often been the fashion of many Canadians when discussing the fortunes of their "American Cousins," whom they deemed supremely fortunate while they were can Cousins," whom they deemed supremely fortunate while they were correspondingly wretched. Often after correspondingly wretched. Often after a hurried visit to New York or some other large American city the humble-minded "Canuck" would return very much impressed with the glories of the republic across the lines, where there were lots of money and appar-ently endless profusion, and where ceaseless activity and bustle were apparent everywhere. He would return in a discontented and desponding ly attributable to the well known fact, that the contracting of public debt is draw comparisons highly unfavorable to the enterprise and condition of the land we live in, coupled sometimes with a determination or longing to pull ing, governing power have once enjoy up stakes and cross the border. One ed the luxury of using or expending often hears the remark -"Just look freely the moneys under their control at the Yankee cities and towns, how much they are ahead of our own-how busy things look by the side of our own." And yet if a little quiet reflection were indulged in, the Canadian's comparison would almost always be highly favorable to his own soil and people. It is indeed not all that we would commend them to our gold that glitters. But while saying financiers and to any grumbling visitor this we do not consider it necessary to who may have lately returned from abuse our neighbors in order to prove Uncle Sam's territory, where there are our patrictism. On the contrary we all must admit that the United States is a great country. Her people, sprung like ourselves from a common stock, possess the same energies and the same aspirations as we ourselves do. Nevertheless Providence has smiled upon Canada with the most unbounded benignity—sent her peace, health and prosperity in all her borders—the want of which in many senses our neighbors lament. Look at the terrible desolation caused by the mighty war which nearly rent that great Union asunder, and which left behind it but the shattered wreok of its once powerful confederation of States.—Look also at the herculean task it has now in hand—which for the present is well nigh hopeless—of ever reconstructing the wayward sisters of the South.

Canada happily has been kept free

Canada happily has been kept free our patriotism. On the contrary we so many greenbacks flying about as to

Canada happily has been kept free from all such conflicts and disorders In addition to the protection secured by her own stalwart sons, she has also the powerful protection of the mother Dominion. As a people, therefore, we have great cause for thankfulnees, especially when in no spirit of exultation, but rather the contrary, we begin to draw comparisons between our condition and that of our neighbors. As a nation they have gone through the severest ordeal, and if they have nothing else to show for it, the boast that no slave now pollutes her soil is something to be proud of, even though bought as it was by the blood and treasure of her sons. But when we look at the present state of American trade—at her industry partially parallyzed—her prosperity in a measure Dominion. As a people, therefore, we have great cause for thankfulness, cies of some interested and dishonest checked-we must feel all the more satisfied with our own country and our own prospects. Just fancy the debt of the United States made up to the 1st November, and taken from the returns of Mr. McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, as the state of the

Debt bearing coin interest\$1,778,110,99
currency interest 426,768,64
Matured debt not presented for

\$2,625,502,848 135,998,398 \$2,491 504,45

This tremendous sum it will be borne in mind has nothing to do with other State debts, which are also ver; large and proportionately burdensome Thank heaven that such a burden does not rest on our shoulders in Canada, accustomed as we are to say that our own debt is heavy enough.

The Secretary also makes the following melancholy allusion to the con dition of the shipping interests: "Our ship yards are, with rare exceptions, inactive. Our surplus products are being chiefly transported to foreign countries in foreign vessels, and the country can neither build shins nor successfully compete with English ships in the transportation of our own productions. The indications are that the great ship-building interests of the Eastern and Middle States have been steadily declining, and that con-sequently the United States is gradually ceasing to be a great maritime power." Listen also to the following hearvations of the honest, outspokes

revenue officers to collect the taxes on distilled liquors. It is extremely difficult in places where polities are apt to influence, if not to control, elections for officers, and where skill is evading the requirements of the revenue laws is not among the least decided characteristics of the people." After this candid confession let us not undervalue British polities or official negrity. ntegrity.

His remarks upon the nece cessary prudence shall not be neutralized by unnecessary expenditure.—Public economy is in all nations a rare virtue, and it is a singular truth that nations which are most deeply in debt, and whose affairs ought therefore to be most prudently managed, are the very nations in which the least econ-omy is observed. This truth is largethat the contracting of public debt is unavoidably attended with imprudent if not reckless expenditure, and that when those entrusted with, or possess proper economy is often and exceed ingly difficult to be enforced. Thus national debts become chronic, and efforts to reduce them are rarely successful.'

His remarks on the currency ques tion are also so plan and so sound

PRESENT CONDITION OF MEXICO. The Mew York Tribune says :- For some time, the news from our sister country, whose generous assistance is ever ready to be extended to us either most satisfactory character. The last to guard our homes or advance the vestiges of civil war are disappearing; material welfare of the new British the highwaymen are put down with

BIRTH'S.

METCALF-At Guelph, on the 22nd inst, the wife of Mr. Henry Metcalf, saddler, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

New Advertisements.

TO THE MEMBERS OF St. George's Church.

THE Archdeacon desires it to be known by the concregation that the Offertory on Christ mas Day is intended for the Curate. Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867.

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HE subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will rve sows during the season. Terms \$1. ALEX. SIMPSON, Blacksmith. telph, 23rd Dec, 1867. 4w6d

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THE subscriber, though unfortunately left to battle alone with the trade of Upper Wyndham. Street, begs to assure the public that he is determined not to surrender, but will, as usual, keep a full supply of

GENERAL GROCERIESI

Wines and Liquors, Crockery, China and Glassware,

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Tobaccos. Day's Bookstore

Good Green and Black Teas from 50c. per lb., Green and Ground Coffees. SUGARS—Loaf, Ground and Crushed. First class Chewing and Smoking Tobaccos.

Fruits and Sauces for Christmas & New Year ALL TO GO OFF CHEAP.

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Guelph, 21st December, 1867.

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Guelph, 21st Dec, 1867.

Insolvent Act of 1864

In the matter of GEO. ALEXANDER, of Clifford,

THE creditors of the Insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects under the above Act to me, the undersigned, Official Assignee, and they are required produce before me, within two months from this date, their claims upon the said estate, under out, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it; and if none, stating the fact, with vouchers in support of such claims. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assign-Guelph, 19th December, 1867 1dw2

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Guelph, 20th December, 1867.

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W. MARSHALL

AS not time to write an advertisement for Christmas, and will only say that he returns his sincere thanks to his numerons friends for their liberal patronage during the past year. Every hody is particularly the past year, and year, WM. MARSHALL, Artist, Day's Block.

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Sunday at Home. Leisure Hour, for 1867,

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Chopping done every day.

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CARD OF THANKS.

THE subscriber begs to acknowledge the payment in full of his claim again the Puslinch Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the loss sustained on the 8th July last, by fire, in the destruction of his 'dwelling House and contents. Absence from the Township prevented his publicly acknowledging earlier the prompt manner in which the Company paid his claim.

Puslinch, 17th December, 1867. DOMINION SALOON.

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Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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Guelph Evening Mercury

The Maiden's Choice

A Tale of the Covenanters

She paused, and a deep blush, which was, of course, unseen, spread itself over her sweet face when she found herself about to give expression to her secret admiration of the man who had won her heart. A silence ensued, which her companion did not break, but at the end of a few minutes Marion broke it herself, by saying gaily—

'I wonder what sort of a woman you will choose for a wife, Hugh. She will require to be goodness itself.

'That is a choice I am not likely to make in a hurry,' answered Hugh, gravely. 'The times are such that a minister of the Gospel coanot marry if he would, and should not if he could. The cause of the Covenant requires all the energies of his heart and mind, and much I fear that darker times still are at hand, when all faithful ministers must bear their testimony, at a sacrifice greater than even that they have already made—ave, even to death itself.'

'It is, indeed, a dreadful time,' said Marion, when four hundred ministers in Scotland are banished from their parshes, and forbidden to preach to the people; when the people are fined and imprisoned for giving them shelter, and punished with the utmost severity if they do not attend on the preaching of those men who have been thrust into their pulpts. Oh, Hugh! this cruel tyranny canot continue.

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Her companion was about to reply, when a sound reached their ear, which made them both start and look auxiously across the moor in the direction from whence it came. It was the sound of a galloping horse and the clanking of armour, and to their dismay they beheld a mounted trooper coming over the heath at full speed. He was alone, but he was evidently making towards them; and if he had not yet seen them he speedily would, for there was neither tree nor bush nor hollow to hide them from his view.

To seek safety in flight was also useless, for their horse, though put to his utmost, was no match for the trooper's steed, and neither of them were very bold or skilful riders. There was nothing for it, therefore, but to continue on their way; and this they did, fervenly praying that the soldier did not mean them harm.

'It is one of the persecuting malignants,' groaned M'kail.

'Heaven protect us!' prayed Marion, as instinctively she clung more closely to her companion.

The horseman came thundering on, and

doors.'
'Not in unkindness,' replied the maiden.
But after what had taken place he knew it
would be better even for yourself to leave.'
'That my rival might have the field to himself,' cried the trooper.

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'That could not be,' interposed M'Kail.
For Marion having made her choice, there could no longer be rivalry, since honour required you to relinquish the pursuit.

'Say you so?' sneered Allan. 'Pray remember, Mr. Parson, that you are not a-field preaching here, and that an officer of His Majesty is not to be taught by a canting rebel like you. Times are changed now, and we have got to different sides of the hedge. So I may tell you that I am not one accustomed to relinquish any pursuit, and now expect to find my chance with Marion the best of that wo. I was nobody then, and Elliot was the Laird of Birkencleuch. Now I am Captain Allan of His Majesty's Horse, and Elliot is more than suspected of favouring the rebels herefore I have the power to crush him.

'All which makes no difference in Marion: 'All which makes no difference in Marion: 'All which makes no difference in Marion: 'Hold your tongue, fellow,' thundered M'Kail.

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relation to you and waiter,

M'Kail.

'Hold your tongue, fellow,' thundered
Allan. 'We want none of your interference.

You may find you have enough to do to keep
yourself right. Let the girl speak for her-

ulously.

'Yes,' was the noble reply. 'I have plighted my troth to Walter Elliot, and I will be true to him in prosperity and adversity, in freedom and in bondage, in safety and persecution.'

cution,
'Then, by heaven, if you will not yield to
my persuasion, you shall to my power!' roared Allan. 'I will both secure you and subdus you. Mine you shall be, and for your
former scorn I shall have revenge in torturing those you cling to—this white-faced covenanting cousin, and your proscribed father,
and the insolent Laird of Birkencleuch.
Doubtless you were on your way to a many and the insolent Laird of Birkeneleuch.—
Doubtless you were on your way to a nice
soug family meeting, but as it is also a meeting of rebels, it is equally my duty and my
pleasure to prevent it. Mr. M'Kail, I will salieve you of your charge by seating Marion
hafors me and you accompany us as my

session of Alian, and raising his heavy riding whip he struck the preacher on the head.

A most brave soldier's deed, to strike the unarmed and defenceiess, said Hugh, as he calmly kept his place between Alian and Marion.

'I'll have her though I should ride you down,' hissed the latter, through his foaming lips.

'For shame!' exclaimed M'Kail. 'You are the very last who should offer insuit or outrage to this lady, who for years was to you as a sister. If the fear of God do not deter you, think of the scorn and contempt of men.'

'Don't preach to me, you canting hypocritic, thundered Alian. Marion Gordon goes with me to-night, though all the rebell Whigs with me to-night, though all the rebell Whigs with me to-night though all the rebell Whigs with me to-night though all the rebell Whigs with me to-night marion was again brought within the snach, when he immediately laid a vigorius grasp npon her, with the intention of placing her on his own steed. The attempt was, however, rustrated by the tenacity with which she now clung to her companion, and the consequence was that all three of them were unhorsed and fell together upon the were unhorsed and fell together upon the heather, Marion uttering a loud piercing shriek as they descended to the ground. Allan sprang first to his feet, and poured forth a volley of oaths, as he saw his horse careering wildly away in the distance. Then as Hugh was assisting Marion to rise, he sprang forward and, thrusting h in furnous ly aside, seized the maiden in his arms.

'Oh, Hugh, save me!' shrieked the terrified girl, and the latter, in answer to the appeal, grasped her firmly by the skirt, thus preventing her captor from carrying her off, as he evidently itended.

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600. Plour receipts liberal, market very quiet and but small sales at unchanged rates. Grain—wheat, no sales and rates unchanged rates. Provisions—pork quiet at former rates; Hogs, sales car loads at quotations; arrivals heavy; Butter, choice wanted; ordinary quiet.—Asses dull at quotations.

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Monday Evening, Dec. 30th On which occasion will be produced for the first time here George Almar's celebrated Drama, in two acts, entitled

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FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

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

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

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

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph, 16th October. 1867.

GREAT SALE OF

BOOTS AND SHOES

WILL COMMENCE

On Monday next, 23rd Dec.,

To sell off their entire Stock of Imported Goods

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.

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 ev(&

Just Arrived from Newfoundland 100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, 100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings,

Commercial Bank Bills taken at par-