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Puslinch, Jan. 2nd, 1868. 741-w-31

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Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.
Guelph, 25th August, 1867. -11-14

Insolvent Act of 1864.

In the matter of **Thomas M. Grier,**
AN INSOLVENT.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, BY virtue of a writ of HABEAS CORPUS, I, the undersigned, do hereby vest in me as Assignee of the Estate of the above-named insolvent, under the provisions of the above Act, I shall offer for sale, at the Town Hall, in the Village of Morrison, in the said County,

Wednesday, 26th Feb., 1868

at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the right, title and interest of the said insolvent, in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Village of Morrison, Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, composed of Village Lot number Eight, on the East-side of Queen Street, in Donald McEduard's Survey, in the Village of Morrison, butted and bounded as is described in a deed from John H. Schlenker, and wife to the said insolvent, made the 23rd February, 1866, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stable and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with two-thirds of an acre.

TERMS - - - - **CASH.**

Further particulars may be had on the premises, or at the office of Messrs. McLellan & O'Connor, Barristers, Guelph, or at the office of the undersigned, with whom all hypothecary creditors are required to file their claims within six days of the day of sale.

THOMAS SAUNDERS,
Official Assignee.
Guelph, 7th January, 1868. wt

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MUSGROVE & WRIGHT,
Toronto, 6th Dec. 1867. dw Toronto.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

WE beg to tender our thanks to the Directors of the Western Insurance Company of Canada for the prompt settlement of our claim against them, for loss sustained by the late fire, in the sum of \$2,000, received through the agent, Geo. Elliott, Esq.

JAMES MASSIE & CO.
Guelph, 11th Jan. 1868.

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JUST received at the Medical Dispensary, large supply of

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Also, the largest and best assorted stock of English and French **PERFUMERY** in town.

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E. HARVEY

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario.
Guelph, 11th Dec. 1867. dw

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WANTED at this Office, a stout active lad, about 15 or 16 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the printing business. None need apply except those possessing the qualifications above mentioned. Apply at the Mercury Office, Macdonnell street, Guelph.
Dec. 26, 1867. dwf

PRIVATE TUITION.

THE undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either in his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day.
Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. GEORGE GRAFTLEY, a-11d

MIDWIFERY.

MRS. MORRIS, Midwife, Residence, Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Holliday's, adjoining the residence of Mr. Mackenzie's former residence.
Guelph 17th December, 1867. 41m

NOTICE.

THE business of Messrs. BEAIR & GUTHRIE will be continued at the same office by the surviving partner, Mr. GUTHRIE.
Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw1m

RE-OPENING.

MISS PETHERSTON HAUGH'S School opened on Monday, 6th January, 1868.
Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw1

JOSEPH HOBSON,

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

Four Corners' Hotel,

ERAKOSA ROAD.

JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class liquors and cigars. Good stone stabling and attentive hostler.
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NOTICE

To Debtors & Creditors.

THE undersigned Executors for the Estate of the late Alexander McKinnon, deceased, hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the said Estate, to pay to J. W. BURY, acting Executor for the same, as he is the only person authorized to receive money for the said Estate, and all parties are forbidden paying to any other person. All parties having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the expiry of six months from the date of this notice.

J. W. BURY, } Executors
ANGELO THOMSON }
JAS. W. KENNEDY, }
Erin, Nov. 16, 1867. 734-w3m

Valuable Building Lots for Sale

IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Hawkins, Esq., P. L. S. There are two-thirds of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Disciples' Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form an excellent site for building on. For terms apply at the Mercury Office, or (by letter post-paid) to
DUNCAN ROBERTSON Everton P. O.
Guelph, Nov. 19th, 1867. wt

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BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.

Office over Barry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
MONDAY EV'NG, JAN. 13, 1868.

PROTEST.—Mr. Cowan, one of the deputed candidates for a seat in the Arthur Council threatens a protest.

Mr. Wm Crawford, of Branchton died on Thursday last, from the effects of a scald received some weeks since by the explosion of a steam pipe.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Cormack Halley, of Luther, was seriously injured in the head and back while felling a tree a few days ago. Drs. Henderson and Orton are attending him, but have little hopes of his recovery.

MILITARY CONCERT IN ELORA.—The Wellington Battalion Band purpose giving a concert in the Drill Shed, in Elora, on the evening of Friday the 26th inst. Mr. Vale will give a solo on the violin, and another on the canopean. The proceeds will be given to the funds of the Band.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. John Emelle, of Nichol, an old man, fell on Wednesday last, and injured his shoulder. Dr. McGuire was called on Saturday, and discovered that the injury amounted to dislocation. The Dr. reduced it, and the old gentleman is now doing well.

TENDERS.—Sealed tenders are asked for the erection of a Presbyterian Church in the town of Stratford, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Mr. Wm Robinson, London, and Mr. A. Cavey, Stratford. Tenders to be addressed to J. S. Rutherford, Stratford, and receivable until the 18th inst.

DRAMATIC.—At the urgent request of a number of the inhabitants of Elora, the Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will play the "Charcoal Burner," (with "Slasher and Crasher" as an afterpiece) in the Drill Shed, in that village on the evening of Friday the 18th inst. We can tell the people of Elora, that they will be satisfied unless they are hypercritical.

CONCERT AT FERGUS.—The Elora Observer says:—The concert given by the Fire Brigade on Friday evening last, in the village of Fergus, was a great success. The large hall was crowded to excess, and many persons were unable to gain admittance. Mr. E. R. Martin, of Fraser, presided at the piano. Miss Fraser, of Guelph, and Miss McTaggart, of Fergus, sang appreciatively.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—Blackwood for December has been received by Messrs W. C. Chewett & Co. The contents are as follows:—Linda Tresselt, part III; The Church—Her State and Prospects; Nina; Sir Charles Wood's Administration of Indian Affairs; The Conversation of England; Cornelius O'Dowd; Grimm's Law; Brownlow, part XII; The Government and the Press.

CHURCH OPENING IN GEORGETOWN.—The new Presbyterian Church in Georgetown was opened on Sabbath last. The new building has been erected of brick and is an ornament to the village. Rev. Dr. Burns, of Toronto, preached at half past ten in the morning; the Rev. Thos. Jeffers, of Georgetown, at half past two in the afternoon, and the Rev. Prof. Cavey at half past six in the evening. A soiree will be held this (Monday) evening to aid in paying off the debt, as a considerable sum still remains due against the building.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE SOCIETY.—The report of the Directors of the above Society is published: The audit of the Treasurer's accounts shows that the total amount raised in 1867 was \$302.28, and the expenditures were \$200.50, leaving a balance of \$111.78. The report was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Directors, held in Daiby's Hotel, Elora, on Tuesday, the 7th inst.; and office bearers were chosen as follows: Thos. Bate, Esq., re-elected President. James Findlay, Esq., re-elected Vice-President. Directors, Messrs. Chas. Nicklin, Alex. Walker, James Hunter, Edward Marshall, Richard Howe, John Bonnallie, David Foote, Richard Hughes and Robert Dalby. R. Cromar, Esq., was chosen Secretary; and on motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Froote, the Directors were authorized to join the funds of the Society with the County Society, or any other Society they might think it advantageous to unite with.

COAL OIL.

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

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil.
JOHN HORSMAN.

PRESENTATION.—The Elora Observer says:—The Rev. Mr. Davidson, Presbyterian Minister of Alma, was the recipient of a handsome present on the evening of Monday last. His Bible class determined that his Christian endeavours should not be overlooked and presented him with an address and a purse containing \$21.45 in money, for which Mr. Davidson made a very suitable reply. He is highly esteemed amongst those with whom he labors, and his zeal in the cause of christianity has won for him a host of friends.

SERIOUS AFFRAY IN ELICE.—The Stratford Beacon gives the particulars of a row which occurred after the close of the polling on Monday last week, at Wickey's tavern, in the Township of Elice, which we condense as follows: During the polling Mr. Wickey gave no whiskey to any person whatever, but supplied it without stint as soon as the polls closed. The parties went outside and a faction fight began, which was kept up until they had thrashed each other to their hearts content, when they united for an assault on the tavern. Two of the inmates of the house became terrified for their own safety, and alarmed in regard to the property, rushed out with revolvers and commenced discharging their weapons right and left. Two men fell wounded, the one named Owen Witt, and the other Patrick Keagan. Very little hope is entertained of the recovery of the latter. While the affray was in progress outside, Mr. Wickey's father, who is aged and bedridden, became so affrighted that he rolled out of bed, and lay on the floor until the row subsided. He only lived a few moments after being picked up. An investigation of the occurrence has not yet taken place, pending the result of the wounds; but Mr. Wickey, the tavern-keeper, has been placed in custody, and it is alleged that his hostler is also implicated in firing the shots.

NEARLY A FIRE.—About five o'clock on Sunday evening the Town Bell rang the alarming notes of fire. As usual there was much running and commotion. Smoke was seen to issue from a window on the second flat above Mr. Shevan's Bookstore, and an excited crowd soon gathered. Ladders were placed from the verandah to the window, some pails were procured from Mr. Rutherford's store, and the application of the antagonistic element soon enabled those working above to announce the joyful intelligence: "It is all out." Guelph was visited with a calamitous fire not long since when the Alma Block was reduced to cinders, but had that which threatened to break out yesterday had not been subdued so promptly there would have been a much more doleful tale to tell, for the east side of Wyndham street would have been laid in ruins, and it would have been long before Guelph would have been again what it was on Saturday night last, and what, providentially, it still remains. Now about the origin of this fire. As we said before it was two flats above the store where it began, or on the third flat from the street, and in a room in front of the office of Mr. Cooper, P. L. S. The window of it therefore looks out on Wyndham street, and it was from this window that smoke was first seen to issue. The room was in possession of Mr. Ryan before he removed the Telegraph and Express Office, and has been in his possession ever since he left the building. It was never used, except as a receptacle for old books and waste paper, and the door has not been locked for two years. When an entrance was effected, which the smoke rendered difficult, the fire was found to proceed from a box filled with papers, which having burnt down set fire to the floor. The floor was considerably burnt, and much of it had to be torn up before the fire could be considered as thoroughly extinguished. Two men were left to watch the place during the night, and in looking around they discovered a second box, or rather small cupboard filled with papers slightly burnt, and matches half burnt, making it evident that the papers had been ignited, and the door or lid closed, the exclusion of the air thus preventing them from breaking into flames. These considerations together with a knowledge of the facts, that the room has been so long unoccupied, that it has no communication whatever with fire by a stovepipe passing through it, or anything else, unless the fire bear strong marks of incendiarianism. The time chosen, on a Sabbath evening, when there was no activity, was also opportune for the designs of scoundrels who could go about with satisfaction over the destruction of their neighbours' property, and of a block of buildings that would enhance the beauty of any city in the Dominion. We do not say that this place was set on fire, but we say that nothing so like the doing of an incendiary has for a long time been seen in Guelph. A strict investigation is demanded by the circumstances of the case, and such it should, and we hope, will have, for it looks as if villainy with its attendant danger were abroad.

IT Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62 1/2c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. dwf

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The Bill for the re-organization of the army is still under consideration in the Corps Legislatif. The article obliging every Frenchman to serve in the National Guard was adopted last evening by a vote of 170 to 71. An amendment for obtaining information from the operation of the article was introduced, but was opposed by M. Rouher. During the debate which preceded the final action of the Corps upon the Bill, M. Rouher said this article will startle attentive ears abroad, and will inspire the army, which precedes the National Guard to the battles.

London, Jan. 10.—The authorities are very active in searching out the leaders of the Fenian movement. A man was arrested in the County of Cork to-day, who, it is expected, will prove to be no other than the celebrated Col. Michael Doheny. The police have been on his track for a long time, and it is known that he has been lurking in unfrequented places in disguise and under assumed names, and attempted several times to make his way to the United States. The man Lennon, who was arrested at Dublin yesterday, is charged with killing a policeman in that city in October last.

Paris, Jan. 11th.—On New Year's day, King William of Prussia sent the Emperor a cordial autograph note, which was answered in the same conciliatory spirit. A much better feeling has prevailed since publicity has been given to this intelligence, and nowhere was it better received than on the Bourse. Renten are firmer and higher.

London, Jan. 12.—Mr. Edw. Thornton, British Ambassador to the United States, sailed from Liverpool yesterday, on the steamer *Siberia*, for New York.

Florence, Jan. 12.—The adjourned session of the National Parliament was resumed yesterday. Prime Minister Menabrea made a speech in which he confined himself to the subject of the internal and domestic affairs of the kingdom. He exhorted the members to unite with the government in resisting revolution and upholding the national credit, the monarchy and the obligations as well as the liberties of the nation. No reference whatever was made by the minister to the Roman question or to the relations of Italy with foreign powers.

London, Jan. 12.—Accounts from the interior of Paraguay have been received from Rio Janeiro, which show that the condition and prospects of the Paraguayans are better than the Brazilians are willing to admit. President Lopez in person was in command at Humaita, and held the lines of communication with his capital, Asuncion, and with the fortress of Cuzupay. As the forces of the allied powers were very weak in front of Humaita, the Paraguayans defied them to undertake a siege. All classes were as enthusiastically devoted to Lopez as ever, and were making most energetic efforts to supply him with men and provisions. But on the other hand, the allies were preparing to push on the war with vigor when the steamer left Rio Janeiro. The Brazilian government was forwarding reinforcements to the other powers were sending supplies of men and material to Rio Janeiro.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Baron de Budberg, the Russian Minister to France, who has been on a visit to his home, will not return to Paris, having been retained at St. Petersburg by his government, to fill an important position.

Provincial Revenue.

Hon. Mr. Cameron handed in a return to the Legislature on Friday in part, to an address dated 80th December, asking for a statement of any sum or sums transferred to the credit of the Province by the General Government since the 1st of July last; also for the amounts collected from any other sources of revenue, where such had been, and now are deposited, and whether any part thereof carries interest—and if so, at what rate and upon what amount. The following is the return:

Aug. 12.—Transferred to the credit of the Treasurer of Ontario by the General Government, and deposited in the Bank of Montreal, \$ 40,000 00

Various dates.—Territorial revenue deposited in the same Bank by Crown Lands Department, \$82,700 43

Less: Chequed out for expenditures in Accounts of Public Service, 40,669 97

\$ 78,030 46

Nov. 20.—Casual revenue deposited in Royal Canadian Bank, 10 00

Nov. 30 and Dec. 31.—Territorial revenue deposited in same Bank by Crown Land Department, 66,180 90

Less: Transferred to the credit of Mr. Notman, Assistant Clerk, to meet contingencies of the Legislative Assembly, \$10,000 00

\$ 50,180 90

No part of the above deposits bears interest.

Bennet and Horace Greeley, the leaders of the American press, both came up from poverty. Greeley is a native of New Hampshire, son of a poor farmer, who was unable to give him a liberal education. He went to New York without a dollar, and started the *Tribune* with no capital but his busy brain and industrious hands. Now the *Tribune* is a power in the land, and Greeley is a millionaire who makes Presidents and unmakes politicians by the breath of his mouth, and dictates to congresses and conventions from his subject, as an autocrat would to his subjects from his palace. James Gordon Bennett is a Scotchman, born in poverty, who commenced his career as a successful journalist in a cellar, whose furniture consisted of a board laid across two flour barrels, a chair, and an inkstand, where, as proprietor, editor, and vender, he laid the foundations of the *New York Herald*, which has given him wealth and influence. In both cases success has resulted from eminent ability, the foundation of which is industry.

Mr. Boyd said his object had been accomplished by the expression of opinion which had been elicited, and with the leave of the House he would withdraw the motion.

GRANTS TO SECTARIAN COLLEGES

It has now become a question whether the government of Ontario should imitate the example of the government of Canada as it existed before Confederation in giving grants to sectarian colleges. That these grants were freely bestowed in former times, was of course mainly, perhaps entirely due to the influence of Lower Canada. Her colleges had to be supported, and therefore if a spoliation of that kind were going on her sister province had a perfect right to such a share as she was able to grab. But old things have passed away, and it will soon devolve on the Legislature of Ontario to say whether or not these donations shall be continued in this province. Better by all means we should say, that the grants should be discontinued. As they have been heretofore bestowed it would not be easily shown that the donors regulated the amount of their gift by any established rule, or that each college received that assistance to which its importance entitled it, when presents were going, or a sum proportionate to its requirements. And certainly if colleges are to be aided by the government these are considerations which cannot justly be omitted. But again experience proves that the less governments interfere with the religions of a country it is so much the better. Harmony can then be longer maintained among the different religious elements of a population, because when all are tolerated and protected, but no peculiar favors shown, none has cause for jealousy. A connection between Church and State may exist, if not with advantage, at least without mischief, in a country where all are conformists, but where there are those who choose to differ conscientiously from the national faith, if the State wishes to keep down strife, and preserve peace within her borders one most effectual way of doing this is to have nothing to do with the church, further than exercising her function of civil protector. Canada is happily free from partiality to any particular denomination; each individual is allowed to worship how he pleases, in whatsoever church he chooses, and with whomsoever he may think proper to conduct the services; and the State leaving him thus free, it should leave him free also to say by what means the minister or the priest should be educated—its aid being left entirely out of the question.

Suppose now that the Legislature of Ontario should give a grant to any sectarian institution, Victoria College for instance, then Knox College might with equal right demand a certain amount, so might the Collegiate Institute at London, and in order to do strict justice to all parties it is evident that the favors dispensed must be in exact proportion to what Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians respectively contribute towards the revenue of the country, and not such amounts as the humor of the government may fix, or their predilection may settle. Then what is to be done with the Roman Catholics? If they have no college in Ontario still there are many of that persuasion in the Province, and it is scarcely probable that they would look idly on, and without amurmur see their money go to nourish institutions in which tenets are inculcated wholly at variance with those which they believe to be true? Not at all; and they would have just grounds for claiming their dividend whatever it might be, and applying it for the education of their clergy, wherever that education was to be received.

Now, it is well known that there is no more bitter complaint arises from some of the people of Ireland than that against the levying of tithes, with which the British government endows the churches that are willing to receive the subsidy. Maynooth College receives a liberal endowment, and yet, as we have only too much reason to know, this generosity is by no means satisfactory. It will, of course, be objected, that there is no parallel, that an endowment is very different from a grant. We admit that it is, but still the conferring of either is an infringement of the prerogative of the people to do as they choose in matters of religion, except the apportionment was made in the manner stated above, which it never is. If it were, no grants would be asked, for nothing should be gained; but as it is, they are asked with the knowledge that many must be involuntary contributors. Then we say, let the grants be denied, on the principle of non-interference of State with Church, as well as on the principle of economy.

It is stated by the St. Louis Democrat that, according to the estimates based on good authority, not less than two hundred thousand persons have settled in Missouri during the past year.

Bank Accommodation in New Brunswick.

The St. John Morning Journal has the following, concerning the issue of Provincial notes down there. It is evidently not well posted in the character of the Bank of Montreal: "Mr Tilley has completed arrangements with the Bank of Montreal by means of which half a million dollars of Government notes, redeemable in specie in St. John, shall be issued for the Province of New Brunswick, through the St. John Branch of the Bank.—This arrangement, made in consequence of recent legislation, will enable the Bank of Montreal to come to the aid of other Banks in affording the amount of discount required by the commercial public. Moreover the free issue of the Government notes will prevent the withdrawal of gold from the banks in which the Government account is not kept, and thus enable them to discount freely and make good profits for the stockholders. When the Bank of Montreal sends in for exchange the notes received at the Treasury, the Banks will soon be in a position to offer in return the Government notes, which will be put in circulation. We may expect that the Bank of Montreal will now open a number of accounts here and station their present or other officers in Saint John permanently. The arrangement in short, supplies St. John with another bank of large means, and it relieves it of the incubus of a Bank which was an absorbent of the public funds; while it contributed little or nothing to the public accommodation. The good news has not come a moment too soon—indeed no bank, not being a bank of issue and discount in St. John, should ever have been permitted to collect any revenue here—a work that could have been performed equally well through other sources. We have personally and strongly represented to Mr Tilley how unfavorable the past operation of the Bank of Montreal has been in Saint John (owing partly to the want of legislation) and no doubt he has received hundreds of letters of the same kind. The intelligence now published shows that, to give Mr Tilley his due, he has not just much time since Parliament closed. We presume a similar arrangement has been made as regards Nova Scotia.

RATHER DANGEROUS!—Horace Greeley has made a discovery with regard to Canada. According to him it appears that the country lying contiguous to the river St. Lawrence (that is, of course, on the north side of that river), has running all thro' it, rocks denominated Laurentian, which are essentially volcanic in their origin. "If in any point," says the Tribune, "this crust which maintains, in its strongest point, about the same relation to the fiery fluid mass within, that the shell of an egg does to its diameter, should be worn away by the ceaseless attrition and violent friction of the molten mass which we know forms the core of our solid earth, we are to expect that some three more tremendous than the strata will bear, will burst open a passage and afford a vent to the long confined gases, vapor, red hot lava, etc., which constitute the great central fires of our earth." If the predictions of Horace should ever come to pass, which is scarcely probable despite his philosophy, we would find ourselves about as unfortunate as the inhabitants of St. Thomas.

WHAT QUEBEC THINKS OF ONTARIO.—The Montreal Telegraph, discussing the ministerial policy in Ontario, says:—"The speeches in the Legislatures of Quebec and Ontario, so far, are excellent indices of the characters of the majority in the two sections: those in Ontario have been plain and business-like, the expressions of men in earnest for practical legislation—and those in Quebec verbose, stilted and declamatory, like the eloquental exercises of a lot of college boys. The probable results will be good legislation and rapid improvement in Ontario—and in Quebec floods of diluted oratory, absurd legislation, and general stagnation."

MR. HOWLAND'S ILLNESS.—It is said that the illness under which Mr Howland is suffering arises from cancer in the stomach. If this is really the case, very little hope of his ultimate recovery need be entertained, as it is a disease against which medical skill is of little avail. Possibly, however, the "medicos may be mistaken as to the nature of his disorder; but there is no reason to doubt that his illness is of such a serious nature as will prevent him from attending to his duties for some time.

BRITAIN AND MEXICO.—The British Government has not only withdrawn every person connected with the Mexican Legation and the Consulate, but has also removed the archives connected with the Embassy, which have been accumulating ever since the year 1823. Mr Middleton, the Charge d'Affairs, and all the persons of the Legation and Consulate were to leave Vera Cruz on the 20th ult., on board the British man-of-war Jason.

SESSIONAL PAPERS.—We have to thank Mr Gow, M.P.P., for a supply of Parliamentary papers.

The average life of a gypsy is thirteen years longer than that of a member of the aristocracy. Centenarians are by no means uncommon; and one woman is said to have attained 120 years, who almost up to the period of her death could attend to her own wants.

FENIAN EXCITEMENT IN GLASGOW.—Much excitement was created in Glasgow by the discovery in the Cowcaddens on Saturday night, Dec. 21st, of some blasting rope concealed in the ashpit of a gasometer. The next day an extra watch was placed on the gasometers throughout the city. But the discovery was explained satisfactorily on Monday. It is said that the fuse had been given to a person living in the neighborhood by another man, who had found it in another part of the town. On trying to mend a pair of shoes with it, the presence of the gunpowder was discovered, and it was then thrown into the ashpit to prevent mischief. On Monday the Lord-Provost and Magistrates and the Sheriff of Lanarkshire were engaged in swearing in special constables. A large number came forward for the purpose, and the work of enrolling a force to guard against Fenian outrages was in progress at the latest dates.

New Advertisements.

BOARDING.

GOOD BOARD and comfortable rooms on moderate terms. A few day boarders can be accommodated. Apply at Brick House, corner Quebec and Woolwich Streets, near the Grand Trunk Station. Guelph, 13th January, 1868. dw4

NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing any Notes of Hand drawn by me in favor of H. W. DIMON, as I have received no value whatever for said notes. HENRY PATTEN. Erin, 13th January, 1868. w4

MAGAZINES for JAN., 1868.

RECEIVED AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Children's Friend, Infants' Magazine, British Workman, Band of Hope, Boys' Own, English Women's, Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour. Also, Bound Vol. of Kind Words. AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 13th January, 1868. dw

PHOTOGRAPHS!

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AT MARSHALL'S,

Day's Block, opposite the Market. Guelph, 13th January, 1868. w

Speed Lodge No. 180.

THE next regular communication of Speed Lodge, No. 180, will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVEN'G, 14th January, 1868, at half-past seven.—A full attendance is particularly requested. JOHN CRUMFORD, Secretary. Guelph, 11th January, 1868. 3d

Notice to Debtors.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned, either by note or book account, are requested to settle on or before the 25th January, instant. All unsettled accounts after the above date will be placed in the Division Court for collection. GEORGE WILKINSON. Guelph, 11th January, 1868. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE!

DURING the year 1867 I have determined to sell Goods lower than ever, but my terms are strictly CASH, and on no condition will Goods be charged. T. J. DAY, Bookseller, opposite the Market. Guelph, 11th January, 1868. dw

Cordwood for Sale.

FOR sale One Hundred Cords of good Green Beech and Maple Cordwood, just chopped. For terms, &c., apply to PETER TYNAN, Lot 19, 4th Concession, Puslinch. Guelph, 10th January, 1868. 43

No. 1 Coal Oil.

VERY BEST COAL OIL. At Apothecaries' Hall! MARKET SQUARE.

Fifteen cts. per Gallon

or in Glass Carboys containing Ten Gallons, for \$2.50. ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square. Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868. dw

EDUCATIONAL.

Private Lessons in German, French, Latin and Greek, at the Pupils' Residences. PROFESSOR H. G. VON HOXAR. Guelph, 3rd Jan., 1868. dw

GEORGE PALMER

BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

CANADA HOSIERY.

LADIES' SCARLET WOOL HOSE, LADIES' WHITE WOOL HOSE, LADIES' BLACK WOOL HOSE, LADIES' FANCY WOOL HOSE, MISSES' HOSE in all sizes, BOYS' KNICKERBOCKER HOSE, GENTS' UNDERCLOTHING.

Guelph, Jan. 11, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM.

FOR THREE WEEKS

CLEARING SALE!

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE AT THE

Canada CLOTHING Store

WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS LONGER, so as to clear out the balance of the Stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

HATS, CAPS, &c., Which will be sold at COST and UNDER for CASH ONLY.

Parties indebted to me must settle up their accounts immediately, or they will be put in Court for collection.

N. CROFT, Guelph, January, 9th, 1868. d

PLATT & CO'S

MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH. ESSENCE OF

RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,

Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE.

CANADIAN National Series of Reading Books, Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario, NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES: First Book, with 31 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—five cents. Second Book, 2nd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—ten cents. Second Book, 56 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—twenty cents. Third Book, 41 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents. Fourth Book, 45 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—forty cents. Fifth Book, 50 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—fifty cents. Storekeepers supplied at the lowest Toronto wholesale price for cash only. T. J. DAY, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw

No. 2,

Day's Block, . . . Guelph.

CARLISLE

BISCUIT

A LARGE quantity of this celebrated Biscuit just received, which we sell CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN TOWN. Call and see to be satisfied. E. CARROLL & CO., No. 2, Wyndham Street. Guelph, 7th January, 1868. dw

SPECIAL MEETING

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 15th INST.,

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

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

News Record, Ferguson's Times, Elora's Chronicle, Waterloo's Telegraph, Berlin's Farmers' Friend, Preston and Volksblatt, New Hamburg, copy in weekly till date, and send in account.

POCKET BOOK LOST.

LOST this forenoon, about the Market Square, a Pocket Book containing a sum of money. The finder on returning it to the MERCURY office will be rewarded. Guelph, 10th January, 1868. 43

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

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

ROCKWOOD

Commercial, Mathematical, and Classical ACADEMY.

THE THIRTIETH SEMI-ANNUAL EXERCISE COMMENCED ON THE SIXTH JANUARY, 1868.

THIS long established and popular Institution offers special advantages to old and young. Its rural situation affords a degree of freedom from temptation seldom attained without undue restraint; while the comprehensive nature of the curriculum meets the wants of all classes of advanced students, comprising a classical course for those preparing for the University or the professions.—A thorough English and Mathematical Course, especially adapted to the wants of first-class teachers and the general student. A complete Commercial Course, including not only those branches requisite to the mercantile student, but also others indispensable to the intelligent and business man. Regular instructions in Plain and Ornamental Penmanship and Vocal Music. Terms in advance—\$20 per quarter of 9 months; Classics, \$10 per annum extra; Reading Room and incidental, \$1 per quarter. The most respectable references given if required. Send for a circular. McCAG & McWILLAN, Rockwood, 27th Dec, 1867. dw

NEW FRUITS

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

22 lbs. New Currants for . . . \$1
11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins
10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins
8 lbs. New London Layer do.
Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

FILBERTS!

Brazil Nuts, Walnuts, Almonds, shelled or unshelled, Figs, Prunes, Dried Cherries and Cranberries, Oranges, Lemons, Dried and Green Apples, Canned Fruits and Vegetables of every description.

HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH, Guelph, 13th December, 1867. dw

Adjournment of Sale

ADJOURNED AUCTION SALE OF HARDWARE, Recovered from ruins of late fire in

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

In consequence of the severity of the cold, the continuation of the auction sale of Hardware is adjourned till

TUESDAY, 14th INSTANT,

When the whole of the Hardware recovered from ruins will be offered for sale, Consisting in part of Cut Nails, Wrought Nails, Horse Nails, Carriage Bolts and Nuts, Barn Door and T Hinges, Trace Chains, Cow Chains, Halter Chains, Barn Door Rollers, Chopping Axes, Iron Wash Basins, Tin Plates, Butt Hinges, Screws, Files and Rasps, Wagon Axle Carriage Springs, Spades and Shovels, Manure Forks, Iron Wire, Sofa Springs, Iron Bench Screws, Pick Axes, Hay and Straw Knives, Mill, Muley and Cross-cut Saws, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock. H. MULHOLLAND, Guelph, 9th January, 1868. dtd.

CHEAP Photographs

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

Christmas Presents,

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

REDUCED PRICES.

Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once.

PICTURES

of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art. Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store. W. BURGESS, Guelph, 16th December, 1867. dw

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON,) OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c. Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours. DENIS BUNYAN, Guelph, December 2, 1867. dawly

South Wellington AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at ELLIS HOTEL, On SATURDAY, 25th January, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the election of Officers and transaction of other business. GEORGE MURTON, Secretary. Guelph, 5th January, 1868. wtd

TAKE NOTICE. -- GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

FRANK SMITH & CO.

GEORGE JEFFREY,

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

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

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

GEORGE JEFFREY.

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

GREATEST CHEAP SALE OF THE SEASON

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

FRASER & HENDERSON

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

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

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

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

FRASER & HENDERSON.

New Saddlery Shop

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

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

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

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guelph, 20th December 1867. dwf.

NEW Oyster Rooms

Valentine Wald

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on

MACDONNELL STREET.

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

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

The very Best of Oysters

always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.

FRASER & JEFFREY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.

Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dwm

Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

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

Christmas & New Year

consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts,

NEW FRUIT!

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

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

MRS. ROBINSON,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1867. daw

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle their accounts

before the **15th of JANUARY, inst.,** or they will be placed in the Division Court for collection.

N. CROFT, No. 40, Wyndham St.
Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. dw-t date

Fireat Alma Block

THE Subscribers beg to intimate to their numerous customers and the public that until larger premises can be procured the

RETAIL BUSINESS!

WILL BE CARRIED ON IN THEIR

STORE IN DAY'S BLOCK,

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

The WHOLESALE TRADE

WILL BE CARRIED ON AT

The Old "Advertiser" Office, East Market Square.

JAS. MASSIE & CO.

Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. daw tf

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

to step in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever.

D. SAVAGE.

Guelph, December 14, 1867. dw

MANILLA CHERROOTS

JUST RECEIVED,

A Lot of Fine Manilla Cheroots!

H. BERRY.

Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

Wool, Hide and Leather

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

THE subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve sows during the season. Terms \$1.

ALLAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith.

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1867 (dw D. MOLTON Guelph, 23rd Dec. 1867. 4wd

BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.



OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Will sell, during the next six weeks, the balance of

THEIR WINTER STOCK AT COST.

Call and see their prices, and be convinced that this is no humbug. **ONLY ONE PRICE.**

SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Guelph, 4th January, 1868. Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market

Great Book Sale!

GREAT BOOK SALE

AT R. CUTHBERT'S.

BEHOLD! NOW IS YOUR TIME TO REPLENISH YOUR

LIBRARIES

With Standard Book of the Choicest Description.

Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. daw-tf

REMOVAL!

GRAND CLEARING SALE!

JAMES CORMACK,

HAVING leased that large and New Store next to JOHN HORSMAN'S, he has determined to dispose of the balance of his large Stock of first-class

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

CLOTHS AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,

At a Tremendous Reduction

OF PRICES. As the Goods are all new, the Clothing well cut, well made and well stayed, the public will find this one of the best and cheapest sales ever offered in Guelph.

Goods booked charged the regular price.

JOHN HARRIS, Market Square, Guelph.

Guelph, 31st December, 1867. dw

Wholesale Purchasers

Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.

JOHN HARRIS, Market Square, Guelph.

Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867. dwm

