

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, & C.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes are notified...

FURNITURE VARNISH!

Furniture Polish, Brunswick Black, Varnish and Paint Brushes! PAINTS AND OILS

At Apothecaries' Hall! Market Square.

A. B. PETRIE Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

Toronto Advertisement

W. & D. DINEEN BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country...

HATS, CAPS AND FURS Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street...

TORONTO. Toronto, 26th March, 1868.

FUNERALS.

WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER, SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL...

FUNERALS As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand...

DR. JAMES' NEW DISCOVERY, GREEN MOUNTAIN OIL.

WARRANTED TO CURE Rheumatic Pains of all kinds, Diphtheria, Croup and Burns...

SPRAINS, Wounds and Bruises, NEURALGIA, Toothache and Headache, EARACHE and SUN Neck...

FLAX MILL BURNT.—The flax mill, three miles from Fergus, on the Owen Sound Road...

NOTICE. THE subscriber having purchased from the Executors of his late partner, Mr. Henderson...

ALL outstanding accounts to be paid in bankable currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 12th of April...

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.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT, No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street, Guelph, July 31, 1866.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. GOING EAST. GOING WEST. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY. ARRIVE AT GUELPH. DEPART.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. MONDAY EV'G, APRIL 6, 1868.

Hon. George Brown leaves again for England this week.

The Wellington Hunt Club have lost some of their most valuable hounds.

THE TRUMB FAMILY.—Mr. and Mrs. Trumb, and the other lady and gentleman will give their second levee at eight o'clock this evening, in the Town Hall.

ACCEPTED.—The Rev. John Aull has accepted the call given by the united congregations of Knox's Church—Brampton and Malton.

POISONED.—A child died at Brantford a few days ago in consequence of having swallowed some strychnine, a bottle of which had been carelessly left on the mantelpiece.

FERGUS FAIR.—The attendance at the Easter Fair, held in Fergus on Monday last week was not so large as at the regular monthly fairs.

ELORA FAIR.—The turn-out at the last Elora fair is described as having been the finest that has been witnessed there for many a day.

THE LONDON RUNAWAYS.—The lady who eloped a few days ago from London in company with a soldier, but who, together with her paramour, was caught and brought back, has been tried for enticing the son of Mars to desert and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

WARNING TO PARENTS.—About three weeks ago, a little girl, three years old daughter of Mr. John Stubbins, 5th Line East Chinguacousy, while playing with some matches left loose in an up stairs bedroom, set fire to the upper part of her clothing.

ACCIDENT.—An accident occurred at a barn raising on John Davidson's premises 3rd concession of Maryboro, on the 26th ult, which was of a very serious nature.

NEARLY BLOWN UP.—While a young man named John Wray, was out shooting on Tuesday last he met with rather a serious accident, which may result in the loss of one of his eyes.

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From Ottawa.

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The Dominion Rifle Association held their last meeting on Friday, when the following gentlemen were elected from Ontario to constitute the council:—Allen Gilmour, Ottawa; Lt. Col. Higginson, Hawkesbury; W. J. Morris, Esq., Perth; Lt. Col. Dickenson, Cornwall; Lt. Col. Shaw, Brigadier-Major, Kingston; Lt. Col. Paton, 14th Batt., Kingston; Capt. Dumble, Cobourg; Lieut. Col. Cubitt, Bowmanville; C. S. Gzowski, Toronto; Lt. Col. Brunel, do.; Lt. Col. Fairbanks, Oshawa; Major E. O'Reilly, Hamilton; Judge McDonald, Guelph; Capt. Stephenson, Chatham; Lt. Col. Moffatt, Brigade-Major, London; Capt. McClenaghan, Woodstock. Members were also elected for the other Provinces. The Council then met and appointed Hon. Mr. Botsford President, and C. J. Brydges, Speaker Cockburn and Col. Wilnot, of Nova Scotia, Vice-Presidents; Lt. Col. Powell, Deputy Adjutant-General, was appointed Treasurer, and Capt. Stuart, of the Militia Department, Secretary. A sub-committee was appointed to propose by-laws, which were adopted by the council. The Government will be asked to be patron of the Association.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, April 4th.—The defeat of the Ministry is the chief topic of conversation. Most of the journals have editorialized on the subject. The Times says the Commons have resolved this cancer of the empire shall be removed.

London, April 4th.—The Morning Post concludes a very able article with the following words: "This vote is the death warrant of the Irish Church. No fairer trophy has been won by the Liberal party since the Emancipation Act of 1829."

Berlin, April 4th.—The flag of North Germany, presented to Parliament by German citizens of New Orleans, was formally accepted yesterday, and will be hung in the Chamber. A resolution declaring that members ought not to be held responsible elsewhere for any words uttered in debate, was carried by a large majority.

London, April 5th.—An important meeting of the Cabinet was held on Saturday, to consider what action should be taken in view of the vote of Friday night on Mr Gladstone's resolutions. It is reported that ministers decided to resign in case the Opposition should retain their large majority after the recess of Parliament.

Paris, April 5th.—The Standard has advices from Rio de la Plata, of the 6th ult., which state that the situation of the Paraguayan President, Gen. Lopez, is not so desperate as Brazilian accounts represent.

Berlin, April 4th.—Hon. George Bancroft, U. S. Minister at the court of Prussia, has been duly commissioned from the State Department with full power to arrange and complete the treaty of commerce and navigation with the authorities of the North German Confederation and the members of the German Zollverein.

Buffalo, April 6th.—Weston, the pedestrian, arrived here at 5:10 p.m. on Saturday, having walked over 103 miles in 24 hours and 10 minutes. He accomplished the 100 miles in 23 hours 13 minutes.

New York, April 5th.—Snow storm last night continued several hours; weather cold.

Detroit, April 5th.—The upper portion of Abbott's block, on Woodbridge street, was burned last night. Loss \$50,000.

New York, April 6th.—The Times' special says: The fact that the counsel for the defence, on Saturday, only asked three days time to prepare their proof, took the Senate and public by surprise.

The "Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company" was incorporated 26th June 1854, and the Provisional Directors were two Toronto gentlemen, and sixteen others, leading men in the Counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce. This charter, like the previous one, was saved by another sod turning process which took place at Fergus in the latter end of June last, and the Banquet this time took place at Fergus and cost that village \$120.

There was another company chartered 8th May 1864, styled the "Fergus, Elora and Guelph Railway Company," but as they had only one year to show their sincerity, and as they did nothing, their charter lapsed like the North Western. Mr. Sanford Fleming made a survey at the expense of the County of Wellington, I believe. Mr. Frank Shibly also made a survey some years ago, and surveys were commenced last year, but as yet no line has been fixed on. In 1866 an attempt was made to get the Wellington County Council to make a large grant of aid of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, and the majority agreed to do so, but for want of the proper notices Parliament would not give power to the Council to grant the same as a bonus to the Company. The above are simply dry facts but may be useful to debaters on these ticklish subjects.

April 4th, 1868. Yours truly, Z.

BOUND FOR CALIFORNIA.—Emigration, with sufficient cause thereunto moving, is not limited to the "finest peasantry in the world." The practical New Englander recognizes the force of necessity, but does not howl over it, thinking it better to work where labor is in demand than to starve where it is superabundant. We read in a telegram the simple announcement, as though it were a matter of course: "Business in Boston being prostrate, twelve hundred mechanics will take passage for California this week." Yet San Francisco is more remote from Boston than Cork from New York. There is all imaginable difference between clamoring for a legislative remedy and acting on one that is speedy and efficacious.

The Great Western Railway and the Government.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton Times says: "It is decided that the Great Western Railway Company is to be heard by counsel before the Privy Council, on the subject of the indebtedness of the Company to the Government. Mr. Rose, in his position of guardian of the public purse, doubtless, feels himself bound to resist every demand upon the Government to forego a claim. It is difficult however, to see how he will be able at last to resist the cogent arguments which the Company has to bring to bear on the main point at issue. The Finance Minister's chief argument seems to be, that the Great Western is not to be afforded any relief, as other Companies were, because its difficulties did not arise until it had been some years in operation, whereas the Grand Trunk and the Northern, having been in difficulties from the start, had to be assisted at all hazards. According to their view, the better management of the Great Western is what is to preclude its being treated as the others were. Had there been just a sufficient amount of jobbery and extravagance in connection with the Gt. Western, it might then have stood on a par with the Grand Trunk, and been entitled to relief. Surely the only well-managed Railway in Canada—the only one of our railways that has been even moderately successful—deserves better encouragement than this were it only for the sake of the good example shown. The portentous sum total reached by the figuring up of interest for many years back may be technically right, but, morally, the demand for payment of this seems to shock all sense of justice. There must be a limit to the piling up of arrearages, else the settlement of great national or financial questions would be an impossibility. Let technical points be urged as they may, the public judgment must be that the postponement of the Government claim has amounted to a virtual admission that it should not be exacted. This argument from the fact must carry with it more weight of conviction to the popular mind than all the arguments de jure that can be urged."

A PONTIFICAL GIFT.—The Pope has presented the "golden rose" to the Queen of Spain. It is a remarkable work of art, representing a branch of a rose tree, with the thorns and buds in pure gold, and having at the extremity a flower of larger size. The bough rests on a pedestal of silver gilt, which bears the Papal arms among its ornaments. The intrinsic value of the gift calculated by the weight of the gold only, is about 40,000 reals, or \$2,000. We are further informed that in the cup of this golden rose, among its petals, the Pope, at every benediction he pronounced upon it, inserted a few particles of amber and musk. Upon receiving the rose the Queen returned to her palace, whence, still holding the consecrated trinket, she repaired to her apartments. The rose was then entrusted to a court chaplain, by whom it was exhibited, and tendered to the devout kisses of all the officers of the household and dignitaries of the realm.

AN APPROPRIATE GIFT.—The Sunday School children of Great Britain and Ireland have lately presented H. R. H. the Princess of Wales with a beautiful copy of the Bible. The schools uniting in the subscription to the gift numbered 1,514 in all: 1,238 in England, 146 in Scotland, and 130 in Ireland. The following kindly answer was returned by the Princess to the deputation of school children who presented this gift to her:—"I accept the very beautiful Bible which you present to me with, I hope, a full appreciation of the sentiments you express concerning its inestimable value, as the Word of God. I am very sensible of the exertions which you have made to supply me with this proof of your loyalty to the throne. I offer you my very sincere acknowledgment, and will only add that the gratification with which I receive your present is enhanced when I regard it as a token of the Christian union subsisting between those who have joined together to give it to me."

THE MORMON SCHISM.—The latest phase of the schism in the Mormon Church is a letter from Joseph Smith, junior, son of the so-called prophet, to a Chicago journal, in which he says that the majority of the members of that faith did not follow Brigham Young to Utah, but are scattered in the Northwest, still holding to the doctrines of the elder Smith, and denouncing the infamous practices of the Salt Lake Saints. Joseph's mother, the wife of the elder Smith, has married a "Gentile," and seceded from the faith, and the followers of Brigham are daily dropping away individually, and by families, so that the proximate fall of the Church of Mormon would seem to be a foregone conclusion.

The total revenue of the city of Toronto for the last year was \$748,749.43, and the expenditure, \$697,225.77, leaving a surplus of \$51,523.66. The debt of the city amounts to \$2,171,703.43, being reduced during the past year by the sum of \$56,849.00.

A MARINE SCHOOL.—Says the Witness M. Fortin, M.P. for Gaspe, appeals to the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Minister for the Fisheries, and to the Government, to establish a marine school, inasmuch as Canadians, if aided and encouraged to learn practical and theoretical navigation, would go in much larger numbers, into the fishing business in the Gulf—a business now chiefly carried on by Americans. They would also take a much greater share of foreign trade than they do at present. A marine school is not, we should think, at all needed in Nova Scotia, where the shipping owned and navigated by Nova Scotians, bears, we suppose, a higher proportion to the population than in any other country of the world; but it is much needed among our French Canadians, who should, seeing their extraordinary opportunities along the St. Lawrence and the Gulf for training in the sea-faring life, take a much higher place than they do as ship-owners and navigators. Capt. Fortin's proposal is eminently patriotic.

PROPOSED UNION OF THE WESLEYANS AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—A discussion took place in the late Convocation at New York, which will no doubt excite much attention. Archdeacon Hamilton moved the appointment of a committee to open negotiations with the Wesleyan Conference upon "the possibility of a thorough reunion between the Wesleyan community and the Church of England." This proposition was supported by the Arch-deacon Carlisle and Hornby; but it was opposed by the Bishops of Carlisle and Ripon, Arch-deacon Pollock and Chancellor Thurlow. Eventually the motion was withdrawn, and an amendment moved by the Bishop of Ripon, was adopted with only one dissentient. The effect of the amendment is that the Convocation would "cordially welcome any practical attempt to effect a brotherly reconciliation" between the Church and the Wesleyans.

BIRD CAGES. Just received a variety of Bird Cages, a better assortment than ever before offered in Guelph. JOHN HORSMAN.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE, TWO COLTS AND A FILLY, five years old. Strong and good. E. A. HARLAND. Guelph Tp., April 6, 1868. d 2

MONEY FOUND. FOUND on Saturday, 4th April, in Gowdy and Stewart's Flour and Feed Store, a small sum of money in bills. The owner can have the same by calling at the store, proving property and paying the expenses of this advertisement. Guelph, April 6, 1868. d 3

BOARD WANTED. BY a newly married couple in a private family where no other boarders are kept. Address H. A. Mervay office. Guelph, 4th April, 1868. d 3

BASE BALL. THE annual meeting of the Guelph "Maple Leaf" Base Ball Club will be held at Nicholas Court House Hotel, On Monday Ev'g, 6th April, at half-past seven o'clock, for the purpose of electing Officers for the ensuing year, and general business. A full attendance of the members is particularly requested. WM. SUNLEY, Secretary. Guelph, 2nd April, 1868. d

Medical Dispensary USE HARVEY'S PECTORAL BALSAM,

THE best preparation in the market for the cure of COUGHS, COLDS, &c. FOR SALE BY E. HARVEY Chemist and Druggist, Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st, Guelph, Ontario. Guelph, 4th April, 1868. dw

HOUSE TO LET, WITH Garden attached. Apply to CALEB CHASE. Guelph, 2nd April 1868. d

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS! Ploughs, with Steel or Iron Boards. Cultivators, three kinds. Drill Ploughs. Turnip Drills and Scarifiers. Horse Rakes & Turnip Cutters. Churns. Washing Machines. All in their season and MADE OF FIRST-CLASS MATERIAL, and warranted superior to anything in the market. CHARLES THAIN, Near the Guelph Marble Works, Elora Road. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. w

TEACHER FOR THE Senior Girls' School. APPLICATIONS for the office of Teacher of the Senior Girls' School, under the management of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the Town of Guelph, will be received by the subscriber up to 11th April. The salary is \$400 per annum. Applicants must hold first class certificates, and be competent to teach French. ROBERT TORRANCE, Secretary. Guelph, 24th March, 1868. 3tw

In the Surrogate Court Of the County of Wellington. NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, on the SIXTEENTH day of APRIL, next, for the appointment of ALEXANDER THOMSON, of the Town of Guelph Merchant, to be Guardian of Jesse Andrew, William Andrew, George Andrew, Margaret Andrew, Mary Andrew, and James Andrew, infant children of Jane Andrew, late of the said town of Guelph, widow, deceased. J. WEBSTER, Jr. Solicitor. Guelph, April 1st, 1868. dw

OPENING OF THE SPRING TRADE

STEWART'S SPRING DRESSES, NEWEST STYLES. SPRING DRESSES, BEST MATERIALS. SPRING DRESSES, MOST MODERATE PRICES. Guelph, 4th April, 1868.

STEWART'S HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least One-third Lower.

STEWART'S HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and hot the body stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART'S CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

STEWART'S STOCK OF TAPESTRY is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 75 cents.

STEWART'S NEW SILKS. BLACK AND COLORED. DRESS GOODS. CHENES, CAMLETS, REPS. POPLINS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

MANTLES. SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET. JACKETS. SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET. LACES. COLLARETS, TIPS, FALLS. MUSLIN AND LINEN SETS.

PARASOLS. RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c. HOSIERY. SILK, SPUN AND COTTON. GLOVES. KIDS, SILK AND LISLE.

SMALL WARES. BELTS, BUGLE TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS IN VARIETY. PRINTS. BRILLIANTES, FLORES, SKIRTINGS AND SKIRTINGS.

STEWART'S Is now showing for the Spring Trade NEW DAMASKS, NEW REPS, NEW CHINTZES, NEW LENO CURTAINS, NEW MUSLIN CURTAINS, NEW LACE CURTAINS.

WM. STEWART.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. GREAT ATTRACTION.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON IS THE DISPLAY OF NEW HATS & CAPS AT THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL. A. THOMSON & CO. Guelph, 4th April, 1868.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT. GUELPH, ONT. 1868. JOHN HOGG AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torrents of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still to continue to serve and be a means of profit to the great mass of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity. I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for Ready Money—and money will command Bargains such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers. It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers. COTTON GOODS have all advanced very rapidly within the last month. During the period of panic prices I bought heavily, indeed sufficient to do my business requirements during the summer. Since an advance of fully forty per cent. has taken place. My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price. Thanking you for past favors, I remain yours, JOHN HOGG. Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

SOMETHING NEW! LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF CHARLES DICKENS AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS That cannot be distinguished from Oil Paintings, at Cuthbert's Bookstore? Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE. OPENED TO-DAY! New Spring Dress Goods, New Hats New and Skirtings. Guelph, March 27, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM. Try those Splendid New Figs AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX. Oranges and Lemons! Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety. Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at H. BERRY'S Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. TOM THUMB!

And His Family. GENERAL TOM THUMB'S TROUPE, consisting of the Original world-renowned GENERAL TOM THUMB, And his beautiful and accomplished little Wife, Mrs. Lavinia Warren Stratton! That inimitable specimen of wit, skill, agility and comic drollery. COMMODORE NUTT (Known as the \$20,000 Nutt), and his intended wife, the sweet little sprig, MISS MINNIE WARREN. Positively ONE DAY ONLY, at the Town Hall, Guelph, MONDAY, the 6th of APRIL. TWO LEVEES, at 3 and 8. After an absence of three years in Europe, where they have delighted nearly all the Kings, Queens, Emperors, Nobility, and five million citizens of the Old World, these wonderful Lilliputians have returned to their native land, [are giving a few Farewell Entertainments prior to their final retirement into private life. They are undoubtedly the most astonishing and delightful Wonders of the age! Four beautifully and symmetrically formed ladies and gentlemen in Miniature. Graceful, intelligent, witty, educated and refined, exhibiting the most polished manners of the fashionable drawing room, and yet only the size of three year old children. Their unique and exquisitely enchanting performances and Exhibitions never fail to charm and delight every beholder. Songs, Duets, Dances, &c., in characteristic Costumes, Military Exercises, Comic Imitations and Delineations, Fantastic Orations, Dialogues, Amusing Tricks, Classic Statues, Funny Pantomimes and Burlesque Comedies, enchant the children, delight the ladies, and astonish and please the gentlemen. The scores of Rich and Elegant Dresses, and the brilliant collection of Diamonds worn before the various Potentates of Europe, all of which are introduced in these Popular Levees cost over Twenty thousand Dollars in gold. These little mites of humanity are conveyed to and from their hotel and hall by their beautiful shieland Ponies and Miniature Carriage, attended by Elin Coachman and Footman in Livery. Ladies and Children are considerably advised to attend the Day Exhibition, and thus avoid the crowd and confusion of the evening performance. Admission - - - 25 cents. Children under ten 15 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents, children under ten 25 cents. Guelph, 2nd April, 1868. 1wd2

PELLATITE WHO CAN TELL How Nature Colors the Peach? How Nature Colors the Plum? How Nature Colors the Green Grape, And Berries of various kinds? The celebrated Portuguese Chemist and Botanist, Professor, Esmeraldo, has contributed one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as PROFESSOR ESMERALDO'S PELLATITE.

THE VICTORIA OF ALL GRAY HAIR RESTORERS! It differs from all others as follows: The Joyful Side. The Melancholy Side. THE PELLATITE! Other Preparations are all made of preparations of Lead, Sulphur, Lime, Chemicals and Minerals. They crystallize on the hair and makes it stiff and harsh. They stain the skin & clothing. They are filthy—execrable. WHAT THEY DO. They are carried to the brain by the absorbents—cause pain in the Head, Dizziness, Blindness. Softening of the Brain, Lunacy and Death. HOW THEY ARE PUT UP. They are put in Colored glass Bottles with the Labels closely pasted around them from cork bottom, in order to be indispensable, and it is universally desired.

WHICH WILL YOU HAVE? WHICH WILL YOU USE? Compare them. Test them and decide. Away with filthy, dangerous Compounds, and use the clean and Harmless Pellatite. At one bound it sweeps the field, and the old fogey crucibles of Minerals are dropped by the public like a red hot iron. Go to your nearest Druggist and ask him to furnish you with the Pellatite. Don't fail to give it a trial, and don't wait until your Hair is destroyed or you are the inmate of a Lunatic Asylum. Go at once.

What the People Say: "It does not stain the skin, but colors the Hair immediately." "Professor—My head was sore from other Dyes. Your Pellatite healed my scalp and colored my hair beautifully." "I am delighted with your Pellatite—I will never again use any other wash or dye." "No more lead or sulphur dyes for me—your Pellatite is a Botanic Wonder, and no mistake." "It operates like magic." "Enclosed find \$5 for six bottles more. Send immediately." "Your Pellatite leaves my hair soft and smooth. Other dyes made it harsh and brittle." "Since using your Pellatite my head is entirely free from pain and ache."

PROF. ESMERALDO'S PELLATITE is sold by Druggists. Price \$1. Sent to any address on receipt of the price. Send for a pamphlet. JOS. HAYDOCK, 11 Pine-st. P. O. Box 5272, New York. Sole Agent for the United States and Canada, to whom all orders should be addressed. For sale by S. B. FETTER, Druggist, Market Square, Guelph. dw-704.

W. B. COWAN, M. D. HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and A. Coucher. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store - entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dwcwt

House and Lot for Sale AT A BARGAIN. FOR sale, that large and commodious Frame Dwelling House situate in East Market Square, in the Town of Guelph, immediately adjoining O'Neill's Hotel. Lot about 35 feet front, and extending through to Macdonnell-st. For particulars apply to D. GUTHRIE, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, or to Messrs. BURTON & BRUCE, Barristers, Hamilton.

**THE SPRING TRADE.**

Advertisers will reach a large class of readers by inserting their business announcements in this paper. Our daily and weekly editions are double those of our contemporaries.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

MONDAY EVG. APRIL 6, 1868.

**The Maiden's Choice**

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH  
A Tale of the Covenanters.

It was with a thrilled spirit, but also with a sad heart and a heavy melancholy of soul, that he trod once more upon the soil of his native land, and recognized through the gloom of night the scenes of his youth. There was an unutterable oppression on his spirit at the thought that he was there as a stranger and a fugitive, that the very discovery of his presence would bring him to the scaffold, that he dared not reveal himself to old friends and acquaintances, but must steal along like a vagabond under cover of the night, as if he had been guilty of some atrocious crime.

And yet his conscience could accuse him of none such. By a false exercise of human power he had been made what he was, and his case was but representative of the suffering land and its suffering people, over which and over whom the cloud of persecution lowered more darkly and dismally than ever.

The dress in which Walter was disguised was that of a countryman. He had adopted it because it gave him an unassuming and unmarked appearance, and he had reason to know that it was perfect, because in the course of his journey he had met with those who formerly knew him well, and who treated him as an utter stranger.

In mournful silence he moved along the village street, every house of which he knew, and passed forward on the road which led to Birkenleuch. The wind blew drearily among the leafless trees, and dark, tempestuous clouds rolled along the moonless sky, blotting out the stars and intensifying the gloom. In bitter loneliness of soul Walter traversed a footpath through his own woods, and saw the lower looking above the tree tops. It was, as he judged, past midnight, and all was silent about the mansion. Not a single window gleamed with light; not a solitary form moved about the court-yard. The only sounds were the sighing and moaning of the wind-gusts, and the roar of the stream, as its foaming waters tumbled down the Cleuch.

To that sound Walter had listened a thousand times in the days of yore. It was the voice of his childhood reaching across the years of later years, and recalling sweet and sorrowful memories—sorrowful because sweet, and gone perchance for ever.

The hour had now come when the fate of his mission from Holland was to be determined. How deplorable if he had taken the long journey in vain—if the secret entrance to the mansion was closed up—or if, when he penetrated to the chamber where the packet was deposited, he should find that it was no longer there. These thoughts made him nervously anxious, but, as the result was only to be come to by action, he stood it front of the house only till he satisfied himself that no living thing stirred there, when with a quick decisive step he descended to the bottom of the ravine, and entered the Cleuch, whose rough steep sides rose high on either hand.

Without further difficulty than the difficulty of climbing the broken and rugged ascent Walter gained the cliff, and scrambled through into the rocky chamber, whose other outlet was the orifice in the side of the well. He was shrouded now in impenetrable gloom, but his previous acquaintance with the place enabled him to grope his way to the orifice. As far as he could discover everything was precisely as he had left it years ago. It remained but to find if the rope was still attached to the windlass above for if not, all his labour would be fruitless.

He thrust forward the stick he carried, and to his great joy felt the rope, and drew it towards him. He was now about to commit himself to a great risk. Hanging there for years in the damp and moist atmosphere of the well, would the rope be strong enough to bear his weight? He tugged and strained at it, and it bore his pulling; but when the full weight of his body bore upon it, would it sustain that? This was a question which could only be answered by a practical test, and it answered in the negative his destruction would be the instant result. Should the rope break he would be precipitated to the bottom of the well, where he would be either killed by the fall or drowned in the water, or if he escaped these two evils, then a worse remained—death by starvation.

It was a terrible issue to try, and we cannot wonder if the youth stood for some moments with the rope in his hand hesitating before swinging himself into the shaft. It requires courage of no common kind to do an act which may possibly involve destruction, and Walter did think with a pang of those dear ones he might never see again.—But though he paused when he gravely confronted the danger, he did not shrink from proceeding, or contemplate the propriety of turning back. If the worst should follow, he should die in the discharge of a great duty, and the experiences through which he had passed had made him too familiar even with death to turn cowardly from the possibility of meeting it.

Bringing his will to the point of firm and determined resolve, he set his lips hard together, tightened his grasp on the rope, and, quitting the ledge on which he stood, was next moment suspended over the abyss.

The rope creaked ominously, but, thank goodness, it held, and very quickly he drew himself up, as he did on former occasions, hard over hand till he reached the windlass, and stood breathless but safe on the floor above.

He waited a few moments till his labouring lungs settled into calmer action, then cool and dauntless as ever he threaded the various passages of the subterranean chambers, and ascended the narrow stair which led to the bed chambers in the west wing. A perfect silence reigned throughout the mansion the only sounds which he heard being the sounds made by his own stealthy footsteps.

He found his way without difficulty to a small room in the second storey, where, having come provided with all things necessary he struck a light, which revealed the room in its dimensions and furniture. It was a little circular tower chamber, with one narrow window set in the thick wall, and its only furniture was an oak writing table, a high backed chair of the same material, and an ancient cabinet fixed in a recess in the wall.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

With the Life Association of Scotland. Agent for Guelph, WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

**SELECT Boarding & Day School**

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH purposes (D.V) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 30th April. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw3

**ALBION HOTEL!**

M. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years. L. W. DECKER. Montreal, 30th March, 1868. d

**JOSEPH HOBSON,**

Civil Engineer, Provincial Land Surveyor and Architect, HAS OPENED AN OFFICE IN GUELPH, at Messrs. Davidson & Chadwick's, Town Hall Buildings. Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. w

**FOR SALE.**

SODA ASH—"Gamble's." CAUSTIC SODA—"Gamble's," "Widnes," "Aikali Comp'y," "Garrett's."

SAL. SODA. CHLORIDE OF LIME. PALM OIL.

W. T. BENSON, 37 St. Peter Street, Montreal. Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-6m

**GALLERY OF ART.**

R. W. LAIRD, Looking Glass and Picture Frame MANUFACTURER, 79 King-st. West, TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to. Toronto, 1st April 1868. dwly.

**Important to the Ladies.**

**BONNETS & HATS**

CLEANED, &c.

**Mrs. PRINGLE**

HAS much pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that on and after MONDAY the 6th of APRIL she will assume her old business in all its branches, and will be glad to see her old patrons, and all those requiring her services.

Residence—Next door to W. Brownlow, Undertaker, Douglas-st. MRS. PRINGLE. Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dw1

**HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**

W. S. G. KNOWLES will, by instruction from the Trustees for Mrs. Pooley, sell by public auction at Beecroft, On Thursday the 9th of April Household Furniture, consisting of Drawing-room, Dining-room, Library, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture, a splendid PIANO, Pictures, Books, Glass and Chinaware, Silver, Cutlery, &c. Also, 2 horses, 1 cow, 1 buggy, 3 sleighs, Saddle, &c., single and double harness, light wagon, hurdles. Can be seen at 9 o'clock on morning of Sale punctually at Eleven o'clock.

Horses and Cow will be sold at 3 o'clock p.m. Hoover's Carriage will leave town at a quarter to eleven o'clock on day of sale—Fare, 25c. Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

**TOILET SOAPS!**

JUST received, a large consignment of English and other Toilet Soaps, At Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph.

Yardley's, Benbow's, Trinder's Glycerine, Brown and White Windsor in cakes. Honey and pure Cast Soap, in bars. Also, Robinson's Silver Soap. A. B. PETRIE. Guelph, 27th March 1868. dw

**POTATOES!**

Potatoes of all Kinds Wholesale and Retail, AT WEBSTER'S Grain and Flour Store, West Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, March 20, 1868. do tf

**DOMINION HOTEL**

GEORGE BLACK BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST. and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. Guelph, March 6, 1868. daw 3m

**FARMS FOR SALE.**

FOR SALE, Lot 22, 1st concession, Township of Kequessing, containing 40 acres, 45 of which are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation, the balance covered with hardwood timber. There is a good dwelling house and frame bank barn on the lot, both nearly new. There is a running stream through the lot. Also for sale Lot No. 1, 1st concession Township of Erin, containing 75 acres, 70 acres of which are cleared, the rest is covered with good hardwood and cedar. This lot immediately joins the other, a road only dividing them, and the two could easily be thrown into one farm. The lots will be sold separately or together, as it may suit the purchaser. Terms liberal, and may be learned on application. L. B. ZO CREWSON, Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

**New Advertisements.**

**Straw Bonnet Business.**

F. A. HARRISON RETURNS her grateful thanks to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity for the liberal patronage she has received since resuming business.—Having on hand plain and fancy Straw, she is prepared to make Bonnets and Hats to order. Latest styles just received. Residence—Rose Cottage, Market Street, west of Dr. Howitt's. Apprentices wanted. MISS HARRISON. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

**WALL PAPER!**

WALL PAPER. FOR Extra BARGAINS In WALL PAPER try SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE! Next door to H. Walker's Grocery. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

**1868. NEW GOODS. 1868**

**Mrs HUNTER**

HAS pleasure in calling the attention of the ladies of Guelph and vicinity to her extensive and well selected stock of BERLIN AND FANCY WOOLS Slippers and Slipper Patterns, Crochet, Knitting and Mending Cottons, Corsets, Braids, Frillings, Edgings, Sewing, Purse, and Embroidering Silk, Floss, Filoelle, Belt and Bonnet Ribbons, Dress Buttons, Toilet Sets, and GENERAL FANCY GOODS Juvenile Clothing, Infants' Robes, &c.

**STRAW MILLINERY!**

Bonnets and Hats cleaned, dyed and re-made in the newest styles. Hair Hats and Bonnets renewed. STAMPING from the newest designs. Remember the Stand—Wyndham Street, next door to Harvey's Drug Store, and opposite the English Church. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw tf

**T. BREADON,**

Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c. BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he is prepared to execute all manner of work in connection with his business at rates as low as

**GOOD WORKMANSHIP**

And MATERIAL will allow. Shop, - - Douglas Street, Next door north of Wm. Hoover's Livery Stable, and directly opposite Wm. Brownlow's Undertaking Establishment. When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's. THOS. BREADON. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. d3m-wlm

**MONTREAL**

**Boot and Shoe Store**

SPRING ARRIVALS. CLEAR THE TRACK! BOOTS AND SHOES. JOHN McNEIL, Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dw

**NEW GOODS!**

FASHIONABLE, SERVICEABLE, DURABLE, COMFORTABLE. A BEAUTIFUL American Prunella Walking BEAUMONT, very stylish. Call at once and see them. Lacrosses for sale.—TERMS CASH. JOHN McNEIL, Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dw

**FOR SALE.**

200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb. 500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches 200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade. 50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly. 100 bushels Dried Apples. French Plums and Prunes. Anchovy Paste. Bloaters Paste. Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup. AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, March 24th 1868 dw

Thorough-bred Durham Bull THE thorough-bred Durham Prize Bull, bred by James Cowan, Esq., Waterloo, will serve cows this season at the subscriber's farm. Terms \$1. ROBERT AMO W. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

**New Advertisements.**

**PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!**

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland. IRAC BUCHANAN. ANDREW BURNAY. PETER T. BUCHANAN. Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868.

**1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1868.**

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their

**SPRING IMPORTATIONS**

—OF— BRITISH AND FOREIGN

**DRY GOODS,**

And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.

**BUCHANAN & COMPANY.**

Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw

**1868. The First Importations this Season. 1868**

JUST RECEIVED. Choice Messina Oranges and Lemons, Cocoa Nuts, Dried Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Imperial Prunes, etc. Wholesale at City Prices HUGH WALKER, Guelph, March 31 1868. Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer, Wyndham-St., Guelph. daw y

**ESTABLISHED 1849.**

**JOHN MACDONALD & CO**

TORONTO, Have now a very Large and Complete Stock!

To which, throughout the Season, ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WEEKLY

JOHN MACDONALD & CO. Nos. 21 and 23, Wellington Street, and Nos. 28 and 30, Front Street, TORONTO. No. 108 King Street, Manchester, England. Toronto, 25th March, 1868. dwlm

**GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,**

Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen, Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of

**Staple & Fancy Dry Goods**

In the Dominion. A large assortment of Home and Foreign Woollens! AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS. They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production.—Terms Liberal. Lybster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING. Toronto 26th March, 1868. dw-lm

**A. R. McMASTER & BRO.**

Are now opening out their

**Spring Importations!**

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

**32 Yonge-st., Toronto.**

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

**JUST OPENING**

AT THE

**BRITANNIA HOUSE**

A Splendid Assortment of

**SPRING FURNISHINGS**

2 & 3 PLY CARPETS, Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c. Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.

FOR sale cheap, SETH THOMAS' CLOCKS, by the best maker in the world.

**Savings Bank.**

**THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE**

OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day. The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December. The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors. Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph. For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible. R. J. DALLAS, Cashier. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw4 Herald copy four weeks.

**DAY'S BOOKSTORE.**

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has THIS DAY REMOVED To a much larger and much more commodious store, One Door West of the Old Stand, And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he will be enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage to them and to himself. T. J. DAY, Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, April 2, 1868. daw tf

**HORSE BILLS**

PROPRIETORS and Travellers of Stallions will please note the fact that at THE MERCURY OFFICE Macdonnell Street, opposite the Great Western Hotel Stables, second door east of the Golden Lion, Guelph, They can get better, cheaper and handsomer Horse Bills than at any other office in the County, and printed while they wait. Orders by post will be promptly attended to, and forwarded by parties desirous of tendering. Give us a call. MCLACAN & INNES. EVENING MERCURY Buildings, Macdonnell-st. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

**GUELPH, ELMIRA & PEEL GRAVEL ROAD**

SEALED TENDERS FOR the construction of the Guelph, Elmira and Peel Gravel Road through the Townships of Woolwich and Pilkington will be received till FRIDAY the 17th of APRIL by the undersigned, who will be at Elmira on FRIDAY the 10th inst, and at his office in Guelph on Monday and Tuesday, 13th and 14th instant, for the purpose of giving any information that may be required by parties desirous of tendering. The work will be divided into six sections, and offers will be received for either the whole or any single division. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, if not satisfactory. JOSEPH HOBSON, Engineer, G. E. and P. Gravel Road, Guelph, 1st April, 1868. w26 Herald to copy.

**Insolvent Act of 1864**

By Order of E. Newton, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE. W. S. G. KNOWLES will offer for sale by PUBLIC AUCTION, At the residence of MARTIN BRYAN, near Allan's Mills, in the Town of Guelph, On Tuesday, 7th of April Commencing at the hour of 1 o'clock, the whole of his valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, Comprising Hair-seated Chairs, Sofa, Centre Table, Breakfast and Toilet Tables, Carpets, Ottoman, Looking Glasses, Bedsteads and Bedding, Toilet Sets, Cooking and Parlor Stoves, Bureaus, An Excellent Piano Forte! Clock, Kitchen Utensils, &c. Also, a very fine MAKE-IN FOAL, Buggy, Cutter, Harness, Buffs, Robe, &c. TERMS CASH. Guelph, April 2nd, 1868. dw

**R. J. JEANNERET.**

From England, (Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph 1868.) WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, Opposite the Market, Guelph.

