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of the best and most reliable printing appears in its  
columns. It is the Great Family Paper  
of Ontario, and the most important addition  
to the list of papers published in the last two years  
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**CASTLE GARDEN SALOON**  
MARKET SQUARE,  
**GUELPH, ONT.**

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

**THE BAR**  
will be supplied with the  
**Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars**  
And the table with all the delicacies of the season,  
at a moderate expense, will be spared to make it  
a most agreeable entertainment.

**LUNCHEON!**  
Every day from 1 to 2 o'clock.

**OYSTERS AND GAME,**  
Dinner and Supper parties provided on  
short notice, at reasonable charges.

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Proprietor,  
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Wharf,  
**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**  
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. Law, J.

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**SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE,**  
Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a  
stitch alike on both sides of material sewed,  
and will cut or ravel. It is all kinds of  
work equally as well as Singer's high speed  
machines. Combines simplicity with durability,  
and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike  
for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family.  
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Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good  
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will be offered. For machines, samples or  
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**WHEAT AND FEED STORE**  
Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Meal,  
Bread, Hopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,  
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WHOLESALE LIQUORS, CIGARS, OYSTERS, &c., &c.  
Always on hand. Meals furnished at  
all hours.

**DENIS BUNYAN,**  
Guelph, December 1, 1867. Law, J.

**THE RED MILL**  
THE subscriber having put a steam engine  
in the Mill, farmers bringing in their grain,  
will have them ground the same day,  
at a cheap rate, at a very day.

**FLOUR AND FEED**  
FOR SALE AT THE MILL.  
GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and  
also at the Old Store, near the Railway Crossing.  
**GEORGE BALKWILL,**  
Guelph, 10th December, 1867. Law, J.

**Sewing Machine for Sale**  
FOR SALE, a superior Family SEWING MA-  
CHINE. Apply at this office.  
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**NEW LAW OFFICE.**  
**FREEMAN & FREEMAN**  
BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,  
**SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,**  
CONVEYANCERS, &c.  
24, Old Street, Guelph.

**TO CONSUMPTIVES.**  
THE Rev. Edward A. Wilson will send (free  
of charge) to all who desire it, the prescrip-  
tion with the directions for making and using the  
simple remedy by which he was cured of a lung  
affection and that dread disease Consumption.—  
His only object is to benefit the afflicted, and he  
hopes every sufferer will try this prescription, as  
it will cost them nothing, and may prove a bless-  
ing to their souls.  
REV. EDWARD A. WILSON,  
No. 135 South Second Street, Williamsburgh, N. Y.

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**Local News.**

**GALT FAIR.**—The next monthly fair  
for the town of Galt will be held on the  
12th inst.

Galt is attempting to form a Gymna-  
stic Club. Subscriptions are to be taken  
up to provide the apparatus.

**MORE AID.**—A collection in aid of the  
suffering Nova Scotians will be taken up  
in the various churches in Galt to-mor-  
row.

**SHOOTING MATCH.**—A shooting match  
took place at the Red Mill on Friday last  
between Mr. Melroy, of Alma, and Mr.  
Black, of Guelph, for \$50 a side. The  
former was the winner, having killed 15  
birds, while the latter shot 14.

**DISTURBING A SCHOOL.**—A man named  
Laird, an innkeeper at Teviotdale, was  
brought before a magistrates' court, a few  
days ago, and fined \$2 and costs, for dis-  
turbing a school. The complainant was  
the teacher, whom Laird had threatened  
to thrash for punishment inflicted on one  
of his children attending the school.

**CORONER'S INQUEST.**—An inquest was  
held in Berlin on Wednesday last on the  
body of a woman named Mrs. Dix, a millin-  
er, who it was rumored had poisoned  
herself. A post mortem examination de-  
monstrated that death resulted from nat-  
ural causes.

**STRANGE HORSE DISEASE.**—During  
the past week a new and fatal disorder  
has appeared in East Flamboro amongst  
horses, which entirely baffles the skill  
of the most expert "vets." After being  
attacked by the disease, the horse's tongue  
becomes swollen and apparently paralyzed,  
and death follows in a very few hours  
from suffocation. Mr. Reuben Sparks, of  
the 7th concession, has lost four valuable  
animals during the past week, and as the  
disease appears to be contagious too much  
care cannot be taken to prevent the  
spreading thereof.

**IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GREAT WEST-  
ERN CARS.**—A decided improvement has  
recently been introduced on some of the  
cars of the Great Western Railway. As  
a matter of course, some people, when  
travelling, cannot content themselves in  
one car, but will be found moving along  
the entire length of the train. To avoid  
disasters, the company have had portable  
platforms leading from one car to another  
put on, so that when the train is in mo-  
tion passengers can leave one car and en-  
ter another with the greatest safety. This  
will be found an admirable arrangement  
for the security of the travelling public.

**PEAT.**—The Paris Star says—Mr. Wm  
Vowles, of the township of R. ford, bro't  
in a sample of peat a few days ago,  
dug from a peat bed on his farm. We  
have tried the article both in a close and  
open stove, and found it to burn excel-  
lently—to give out a strong heat, and to  
make a good clear fire. Mr. Vowles has  
fifteen acres of peat upon his farm, and  
we understand intends to dig a consid-  
erable quantity next summer. The Galt  
Reporter copies the above and says—  
We understand that there are large de-  
posits of peat in North Dumfries. Would  
it not be well if some enquiry was made  
into its adaptability for fuel?

**ACCIDENT IN ELMA.**—A young man  
named Hugh McJay met with a severe  
accident on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the  
saw mill of Messrs. Lytle and Sweeney,  
12th con. Elma, which is feared may yet  
terminate fatally. He had been clearing  
out the sawdust from under the circular  
saw, which was going slowly at the time,  
when happening to raise his head he was  
caught by the saw, lacerating his head  
in a fearful manner. Dr. Nichol, of Lis-  
towell, was sent for, and did what he  
could for the sufferer. He extracted sev-  
eral pieces of bone, and found that the  
brain was uninjured.

**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 an-  
other supply of the new Barbers, at John  
Horsman's.

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

**Election Contest in Maryboro.**

The Municipal Election resulted in the  
Election of two Tories, J. D. Johnson  
and Joseph Madill, two Reformers Sam-  
uel Robertson and Robert Hay, and the  
people's Candidate, James Ferguson,  
who may be looked upon as the independ-  
ent member. The Election of Robert-  
son, Hay and Ferguson was protested,  
the former by his opponent Mr. Maxwell  
on the ground of disqualification, be-  
cause one of his attendants hadn't paid  
his taxes by the 15th of Dec. and also  
of some 50 ratepayers who voted for him,  
not having paid their taxes by the 15th  
of Dec. Mr. Hay's Election was protest-  
ed by Dr. Tuck, because certain arrears  
of taxes had not been paid by him, al-  
though he had a receipt in full from the  
Collector for arrears and all. Mr. Fer-  
guson's Election was protested by Mr.  
Thomas Henderson, because some of his  
voters were in the same position, as those  
who voted for Mr. Robertson. They had  
all to appear before Judge Macdonald in  
Guelph. The Judge decided Mr. Robert-  
son was qualified. There was no case  
against Mr. Hay at all. After this the  
Judge decided that on account of the  
partiality displayed by certain township  
officials, he could not unseat Robertson,  
and put Maxwell in his place, but he  
would order a new election, which is  
soon about to come off, the warrant for  
the same being in the hands of the  
Reeve. *Maple Leaf.*

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—The oldest resident  
of Shakespear, Mrs. Byrns, died sudden-  
ly of apoplexy on Sabbath last.

**THE LATE ACCIDENT.**—We are glad to  
learn that Mr. Evan McDonald's child-  
ren, who were so seriously injured yester-  
day, are considerably improved to-day.

**ACCIDENT IN NORTH EASTHOPE.**—On  
Tuesday last a man named Patrick Bren-  
nan was chopping in a swamp in North  
Easthope, and a tree fell on his head  
separating the scalp from the skull.

**BALANCE ON HAND.**—The Fergus Fire  
Brigade met on Monday night last, and  
the Concert and Ball Committee hand-  
led in their report, showing that after all  
expenses had been paid there was a bal-  
ance of \$67.17 remaining.

**MISSIONARY MONEY.**—As shown by  
reports read at the late Missionary meet-  
ing, Melville church, Fergus, raised \$350  
for missionary purposes during the past  
year, and the Presbyterian congregations  
of Glenmalan and Hollin, \$180.

**UNION SERVICES.**—Remember the  
Evangelical Union Services in the Tem-  
perance Hall, to-morrow, Sabbath, the  
9th inst., when the Rev. James Howie  
will preach (D.V.) in the morning from  
the subject: "Justification and its first  
fruits," and in the evening from the sub-  
ject: "For whom did Christ die?" Wor-  
ship to commence at 11 a.m. and 6.30  
p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL CURLING MATCH.**—The  
annual curling match for the  
Thompson-Scoville Gold Medal, between  
the Toronto and Buffalo Curling Clubs,  
took place at Toronto on Wednesday,  
three rinks on a side. After a sharp  
contest Toronto gained the prize by the  
majority of 49. The Buffalo curlers were  
afterwards handsomely entertained by  
their Toronto friends.

**BURIED ALIVE.**—A youth of seventeen  
named James Henry, a carter, was buried  
alive on Thursday morning in Baird &  
Co's Coal Yard, Montreal, while loading  
coal. The pile had been undermined,  
and suddenly fell on him. A number of  
men set to work to dig him out, but it  
was nearly an hour before they accom-  
plished their purpose. The owners of  
the coal had given orders three days be-  
fore that none should be taken from the  
pile.

**FOOLHARDY.**—A horse and cutter (the  
latter containing two young men) was al-  
most run over this morning at the cross-  
ing close by the G. T. Passenger Station.  
They drove up just as the London mail  
train was coming in, and hesitated for a  
moment whether they would attempt to  
pass the track in front of her. At last  
they decided to do so, and giving the  
horse free rein and an unmistakable ad-  
monition which the animal heeded they  
cleared the farther rail while the loco-  
motive was snorting no more than two  
or three feet distant.

**MURDER IN FLAMBORO.**—We take the  
following from the Dundas Free Banner  
of Friday: Yesterday afternoon, the wife  
of Mr. Thomas Washington, residing on  
the 6th concession of West Flamboro, left  
the house for the purpose of going to a  
neighbor's, leaving a child about 18  
months old in the charge of a lad named  
William Ferguson. On returning, she  
found the child had been shot through  
the breast and hand, and Ferguson was  
busily engaged taking its clothes off.  
Ferguson denied committing the crime,  
and shortly after made off for Dundas,  
where his parents reside. He was ar-  
rested this morning. An inquest will be  
held, when the full particulars will be  
obtained.

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**New Books.**

**THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.**—The  
February number of this Canadian Maga-  
zine has been received from the publishers,  
John Dougal & Son, Montreal. Its  
literature is not of a heavy class, but such  
as comes within the scope of ordinary con-  
prehension, at the same time that it can-  
not fail to prove interesting to every one.  
There is a great deal of original matter  
in it, in both prose and rhyme, the selec-  
tions are made with the utmost care, and  
all things considered, we think there are  
few periodicals, if any, published in  
America better worth the price than the  
New Dominion Monthly. For sale at the  
bookstores.

**SCOTT'S POETICAL WORKS.**—Mr. T. J.  
Scott has on hand a large number of the  
poetical works of the great novelist Sir  
Walter Scott. The volumes are sub-  
stantially and elegantly bound, and each  
includes all the tales in rhyme, and the  
translations, and miscellaneous poems that  
the famous author ever wrote.  
Those who have not read these poems  
have missed something in poetry, which  
they cannot find elsewhere. It is his in-  
tention to arouse a strange interest by an-  
imated tales of the feats performed by an-  
cient chivalry, and it was his peculiarity to show  
the triumphs of genius over the conven-  
tional rules which had been laid down for  
the writing of poetry. A heroic poem  
was thought valueless if the measure  
were not perfect hexameter, but he broke  
the bounds of prejudice and his readers  
were the gainers by his boldness. Every  
one no matter what his creed or politi-  
cally should read the harmonious comple-  
ment of the man who revolutionized litera-  
ture in his day, no less than Dickens has  
at present. "Marmion, or Rokeby," or  
"The Lady of the Lake"—either of them, is  
worth the price of the whole.

**The American Homestead Law.**

For the sake of comparison we give  
below the main points of the United  
States Homestead Act, which will be seen  
to be infinitely more liberal than the mis-  
erable Homestead Bill lately passed by the  
Ontario Legislature.

Any person, who is the head of a family,  
or who is 21 years of age, and who is a  
citizen of the United States, or who has  
filed his intention to become such, as re-  
quired by the naturalization laws, and  
who has never borne arms against the  
United States, or given aid and comfort  
to its enemies, is entitled to enter one-  
quarter section (100 acres) or less of the  
unoccupied public lands upon which such  
person may have filed a preemption claim,  
or which may be subject to entry at \$1.25  
or less per acre, or 80 acres, if appraised  
at \$2.50 per acre. After five years of  
actual settlement, a patent will be issued  
upon the payment of office fees, a part of  
which will be paid upon first application,  
the total amount of which is not more than  
\$15. In case of the death of the applic-  
ant, his widow, or in case of her death,  
the heirs are entitled to a patent; and so  
also are the heirs of a widow, if she  
makes the application in the first instance;  
but proof must be furnished of five years'  
occupancy and settlement. To abandon  
the land for a period of six months during  
the five years subjects the land to revert  
to the United States. The entry cannot,  
in any event, become liable to debts con-  
tracted prior to the issuing of the patent.  
No one can acquire more than one-quarter  
section under this act; but none are pre-  
vented from buying adjoining or other  
land at Government price. One who has  
served in the regular or volunteer army  
or navy of the United States not less than  
14 days is not to be deprived of the bene-  
fit of this act by reason of being less than  
21 years old. Under the preemption  
rule it has been decided that a young  
woman of full age, and capable by her  
own efforts to fulfill the requirements, is  
entitled to preempt, for it is admitted that  
the term "man" applies to both sexes;  
but to prevent large bodies of land from  
going into one family, and thus abusing  
the privileges which were granted for the  
purpose of giving homes to many, a young  
woman's application is not to be recog-  
nized if she belongs to her father's family.  
We presume the same rules will apply to  
such persons under the Homestead act.

**FROM THE HORSE GUARDS TO THE CLOSTER.**  
—An officer in the Horse Guards, who  
would in the ordinary course of events,  
have been promoted, in some twelve  
months, to the rank of captain and lieu-  
tenant-colonel, who is little more than  
thirty years of age, and had every luxury  
which wealth could bestow, has after  
mature consideration, sold out of the  
service and entered the Obituary as a  
novice. He will have to go through a  
probation of four years before he can be  
admitted to priesthood. The officer  
who has taken this step is by no means  
a recent convert.

**ICE STORING.**—The Montreal Witness  
tells the following particulars regarding  
ice. The colder the weather when ice is  
stored the longer it will keep. For in-  
stance, ice stored when the thermometer  
is 15° below zero is more valuable than  
that stored when the thermometer indi-  
cates 10° below freezing, as a much  
smaller quantity will cool the water.  
To melt the former requires 55 degrees of  
heat, while the latter requires only 20  
degrees. A piece of ice may be so cold  
that instantly freeze the hand on touching  
it, while warmer ice may be handled with  
impunity. 1 lb. of the coldest St. Lawrence  
ice is equal in value for cooling  
properties to 14 lbs. of the coldest Hudon  
river ice.

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**ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.**

Toronto, Feb. 7.

Hon. J. S. McDonald, from the railway  
committee, reported the Bill to amend  
the Act incorporating the Wellington  
Gray and Bruce railway, with amend-  
ments.

The principal amendment made by the  
committee was striking out the 6th clause  
which authorized the county Councils to  
issue debentures aiding the undertaking,  
in lieu of those issued by township and  
village municipalities, or to guarantee  
the township and village debentures,  
without it being necessary to submit by-  
laws for that purpose for the assent of the  
electors.

Mr. Boyd presented a report from the  
committee on the Sheep Act. The com-  
mittee reported unfavorably to Mr.  
Ferguson's Bill (No. 10) to amend the  
Act imposing a tax on dogs, and for the  
better protection of sheep, and reported a  
Bill of their own for the same purpose.

Mr. Boyd asked leave to introduce the  
said Bill.  
Sir Henry Smith asked the hon. mem-  
ber to explain. Was it proposed to re-  
peal the dog-tax entirely? It was very  
unpopular through the country; he be-  
lieved the best protection for sheep was  
good farm dogs.

Mr. Boyd said it was felt to be a very  
great hardship for municipalities which  
did not desire the Act to be in operation  
within their limits, to be compelled to  
enforce it. This bill made it optional for  
municipalities to put the law in operation  
within their limits or not, as they thought  
proper.

The Bill was then read a first time, and  
ordered to be read a second time on Tues-  
day.

On the motion of Hon. J. S. McDonald,  
the House went into Committee of the Whole  
to consider the resolutions appointing an  
inspector of hospitals, asylums, reformato-  
ries and prisons in Ontario, except the  
Provincial Penitentiary.

Mr. Macdonald said he proposed to fill  
up the blank for salary with \$2,000, which  
should include travelling expenses. The  
bill to be introduced, would authorize the  
Lieutenant Governor in Council to pre-  
scribe rules and regulations for the inspec-  
tion. When the estimates came down, he  
would ask the house for an additional  
sum, for a special inspection of lunatic  
asylums. The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Carling, the  
house went into committee on the Bill for  
the encouragement of Agriculture, Horti-  
cultural, Arts and Manufactures.

Clauses 1 to 33 were adopted without  
discussion.

The 34th clause was amended so as to  
include Societies which may have lately  
been organized.

Clause 36 was amended so as to give  
the member for the riding power to call  
the first meeting for the formation of a  
County or Electoral Division Society.

After this clause had been amended  
the committee rose, reported progress,  
and asked leave to sit again on Monday  
next.

**Accident Insurance in the United  
States.**  
The first successful Accident Company in  
this country was projected by James  
G. Batterson, Esq., of Hartford, Conn.  
With what enterprise and vigour the  
business of the Company has been pushed  
the numerous Agencies and wide repa-  
ration attest. The Travellers, being the  
Pioneer Company, has had all the diffi-  
culties to combat belonging to an un-  
tried experiment in a novel field of under-  
writing; a plan of business to be perfect-  
ed, prejudices to overcome, statistics to  
be compiled, rulings to establish, agents  
and the public to instruct—all of which  
required persistence, tireless energy, and ex-  
pensive patience. Frequent and costly  
changes in the mode of operations, and  
in their printed material have been neces-  
sitated because of classification and rates  
have been made imperative by the knowl-  
edge gained of the various hazards in-  
cident to the multiplied occupations of  
the country. Thus a well organized plan  
of business is being perfected, and a sci-  
entific basis established, applicable to the  
branch of insurance in America—from the  
highest average attained by any Company  
in the world in a short time. We find,  
upon reference to their statistics, that one of  
the principal Accident Companies in Eng-  
land, during its existence of fifteen years,  
has paid \$100,000 upon 4,200 claims, while  
the Travellers Insurance Company, in the  
course of three years' active business, has  
paid over \$650,000 upon over 8,000  
claims, presented by one in thirteen of  
the 110,000 policy holders. A record  
startlingly at variance with the popular  
estimate of the value of insurance against  
accidents in the United States.

From this severe ordeal this vigorous  
company emerges with its business es-  
tablished upon enduring foundations, with  
its capital of \$50,000 and a handsome sur-  
plus of \$200,000 in the Accident Depart-  
ment, which, together with the assets in  
the Life Department, gained from 2,500  
life policies written during the past year,  
place it among the important offices of  
insurance, and fully entitle it to a gen-  
eral patronage and confidence.

Mr. E. Morris, agent of the Ontario  
Bank is agent for the Travellers' Insur-  
ance Company in Guelph, from whom  
rates, &c., may be obtained on applica-  
tion.

**BY TELEGRAPH**

Despatches to the Evening Mercury  
BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Feb. 7.—The London Stan-  
dard has an editorial highly complimentary  
to Mr. Adams, expressing regret at  
his approaching retirement from the posi-  
tion he has so ably filled.

London Feb. 7.—Later advices have now  
received here from the British army now  
operating in Abyssinia for the purpose of  
releasing the English captives. The news  
is discouraging, and forbids the hope  
of a successful or safe move this season.

Florence, Feb. 7.—Admiral Farragut  
arrived here to-day, and was received  
with special honors by the minister of  
Marine.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—It has been officially  
given out by Count Von Bismarck that  
negotiations for a commercial treaty be-  
tween the United States of America and  
the Confederation of the North German  
States, have commenced and are now  
progressing with the prospect of a speedy  
and satisfactory conclusion.

**American Despatches.**

Fortress Monroe, Feb. 7.—A fire at Nor-  
folk this afternoon destroyed eight brick  
buildings, besides several others. Loss  
\$100,000.

Havana, Feb. 7.—The Spanish steamer  
Merced arrived to-day from Vera Cruz.  
The revolution in Yucatan against the  
Mexican Government has been suppress-  
ed. Gen. Alatorre, the commander of the  
Mexican expedition, was in possession of  
Sisal and Merida. A battle was fought  
on the 2nd inst. at Merida between the  
Government troops and the revolutionists,  
in which the latter were utterly defeated.  
Villa Fana, the revolutionary leader, was  
killed, and at the end of the engagement  
most of his adherents surrendered, the  
small parties succeeded in making their  
escape to the mountains. Some of the  
rebel officers also escaped during night,  
and left the country on a schooner  
which was laying off the shore. An in-  
surrection has broken out in Tancuico. At  
last accounts the rebels held possession of  
the city and some Mexican gunboats  
were blockading the port. The announce-  
ment of the victory over the rebels in  
Yucatan was received in the capital with  
great rejoicing. It is reported that the  
prisoners in the hands of Gen. Alatorre  
will be shot.

New York, Feb. 8.—Herald's Havana  
special says the action between General  
Alatorre's forces and the Yucatan rebels  
under Col. Villa Fana, took place at Max-  
caine, a town of about 5000 inhabitants,  
in the district of Merida. The battle was  
fought on Saturday, Feb. 1st. The rebel  
Governor abandoned the capital, Merida,  
on Sunday, and fell back with his remain-  
ing adherents. Before the rebels left  
Merida they enforced heavy loans in Si-  
sal, and seized a Mexican brig, the Ori-  
zabal, on board which some of the leaders  
are supposed to have sailed for Cuba or  
some point along the coast to unite with  
the fugitives who had fled to the interior.

There are further details of the news from  
Yucatan. The rebels were disposed to  
submit to Gen. Diaz. Col. Villa Fana's  
aide, Mendez, another officer named Cal-  
deron, and fifteen rebel prisoners, were  
ordered to be shot. The English steam  
sloop of war Cordoba had arrived off Vera  
Cruz, and reported that a lot of pirates  
under one Hernandez, had surprised Car-  
men Island and had taken away all the  
military and government stores. He in-  
tended to sail for Tobasco to depose the  
Governor.

**Marcellous!**  
TORONTO, C. W., July 8, 1864.

GENTLEMEN,—I send you a certificate  
of the great benefits I have derived from  
using Bristol's Sarsaparilla. I have been  
terribly afflicted for years with Acute  
Rheumatism; my knee joints were swollen  
to an enormous extent, and it was with  
the greatest difficulty I walked. I was  
treated by the best physicians in the city  
without any apparent benefit. My friends  
persuaded me to try Bristol's SARSAPA-  
RILLA. After taking the first bottle I was  
almost cured; and now, after taking the  
third, I am a new man. If agreeable, I  
desire that you should publish this certifi-  
cate, and let the afflicted know of the  
great benefit I have derived from your  
valuable medicine.

I am gentlemen, yours truly,

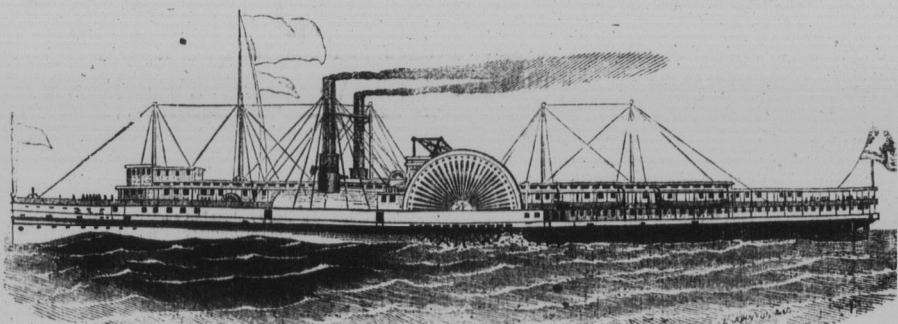


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## SELLING OFF HARDWARE AT COST!

### LOOK AT MY LIST OF PRICES:

Cut Nails \$3.25 per keg, T Hinges 7 1/2 c. per lb., Window Glass, ordinary size, \$2.20 per box.

## Iron \$2.35 per 100 lbs., Sleigh Shoe Steel 5 cents per lb.

Spring Steel, 5 cents per lb., AXLES 1 inch \$2.25, 1 1/4 inch \$2.25, 1 1/2 inch \$2.50. AXLES, half patent, 1 inch \$2.50, 1 1/4 inch \$2.50, 1 1/2 inch \$2.75, Springs 10 1/2 cents per lb. Borax 20 cents, Shot 8 cents per lb., Cow Chains 25 cents each.

COAL OIL ELEVEN CENTS BY THE BARREL.

### And all other Goods equally low, including Lamps, Glasses, Wicks, &c.

## JOHN HORSMAN.

Guelph, 5th February, 1868.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET  
SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 8, 1868.

#### THE RIVAL RAILWAYS.

In the editorial correspondence of the *Hamilton Spectator* of Friday we find the following:— In the Railway Committee yesterday, the Attorney-General made a most important statement in relation to the policy of the Government on the subject of the gauge of Canadian railways. The Southern Bill was before the Committee, and a suggestion having been made that the gauge should be inserted in it, Mr. Thompson objected strongly, declaring that the charter would not be worth ten cents if that were done. The Attorney General at once, and with great emphasis, declared that "the Government could not consent to the construction of a road with any other gauge than 5 feet 6 inches."— "And, upon that statement, the gauge was inserted."— What renders this announcement on the part of the Premier peculiarly important is the fact that this uniform Provincial gauge is insisted upon for local traffic. Authority is given in the Bill to lay a third rail for through traffic. During the discussion a view of the question, which has not been sufficiently considered, was urged, and apparently acquiesced in unanimously by the Committee, viz: the military consideration. Mr. Cumberland stated that, during the late Fenian raid, which was a comparatively small affair, the rolling stock of no less than five different railways passed indiscriminately over all the roads; and that but for the uniform gauge, which enabled them to do this, it would have been impossible, with sufficient rapidity, to have moved troops and military stores. It will be remembered that the 13th Battalion were carried over the Buffalo and Lake Huron road, and the 16th Regiment over the Welland road, in Great Western cars, and that but for this the greatest delay must have occurred in getting troops to the front. It is this question of defence that may be said finally to determine the Government against permitting any break of gauge; and the unanimity with which the principle of uniformity, in this respect, was insisted upon in the Committee, may I think, be taken as settling the question for the present at rest.

**THE DUTY ON SUGAR.**—The *London Grocer* of the 11th January, on the late changes in the Canadian Tariff, remarks, "It will be seen from the figures that, on the higher grades of Sugar, the duty is much higher in Canada, and on the inferior, which are used entirely for refining, they are lower. The effect of this is to prevent the direct importation of the higher grades of sugar altogether, and to interfere very seriously with the foreign trade of the Province. The refiners in Montreal have thus an enormous and most undue protection over the English or Continental refiners. They have not only the higher duty on refined sugar but they have added to it the lower duty on the raw material which they use, the whole amounting in some cases to 75 cents on the 100 lbs., and, in addition to this, they have an indirect protection to the extent of the ocean freight and insurance, and the difference of exchange. There is no good reason why the great body of the consumers should be taxed for the benefit of the Montreal establishments, a branch of trade which, in the very nature of things, can hardly become a general branch of manufacture in the country.

The *St. Catharines Journal* is informed that the 30th regiment is shortly to be stationed along the Niagara frontier, which it takes as an indication of expected visitors.

#### Prussia a Naval Power.

Prussia, according to the *London Times*, has now got the most formidable iron-clad in the world—a fleet in herself. The King William was built in the Thames for the Sultan, but as the Commander of the Faithful seemed averse to parting with his piastres, she was offered to the British Government by her builders. While the Lords of Admiralty were in turn calculating her dimensions in terms of yards of red tape, Count Bismarck stepped in and bought her over their heads. She carries eight inches of iron, and ten of teak backing, while the disposition of the coal in bunkers on either side still further protects the vital parts of the machinery. Her armament consists of twenty-six 300-pounders, and she is expected to make fourteen knots an hour. The *Times* asserts that no British vessel afloat would have a chance with her, and in naval tactics now-a-days individual strength is supreme—if the King William could sink the Warrior single handed without sustaining injury, then six Warriors would be of little more avail.

This buying and selling of iron-clads is one of the strangest features of the strange time we live in. Because the Sultan was hard up, the English Admiralty dilatory, and a Thames shipbuilding company anxious to realize, Prussia becomes a naval power! Bismarck is not a man for half measures, and there is nothing to prevent Prussia, who a few years ago had not a dockyard or a ship, having just as good a chance of becoming the first naval power in Europe as France or England. The Clyde, the Thames and the Tyne are open to all buyers, and the Power that makes the largest operation in iron-clads wins. Before long there will be a regular iron-clad exchange established, and rates will fluctuate like those of gold.

**ITALY.**—A new conflict has arisen between the Pope and the King of Italy. The Pope has directed the Italian clergy to have a *Ti Deum* sung in all the Italian churches for the victory at Mentana. Victor Emmanuel, naturally, has forbidden, within the bounds of the kingdom, the celebration of religious services which, indirectly at least, are aimed against the Italian Government no less than against Garibaldi. It is absurd to expect a lasting compromise between views so radically different. Sooner or later the one must conquer and the other must submit.

The breach between Sir John A. and Cartier is wider than ever. It is said the plucky little Frenchman is endeavoring to form new alliances, with himself as Premier. Other reports make Macdougall and Sandfield Macdonald at work on a new combination. It is evident there's something in the wind. The rumor that Sir John A. is willing to be Lieut-Governor of Ontario gains strength daily.

Chignons have fallen; those abominations have at last come to grief, and there is scarcely one to be seen in all Paris. The flat of fashion has gone forth and chignons are abolished. The new way of doing hair is to roll it up in a large flat cartwheel on the top of the head, coming to within an inch of the forehead. It needs no artificial aid.—*Ladies' Own Paper.*

**REPEAL IN NOVA SCOTIA.**—The resolutions in favour of a repeal of the union were to be discussed in the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia to-day.

There were 4,465 deaths in Montreal in 1867, being at the rate of about one in 26. There were 791 Protestants and 3,674 Catholics—1,988 children under one year of age.

#### MARRIAGES.

CARROLL MARRIED.—On the 22nd ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Township of Guelph, to Anne, youngest daughter of T. McArthur, Esq.

MARTIN SMITH.—At Rothsay, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. D. Anderson, Mr. James Martin, farmer, Minto, to Miss Jane Smart, of the same place.

THOMPSON ALLAN.—On the 29th ult., at the residence of Mr. John Cunningham, Cass St., Illinois, by the Rev. James Gardner, Wm. Thompson to Miss Eliza Allan.

#### DIED.

HORN.—In Guelph Township, on the 5th inst., Samuel, son of Mr. William Horn, aged 7 years and 10 months.  
(The funeral will proceed to the Union Cemetery at 2 P.M. on Monday. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.)

#### New Advertisements.

#### Requisition.

#### SALE at Cuthbert's TO-NIGHT.

#### Highly Important & Attractive Sales

#### TO-NIGHT!

This Saturday Eve'g, Feb. 8th, Guelph, 5th February, 1868.

#### Guelph Garrison Battery ATTENTION!

A FULL MUSTER of the above Company is ordered on TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 9th, at half past 7 p.m., as the Company is to be inspected on Friday following.  
JAS. BARCLAY, Capt.  
Guelph, Feb. 8, 1868.

#### BOARDS.

TWO or three gentlemen can be accommodated with good rooms in a first class private house, a gentleman and his lady not objected to. Apply to  
MISS CARBY, Quebec Street,  
Guelph, Feb. 8, 1868.

#### Good READING

CHEAP AT

#### Day's Bookstore.

- Pickwick Papers,
- Oliver Twist,
- David Copperfield,
- Nicholas Nickleby,
- Domby and Son,
- Great Expectations,
- Christmas Stories,
- Sketches by Boz,
- Hard Times.

Each complete in one Volume.—Price 25 cents each, by mail, post-paid for 30 cents.

**AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE,**  
Opposite the Market,  
Guelph, 6th February, 1868.

#### FRENCH'S

### Condition POWDER, AND HEAVE REMEDY.



### HEAVES

#### Thick and Broken Wind, Coughs, Colds, Inflammation of the Lungs,

And all Diseases which affect the wind of Horses.  
It is the best medicine known for removing all Impurities of the Blood and restoring a Stock and Gloss Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in Cleansing the Skin. As a Diuretic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made. Preparing by

### A. B. PETRIE

Chemist and Druggist, Apothecaries Hall, Market Square, Guelph.  
Guelph, 29th Jan., 1868.

#### G. A. D. G.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club intend giving another of their popular entertainments in the TOWN HALL.

On Wednesday, 19th Feb.,

When the celebrated *Tragedy*, in Five Acts,

### BARBAROSSA!

By John Bowen, D. D., will be presented for the first time in Guelph. Tickets at the rate of

### THE HAPPY MAN

Tickets 50c. Reserved seats 50c.  
M. ARMOUR, Manager,  
Mr. VALE, Leader of Orchestra.  
Guelph, 4th Feb., 1868.

### ALLAN'S Barber SHOP.

IS THE BASKINSET OF  
**Castle Garden SALOON,**  
West Market Square.

SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING, SHAMPOONING, and HAIR COLOURING, Done in First-Class Style.  
Making and doing up Curis for Ladies.  
Guelph, February 6th, 1868.

### SPEED LODGE NO. 180. A. F. & A. M.



THE next regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the old Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, February 11th, at half-past seven. By order,  
JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.  
Guelph, 7th February, 1868.

#### Cow Strayed or Stolen.

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

#### New Advertisements.

### PUBLIC REQUEST.

### A. O. BUCHAM

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

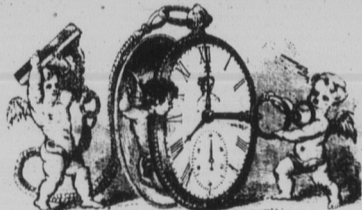
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Goods that are not surpassed in value at the present time. NEW CLOUDS JUST OPENED, 37 CENTS EACH.

Guelph, Feb. 8, 1868.

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Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.  
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868.

#### THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

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#### AT PARIS, ONTARIO,

is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination is merely requested, which will be to the advantage of those intending to purchase. All machines warranted.

Also, agent for the DALTON KNITTING MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market.

Apply to

MOSSES BECHTEL,  
General Agent for the County of Wellington,  
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Agent for Guelph: MRS. HUNTER, Fancy Store, Market Square.

Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868.

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# FIRE AT ALMA BLOCK.---REMOVAL!

## JOHN M. BOND & CO.,

(SUCCESSORS TO HENRY MULHOLLAND)

HARDWARE IMPORTERS,

Corner Wyndham and Cork-sts., near the Gore Bank, Guelph.

### NEW & COMPLETE STOCK OF HARDWARE

The subscribers desire to inform their customers and the public that they are now receiving a Large, New and Complete Stock of Hardware, which they can and are determined to sell at prices LOWER than ever sold in Guelph before. Customers and the public will please bear in mind the fact, that no matter who advertises to sell CHEAP, nor who offers at COST, they can and will sell CHEAPER, notwithstanding what they may state to the contrary. It is noted as an established fact by intelligent and close buyers, that at this establishment they were able to purchase Goods for from 10 to 25 per cent. less than anywhere else. Remember from 10 to 25 per cent. less. I now offer an entirely New Stock (remember not an OLD STOCK), at lower prices than ever. Let my customers and the public call, compare prices and judge for themselves. Remember the New Stand--Corner Wyndham and Cork-sts. Iron and Coal Yard at Alma Block, as before.

Guelph, 29th January, 1868:

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#### CONCERT!

#### RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

#### BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

##### Sacred Music

JUST RECEIVED. A SUPPLY OF  
**GODERICH SALT.**

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.  OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

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#### Salmon Trout and Herring!

#### SMITH & BOTSFORD,

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Also, 70 half Barrels Salmon Trout,

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70 half Barrels Lake Huron Herring,  
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Call and see their prices, and be convinced that this is no landing. ONLY ONE PRICE.

On Wednesday Ev'g, 12th February

Two cases of Finnan Haddies just arrived.

SMITH & BOTSFORD,

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Guelph 15th January, 1868. R. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, 4th January, 1868.

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#### A Lot of Fine Manilla Cheroots!

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Hair Brushes,

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

On Friday, 21st of February

Tooth Brushes,

At a Tremendous Reduction

for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, three times per week each way, between Erin and Guelph, from the 1st April next. Conveyance to be made in a Wagon, Cutter, Sleigh or Passenger Stage.

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

The mails to leave Erin on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 a. m.

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To arrive at Guelph . . . . . 12 noon

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COAL OIL

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#### Funerals, Funerals!

Wholesale Purchasers

HATS, CAPS, & C.,

NATHAN TOVELL has to announce that

JOHN A. WOOD

Which will be sold at COST and UNDER for CASH ONLY.

he is prepared to attend funerals as usual

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

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

Colleges always on hand. Passage to hire.

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His Steam Planing Mill is in constant operation.

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All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

SATURDAY, 11th April, 1868

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE AT PRESENT A FULL SUPPLY OF

Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867. NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Crossen.

at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all

GROUND PLASTER

#### Dominion Store!

the right, title and interest of the said insolvent,

300 TONS.

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in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises

And while shipping is good, farmers should get their supplies. By address from Paris, York and

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situate, lying and being in the Village of

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HAS ON HAND A VARIED STOCK OF GENERAL

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will far exceed the supply. We have been able to secure only

GROCERIES for

County of Wellington, in the Province of Ontario.

Instead of 500, and we would therefore advise those requiring any to procure securely.

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BY virtue of the authority conferred on me

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consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

to wit: JOHN HARRIS, of Guelph, in the

A small lot of very fine Clover Seed on hand

#### NEW FRUIT!

and wife to the said insolvent, made the 29th

SEED WHEAT.

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

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FOR sale by the subscriber, a quantity of Wheat,

#### Oyster Rooms

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known as "Amber," or "Platt's Midge

#### Valentine Wald

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Proof," a new variety. See CANADA FARMER,

begs to announce to the public that he has

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fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with

and wife to the said insolvent, made the 29th

Guelph, 29th Jan. 1868. dw

#### Four Corners' Hotel,

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Guelph, 29th Jan. 1868. dw



