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Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg, First Floor East of Bell's Melodeon Factory, EAST MARKET SQUARE, where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

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HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as timekeepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

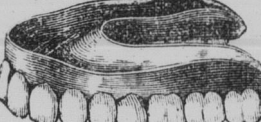
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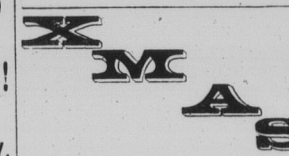
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Guelph, December 7. (d.w.)

NOTICE.

SILVER CREEK BREWERY.

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Evening Mercury.

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WEDNESDAY EV'NG, DEC. 9, 1868

LOCAL ITEMS.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

We have received a letter on this subject, but are unable to find room for it this week.

ERIN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society will be held at Leeson's Hotel, Bristol, on Thursday the 7th January next.

SNOW IN MINTO.

The snow in Minto is now over twelve inches deep, and continues to fall heavy. Sleighing is pretty fair on the principal roads, and in a few days will be generally good.

THE LATE LAW EXAMINATION.

Only three out of all those who went up before the Law Society lately passed without oral examination. One of these was Mr. Alex. Dunbar, of Rockwood, who has been studying law in Stratford.

BALL AND SUPPER IN ACTION.

A ball and supper in aid of the Band Fund will be held in Acton on the evening of Christmas, the 25th inst. An efficient committee has the arrangements in hand, a splendid Quadrille Band has been engaged, and a good time may be expected.

DR. LIZARS.

As will be seen by the card in another column, this well-known talented anatomist and physician has returned to Canada from Philadelphia and resumed the practice of his profession in Toronto. Dr. Lizars will, as heretofore, attend to calls of a professional character, whether in town or country.

SOIREE AT ENNOTVILLE.

A soiree will be held under the auspices of Lodge 27, Ennotville, in the Farmers and Mechanics' Institute, Ennotville, on Tuesday, 22nd December. Addresses will be given, and there will also be singing and recitations. Doors open at half-past six o'clock. Tea served at seven. Tickets 25 cents.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.

The arrangements for the approaching Festival under the auspices of St. George are in a forward state. The tickets have been issued and parties wishing to attend should apply to some of the brethren at once, in order to procure a ticket, as only a limited number have been issued; the price being \$2.50.

GUELPH TO LIVERPOOL.

Last week Mr. Brill shipped from his packing house to Liverpool 86 boxes of bacon, 156 tierces of beef, 150 barrels of pork, 220 kegs of butter and 100 cakes of lard. This was the result of one week's operations at the packing house. They are cutting up regularly from 300 to 400 hogs per week.

A tea meeting will be held in Alliston's Methodist Church, Nassagaweya, in behalf of the Union Sabbath School, on Tuesday the 15th inst. Several ministers and others are expected to give addresses. A choir with instrumental music will also be in attendance. Tea served at six o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Children half price.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN LUTHER.

An accident of a fatal character befel Alex. McDonald, son of Mr. John McDonald, now of Luther, late of Eden Mills, on the 19th of last month. The young man, who was 19 years of age, was out chopping the limb of a falling tree struck him on the head, and he lived only five hours after the accident.

CUTTERS.—Mr. J. B. Armstrong has sent a car load of cutters to Toronto. They consist of some made by himself, and a number from the manufactory of Mr. G. A. Bruce. The whole have been sold to gentlemen in that city, who have no doubt reason to believe that he can make a fair profit by retelling them. This looks like sending coals to Newcastle, but they are being sent nevertheless.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

We are glad to hear that two Literary and Debating Societies have been started in the neighbouring townships this winter. One is in the Paisley Block section of Guelph Township, and the other in Hillsburg. Weekly meetings are held when essays are read by the members in turn, and some question of interest debated. These are excellent nurseries for the young men in the country, and our sincere hope is that they will be well attended and encouraged, and that young men in other sections will at once organize Societies of a similar character.

Legislature of Ontario,

TORONTO, Dec. 7.

A large number of petitions were presented against sectarian grants. Hon Mr. Richards moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, to consider the following resolution:—

"That it is expedient to amend the 7th section of the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1865, by striking out the words 'one hundred acres' at the end of the said section, and substituting in place thereof, the words 'two hundred acres.'"

He said he might explain very briefly the object of this change. He said it had been found that many parties who had gone on the public lands, and who had sons of 10 years of age and under, were very desirous of obtaining in the interest of their children, a larger quantity of land than 100 acres. It had, in fact, been the rule, in former years, that parties who went on public lands, did get in consideration of their children, an increased quantity of land. Under the present Act, children under 16 years were not entitled to land, and it had been considered desirable that the head of a family should under such circumstances, be entitled to draw 200 acres. In the second place, it had been considered that there were portions of the country where the land might be so inferior that the person who got 200 acres would really get no more than 100 acres of good land. The proper remedy in such a case was to allow the man to draw 200 acres.

Mr. Clarke moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal the statutory enactments respecting the protection of sheep from dogs.

Several members objected to the bill. Mr. McKim said the greatest evil they had to complain of had reference to the working of the law. He was surprised to find any gentleman in that House ask a repeal of the law. He would propose that where sheep ran at large and were killed there should be no payment; and that when killed in an enclosure two-thirds their value should be paid. He would certainly support a dog tax.

The consideration of the measure was postponed till Wednesday.

A number of bills were read a second time.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.

Mr. Ferrier presented a petition from Rev. J. Middlemiss and others against sectarian grants; also from J. D. Bruce and others for amendments in the Municipal Laws.

Hon. Mr. Wood introduced a bill respecting Industrial Schools. He said the object contemplated by the Bill, was that many benevolent institutions, now in existence, might, by authority of the Provincial Secretary, be constituted Industrial Schools—and that children, who had nobody to look after them, might, by authority of law, be sent to these schools.

The bill respecting election of members was brought up for a third reading. Mr. Perry moved an amendment giving a vote to parties with a salary of \$600 and upwards in cities, \$500 in towns and \$400 in townships and incorporated villages. After a sharp debate the amendment was lost, 19 voting for, and 44 against it.

Among the yeas were Messrs. Gwyn, McKim and Ferrier.

Other amendments were proposed, but they were lost, and the bill was read a third time.

After considerable discussion the bill to diminish the sittings of County Courts and Quarter Sessions was read a third time and passed. It is called the Law Reform Act of 1868.

The House went into committee on the bill respecting the tenure of County judges, and the bill for abolishing the Court of Impeachment for the trial of County judges.

The Nassagaweya Ploughing Match.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury.

SIR—Observing by your issue of the 19th ult., that a correspondent from this township writes to you in reference to some matters which did not give satisfaction in question the decision of the judges, and puts their opinion against that of the spectators, and likewise blames the directors of the Agricultural Society for making rules and then breaking them. This last allegation can be better answered by the officers of the society at their annual meeting, which precludes the necessity of a direct reply to your correspondent, but as the integrity, veracity and capacity of these gentlemen are wondrously assailed in the first, it demands more than a passing remark.

Unfortunately in this township we have a class of beings (human though they are), who having no other intellect, energy nor capacity to promote a scheme or project beneficial to mankind, in their narrow mindedness traduce and malign that of others, simply because they had not their little say in the matter. I apprehend your correspondent is one of these pests to society, whose egotism is such as to imagine himself public. But that a discerning public may know how little blame the directors incurred in this matter, suffice it to give the names of those gentlemen who acted as judges on the occasion referred to, viz., Messrs. John Nesbit of Nelson, Abraham Stark of Evesing, and Chas. Mackintosh of Puslinch, gentlemen of high standing in society, practical ploughmen, and who have often served as judges of ploughing matches, and whose judgment had never been questioned, and are not now unless by some dough head as your correspondent. These gentlemen are so well and favorably known both in this county as well as in Wellington, that it is difficult to see how they could be so traduced and malign against them are harmless. It is highly creditable to the officers of the Nassagaweya Agricultural Society that they appointed such men as judges of their ploughing match. I am Sir, yours,

LOVER OF JUSTICE. NASSAGAWEYA, Dec. 4th, 1868.

Extract from a letter of S. C. Chandler, Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, East Middlebury, Vt. Messrs. R. P. Hall & Co., Nashua, N. H.—Gentlemen. Some time since when I was in your city, delivering a course of Geological Lectures, I procured a bottle of your Vegetabile Sicilian Hair Renewer, for the use of myself and family, and I am happy to state, its use has proved all that you have claimed for it. I have recommended it to my friends and neighbors, and in every instance has it given perfect satisfaction. This I regard as due to you and the public.

Eramosa Township Council.

CENTRE INN, Dec. 7, 1868.

The Council met here this day pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last ordinary meeting and of the special meeting on the 2nd October last were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. Farriah, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, That the Clerk be instructed to have the following lots in Rockwood, say lots 22 in Block 31, 32, 5, 23, and 25 in Block B, and 15 and 73 in Block D struck out of the County Treasurer's books, as the evidence given to the council that the taxes on these lots were paid, is satisfactory. The reports of the several committees were read respecting the improvement of the Township roads, which on motion of Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Farriah, were received and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes. Moved by Mr. Farriah, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, That the account of A. Robertson & Sons for \$24 for three road scrapers had by three pathmasters, also the account of Mr. John Molloy, P. L. S. for \$20 for surveying be paid by the Treasurer and he take their receipts for the same. The sum of \$10 was ordered to be paid for postage and stationery connected with Clerk and Treasurer's offices for the current year. The sum of \$3.21 was ordered to be refunded to William Luttrell, and \$3 to John Ireland, they having been unemployed as teachers during the last year. Moved by Mr. Farriah, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, That the following accounts be paid for sheep killed by dogs as certified by the several justices of the peace, viz., Walter Scott \$10, Richard Cleave \$14, Daniel Linderman \$6, George Dickieson \$7 and \$1.50 costs, John Ramsey \$7, Chas. Head \$16, Matthew Ostrander \$4, Gavin McKerie \$5, Chas. Gerow \$5, Jas. Symon \$2.75, and \$1.50 costs, \$3, David Bots \$12, Jas. Lorrie \$6 and \$1.50 costs, Michael O'Connor \$4 and \$1.50 costs. Moved by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. McKerie, That C. M'Laughlin be paid the sum of \$2.50, being half of the expense incurred in repairs on the bridge on the township line between the townships of Eramosa and Erin, Lot 23, and that the Reeve give his order for the amount. The sum of \$7 was ordered to be paid to Thos. Hughes for making a culvert on the cross road between lots 5 and 6 on the 3rd Concession; also, the sum of \$1.25 to Wm. Stovel for fixing a culvert on the hill near his hotel in Rockwood. On motion of Mr. Dickieson, seconded by Mr. Farriah, the following sums be paid for the support of the indigent persons named, Mrs. Sullivan \$10, Mrs. Forrester \$10, Rosa Ellis \$10, Mrs. Jones \$6. Mr. Farriah introduced a By-law for the sale of a portion of the allowance for road between the east halves of lots numbers 20 and 21 on the 5th concession of the township and for the purchase of a piece of land on the east half of lot No 20 for the purpose of a public road in lieu thereof, which on motion of Mr. McKerie, seconded by Mr. Dickieson was read a first time. The clerk then reported that he had already got the deed to this corporation of the piece of land for a public road referred to in the By-law, and attached the deed to the Corporation. Moved by Mr. McKerie, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, Whereas the Reeve sign the deed by John Copeland to this Municipality, and attach the seal of the corporation thereto. Mr. Farriah introduced a by-law for holding the nomination of Reeves and Councilors, which was passed after three readings. The sum of \$1 each was ordered to be refunded to Alexander Sunter, W. Sunter, David Munro, and Terence O'Boyle, and the sum of \$2 to Geo. Dickieson, as they had destroyed or parted with their dogs shortly after the Assessment; and the sum of \$1 to A. McDonald, he not having had a dog. Mr. Rea introduced a by-law for the election of Reeves and Councilors for the year 1869, which was passed after three readings. Moved by Mr. Dickieson, seconded by Mr. McKerie, That the time for the Collector to make his returns be extended to the first day of March, 1869. \$3.50 were ordered to be paid to the clerk for surveying along with John Molloy, P. L. S., and \$10 to James Armstrong for the use of the hall and council room during 1868. Mr. Duffield left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Rea. Mr. Dickieson moved, seconded by Mr. McKerie, That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to John Duffield, Esq., Reeve, for his courteous and impartial conduct in presiding over the meetings of this Council during the current year, and that this resolution be engrossed on the minutes. J. A. DAVIDSON, Clerk.

THE LIGHTNING EXPRESS.—This is the name of a new paper which our friend Mr. J. M. Shaw intends to commence publishing in Elora in the first week in January. Judging from the well-known energy, judgment and enterprise of the publisher, the name is a good indication of what it will be—a real live, go-ahead sheet, fully up to the requirements of the day, and of the intelligent population among whom it will circulate. In politics the Express will be thoroughly Liberal, and the publisher takes his stand on the sound principle, "that parties in the state are essential to good government." We are also promised in the prospectus a carefully prepared digest of all local news, which after all is the soul and life of a country newspaper. Mr. Shaw has his job off to already in operation, and we have no doubt that his appeal for support to the Express will be responded to in such a manner as to meet his most sanguine expectations. We wish Mr. Shaw and the Express all success.

New Jersey is called the garden field of Methodism, which has now over 50,000 followers in that State. The Methodist Church edifices are among the handsomest in New Jersey.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Mr. Dierail had an interview with the Queen yesterday, at which he resigned the seals of office.

Among the appointments which are settled upon, is that of John Duke Coleridge as Solicitor-General.

A despatch to Henderson Bros., agents of the Anchor Line of steamships in this city, from Handyside of Henderson, of Glasgow, under date of December 8th, says—The *Hibernia* in a heavy gale broke her shaft and stern pipe, and sprung a desperate leak and foundered on the 25th ult., in latitude 53 degrees, long 29 degrees. Passengers and crew behaved admirably, and were embarked in an orderly manner, in five boats duly provisioned. The Captain and boatswain's boats, containing fifty-two persons, and including all the cabin passengers excepting two, have arrived safely. Three boats under the 2nd and third officers, containing the remainder of the passengers and crew, eighty-one persons in all, are still missing, but their safety is hoped for.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The funeral of the late M. Berryer took place yesterday. It was attended by M. Thiers and many other nobles. Deputations from the English and French legal professions, and delegations from several Typographers' and Carpenters' Associations were present.

American Despatches

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Advices from the interior of this State represent an immense quantity of snow as having fallen in some places. It is over a foot deep and all trains have been delayed.

Washington, Dec. 9th.—The President's message was finally read by the Cabinet yesterday. What has been published as an abstract is a complete fabrication. It is understood to report favorable progress upon the *Alabama* claims.

County Court and Quarter Sessions.

TUESDAY, 8th.

COFFEY vs KELLY.—In this case the verdict was for the appellant, Coffey, thus quashing the Police Magistrate's conviction. Mr. Guthrie for appellant; Mr. Kelly managed his own case.

O'BOYLE vs ALEXANDER.—This was an action brought to recover damages for injury done to property by fire in August last. Both plaintiff and defendant live in Eramosa, their farms adjoining each other. On the 24th of August defendant set fire to the brush in a fallow, and the flames extending to Mr. O'Boyle's land burnt the timber and even the soil on about six acres. It turned out, however, that the timber was of but little value, and the jury did not think that the defendant should be held responsible for the vagaries of the wind, and brought in a verdict in his favor. Mr. McCurry for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

ROBEES vs ROBEES.—This was an action to recover a balance on five promissory notes, dated 7th February 1853, and made for the collective sum of \$487.50. There had been some payments made on them, leaving, however, according to the plaintiff's statement a balance of \$378.53 including interest. In defence the statute of limitation was pleaded. Mr. Drew for plaintiff; the defendant was not represented in Court. Verdict for plaintiff \$195.

Jas. Gibson, George Fladd and Henry Mulligan were indicted with having, on the 19th of August last, stolen a steer from Joel Boyle, of Peel. They all pleaded not guilty and said they were not ready for trial. The Mulligan here mentioned is the same who is undergoing a sentence of one year's imprisonment in goal for stealing a heifer from Mr. Keith, of Nichol.

THE QUEEN vs FREDERICK BETZ.—This was a case of embezzlement, of which we have already given the particulars, and the defendant was committed for trial at the Police Court. In July, 1867, and even until recently, he was in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company, as a clerk in the Freight Department. At the date above mentioned, he was employed at their station at Guelph, and had received from Mr. Berry of Glenlyon, the sum of \$97 as freight and demurrage on a steam engine. The amount for the former was \$25, and for the latter \$12. It was his duty to enter the whole and hand it over to Mr. Brodie, Station Master, but he entered only the \$25 and gave no account of the \$12. He afterwards made a sort of confession that he had kept the money, but averred that Mr. Brodie had got part of it. Mr. Brodie however, was absent on leave at the time, and had no knowledge of the transaction until about the time that the Company's detective discovered it.

WELLINGTON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual meeting of this Company was held in Miller's Saloon, on Wednesday, Mr. C. Schofield presiding. From the report of the Directors, read by Mr. C. Davidson, the Secretary, the policies issued have increased from 281 in 1855, to 1007 in 1868. In the former year the amount insured was \$398,943, and in the latter this amount was \$1,133,789, which shows a very large increase. The actual loss for the year amounts to \$2,492.03. There are eighty-two more policies on the books of the Company this year than last (representing an increase of \$82,500) although forty policies were cancelled for various causes. A call of 5 per cent. was ordered to meet all losses, and to form a reserve fund. It was recommended that the same call should be made every year until there was a reserve fund of \$5,000, which would pay for losses as they occur without having to discount at the bank. The former President, Directors, and Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected.

A five hundred pound bear was shot the other day near Sherbrooke, Quebec, and was so surprised at the thing that he jumped fifteen feet when the ball struck him.

Two young ladies, Misses Sims, of Lachine, gallantly rescued from drowning a gentleman, one of their companions, who had broken through the ice while skating.

A petition signed by 220 citizens of London has been presented to the Executive, praying for the commutation of the death sentence against Jones, the Delaware murderer to imprisonment for life in the Penitentiary.

BOYS, LOOK HERE!

WANTED at this office, a number of boys to... The Evening Mercury

Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE... MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 9, 1868. The Centre Riding. MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

We are indebted to our correspondents for the reports of meetings held in the different Municipalities on Monday.

TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA. A meeting of the Reform electors of Eramosa was held at the Centre Inn, on Monday, for the purpose of appointing representatives to attend the meeting to be held at Fergus on the 14th, to choose a candidate to represent the Riding in the Dominion Parliament.

Mr. D. McCaig was appointed Secretary, and the Chairman briefly explained the object of the meeting, and advised united action and good feeling on the part of electors, especially on account of the disagreeable events connected with the election last year.

Some discussion then followed as to the course representatives should pursue at the meeting, and in regard to the available candidates. The general opinion seemed to be that unless some first-class non-resident candidate could be obtained, a local one would be preferred.

Of outsiders the Hon. George Brown was the only one mentioned, but an impression prevailed that he could not be induced to accept the position, the expression of the meeting turned in favour of Mr. James Ross.

Before the proceedings were brought to a close, the following resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried: Moved by Mr. D. McCaig, and seconded by Mr. D. Black, "That the electors of this Township, now assembled for the first time in consequence of the lamented death of their late representative Thos. S. Parker, M.D., desire to record their deep regret at the sad event, rendered doubly so, because of the painful circumstances under which it took place; they also embrace this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of his faithfulness and ability as a public servant, and their deep sympathy with Mrs. Parker and family in their bereavement, and as a tribute of respect to her late husband, the Secretary of this meeting is instructed to transmit to her a copy of this resolution."

ERIN TOWNSHIP. The meeting of the Reformers of Erin, called by George Martin, Esq., was held in Erin village. Mr. Martin was appointed Chairman, and Mr. James McArthur, Secretary.

After the Chairman had stated the object of the meeting, the following gentlemen were appointed representatives to attend the meeting at Fergus: Wm. How, sr., J. W. Burt, Hugh Milloy, blacksmith; James Gibson; Edward Johnston, Duncan Robertson, James Brown, Wm. Ball.

It was then resolved that a Reform Association for the Township be formed, and the following were appointed office-bearers: Hugh Milloy, President; Wm. How, sr., Vice-President; Wm. Tyler, Secretary; Committee, with power to add to their number—Henry Smith, George Baswick, Malcolm McLachlan, Hugh McMillan, Chas. McMillan, Adam Coury, Richard Taylor, Edward Johnstone, Jas. Brown, George Martin, Donald McMurchy, Wm. Ball, Geo. Dixon.

VILLAGE OF FERGIUS. Pursuant to notice a meeting of the Reformers of this village was held on Monday evening for the purpose of electing a representative to attend the meeting on the 14th inst. Mr. James Cattaneach was elected representative for this village.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting the conduct of Mr. James Loghrin towards the Reformers during last Parliamentary contest renders him ineligible for becoming a candidate at the present time.

As no information had been received from the other meetings throughout the Riding, it was deemed advisable not to pledge our representatives as to which of the candidates likely to be brought forward he should support. At the same time a number of those present expressed themselves in favour of Mr. James Ross, believing that he would be more acceptable to a large number of the Reformers throughout the Riding than any other local man that could be brought out.

GARFAXA. The meeting for this Township was held at Douglas, when the following gentlemen were elected representatives to attend the Fergus meeting: Alex. Dyce, David Black, Andrew Richardson, R. Blyth, Andrew Semple. The meeting seemed to be decidedly in favor of Mr. Ross as the candidate.

ELORA. The representatives from Elora are George Barron and John Mundell.

NICHOL. The representatives from this Township are Alex. Watt, Isaac Modeland, W. Wilson.

PLIMKINGTON. The representatives from this township are Henry Dunbar, Charles Allan, John Burnett.

ORANGEVILLE. The representative chosen for Orangeville is Mr. John Green, merchant.

A New York letter of the 15th ult. says—"Mr. Hembold, the Buchu man, who offered such stupendous bets and subscriptions on the success of the Democratic candidates has come to a sad end. Last evening he opened his new establishment, which he has been engaged in building after the style established by A. T. Stewart. Mrs. Humbold and daughter graced the occasion. But his prosperity and his overtaxed mind proved too much for him, and this morning he was conveyed to an insane asylum hopelessly deranged."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Dec. 9th, 1868. J. Steel, J. W. Corlaine, D. Spence, F. Davis, Montreal; A. G. H. Ball, Galt; W. J. Bray, D. McLean, Toronto; J. W. Pringle, T. Orchard, Hamilton; J. Evans, Kingston; H. J. Jones, G. W. Ross, Buffalo; J. Ramon, Petrola; T. Watson, Fergus; W. Bennett, Arthur; J. Connell, Durham; T. Murray, Waterloo; W. Smith, C. Jackson, Detroit; R. King, Milton.

New Advertisements.

SPEED CURLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Speed Curling Club will be held in the Town Hall, on Monday evening at half-past seven o'clock, p. m., for the election of office bearers. All members are requested to attend. Guelph, 9th December. 4d

APARTMENTS WANTED.

A gentleman wishes to get two furnished rooms with separate meals in a private family where no other boarders are kept. For a suitable place a liberal compensation will be paid. Address Box 0, P. O. Guelph. Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. do st

MONEY LOST—\$10 REWARD.

Lost on Wyndham Street yesterday (Monday), about noon, a small leather satchel, containing \$75 in \$5 bills and one \$10 bill, and a small sum in silver. The finder will receive the above reward by leaving it to the Mercantile Office. Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. d tf

YOUNG MAN WANTED.

Wanted a young man to make himself generally useful in a store. Apply at this office. Guelph, December 8, 1868. d tf

LAST NOTICE.

Having placed my books in the hands of A. A. BAKER, Esq., all accounts remaining unpaid on the First Day of January Next, will be entered in the Division Court for collection. N. HIGSBOTHAM. Guelph, Dec. 7th 1868. 2dw

BOARDING BOARDING.

A few respectable boarders can be accommodated with comfortable boarding on reasonable terms. Apply to MRS. BLOOMFIELD, in rear of Baker Wright's. Guelph, December 7. d2w

SALT AND CORN.

Just received by the subscribers and arriving 1000 Barrels Coderich Salt, 5000 Bushels No. 1 Corn, which they are prepared to sell at LOW RATES to the Trade. ROBINS & TOLTON. Guelph, Nov. 23. daw 2w

PLANNING OUT

OPENING OUT GROCERIES, LIQUORS AND CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, ETC., A Large Assortment. Next Door to the Alma Block.

GUELPH TANNERY FOR SALE.

That available property situate in the Town of Guelph, consisting of Tannery, Dwelling House, and Office, all Stone; also, Wooden Stable. The Tannery has 70 Vats and 10 Leaches, and is run by Steam. The house is

IN THOROUGH REPAIR

The main building could be advantageously turned into a Brewery, Foundry, or Woollen Factory. The whole property will be sold upon liberal terms. Apply at the Tannery to BEARDMORE & CO., 6 Wellington Street West, Toronto. dMWF-w2t

AUCTIONSALE

OF BOOKS, TO-NIGHT, At M. Shewan's Old Stand, Wyndham street, Guelph.

J. B. THORNTON, Manager of Sale. Guelph, Dec. 8, 4568. daw tf

TOWN HALL, GUELPH

GUELPH AMATEUR MINSTRELS!

Will make their FIRST APPEARANCE In Guelph, on Friday, Dec. 11. See Programmes. ADMISSION 25c. Front Seats reserved for Ladies and Gentlemen accompanying them. Doors open at 7:30; commence at 8 o'clock, precisely. Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. do 4t

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,

(Successor to John W. Norton), Banking and Exchange OFFICE, No. 9, James Street, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

Bills of Exchange, uncurrent Money and B. Specie bought and sold at best rates. 5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R., and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R., for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports. Agent for the Kenshaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes. Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

CELEBRATED CARRATRACA WATER!

From the Mineral Springs, Plantagenet, Ont. A fresh supply. JUST RECEIVED.

This justly Celebrated Mineral Water, so highly recommended by the Faculty, should be found in every family, and in order to meet the increasing demands, the subscriber has made arrangements to supply his customers

By the Gallon, Quart, or Glass. As a mild Tonic, gentle Purgative, and Alternative. This Water is especially adapted to those suffering from

INDIGESTION, HEARTBURN, HEADACHE, and GENERAL DEBILITY.

The analysis by Dr. Girwood, Military Surgeon, Montreal, shows this water to contain: Chloride of Sodium and Potassium, Bromide and Iodide of Magnesium, Sulphate and Carbonate of Lime, Carbonate of Magnesia, Iron, &c.

E. HARVEY & CO., Sole Agent. Guelph, December 7. dw

CARTER'S

(LATE WEBSTER'S) FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell

Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain, CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.

Cheaper than the Cheapest in Town.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town. JAMES CARTER. Guelph, Nov. 24. do tf

SHOOTING MATCH.

THE GUELPH PIGEON CLUB Will hold a Shooting Match at Mr. George Black's Hotel, York Road, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th

When the following prizes will be awarded:—1st prize \$10, 2nd prize \$8, 3rd prize \$5, 4th prize \$4, 5th prize \$2, 6th prize \$1. Six birds will be allowed to each competitor. Entrance fee to members of the Club 50c, to non-members \$1.—The Match is open to all residents in the County of Wellington. Match to commence at 10 a.m.

Pigeons Wanted—Any person having Pigeons to dispose of, will please take them to Mr. John Hewer's Hotel before the day of the Match. THOS. HOLLIDAY, President. Guelph, 7th December.

CLARK'S EXCELSIOR

Washing Composition! The best and Rarest Discovery of the Age, for Washing Purposes, Worth Twenty Dollars a Year in a family of eight or ten persons. It will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the line before breakfast. It is not injurious to fabric or discolors the clothes, and will also remove grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. "Family Rights" containing full directions for making and using the Composition, \$1 each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at A. H. FETTER'S Drug Store. W. WARNER CLARK, Patentee Guelph, Ont. July 16th. Guelph, Dec. 8, 4568. daw tf

DYEING DAILY.

The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Hair Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all PERSONS WHO DYE To give him a call. Resurrection guaranteed to perfection. J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser. FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion for Grinding all kinds of Cutlery, viz: Razors, Knives, Scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE. JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser, Guelph, December 4. daw Next Post Office.

APPRENTICE WANTED.

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

A NEW VOLUME OF MUSIC FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS,

ESTABLISHED THE GOLDEN ROBIN, Containing: I. Musical Notation. II. Rounds and Exercises adapted to Physical Action.—III. Songs for all occasions. IV. Sacred Pieces. BY W. O. PERKINS, Author of "The Nightingale," "Sabbath School Trumpet," &c.

The whole forming a most attractive Music Book for Juvenile Classes, Schools and Seminaries, and one that cannot fail to be admired by all Teachers and Scholars. Price 50c. Sent post-paid. OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & Co., 711 Broadway, New York.

BANKRUPT STOCK FOR SALE.

F. B. KNOWLES, Of the Village of Rothsay, Ont., has assigned to me, for the benefit of all of his creditors, the whole of his stock of

DRY GOODS, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, BOOTS & SHOES, &c.

The Stock is all quite new, and the Goods in excellent condition. Tenders for the above Stock will be received by me up to the 12th of December, 1868, at so much in the \$.

The Stock Book or Schedule of Stock can be seen at my store in Guelph up to the 10th instant. JOHN HOGG, Assignee. Guelph, 2nd December. 6dw2

CHEESE. CHEESE.

100 INGERSOLL FACTORY, 50 SMALL DAIRY, PARSON'S STILTON, REESOR'S STILTON.

Kentish Filberts, English Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Soft and Hard Shelled Almonds, New Turkey Figs, Desert Raisins, French Prunes.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S, Wyndham Street. Guelph November 31st. dw

LOOK OUT FOR THE

UNRIVALED Mason & Hamlin Organs

Expected in a few days at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE

They won the First-class Medal at the recent World's Exposition in Paris. They are not only the Best, but also the Lowest Priced Instruments

which can be produced in America. AGENTS WANTED. W. WARNER CLARK, Market Square, Guelph. daw tf

CHEAP PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Christmas Presents, he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly REDUCED PRICES.

Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once. PICTURES! of all kinds furnished in the latest style of the art. Gallery, above John A. Wood's Grocery Store. W. BURGESS. Guelph, 8th December, 1868. dw

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF, SADDLER, Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND, IN THE NEW BUILDING.

Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods: Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and Cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts, Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of HORSE CLOTHING, Blankets, Surcingle, A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual. H. METCALF. Guelph, December 4. dw

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS! Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m. DENIS BUNYAN. Guelph, 17th October. d

GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD, Looking Glass and Picture Frame MANUFACTURER, 9 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. dwj

LARGE ARRIVALS

OF NEW PATTERNS, IN CHINA, CROCKERY, AND GLASSWARE, FOR THE HOLIDAYS,

CONSISTING OF Printed China Tea Sets, Plain China Tea Sets, White and Gold China Sets, Plain White Granite Tea Sets, Fancy Coloured Tea Sets, Extra Fancy Coloured Tea Sets.

Also, a Beautiful Assortment of Glassware, of all the Newest Patterns, which will be sold cheap

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, Guelph, December 8. No. 5 DAY'S BLOCK.

Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works

WYNDHAM STREET. CONFECTIONERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, Suitable for the Approaching Festive Season, WHOLESALE, AT H. BERRY'S. Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. daw tf

Bills 104 NEW GOODS Silver 100.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FRUIT. FRUIT. FRUIT CROP 1868.

Layer Raisins Seedless Raisins Currants Turkey Figs Bunch Muscatel do. Valencia do. Prunes Hazara Oranges. Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

NUTS—Soft Shelled Almonds, Shelled Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts. Orange Marmalade and Confectionery, Sardines, English Potted Salmon, Potted Meats, Fresh Lobsters (in the shell and canned).

HERMETICALLY SEALED GOODS—Peaches, Strawberries, Blackberries, Tomatoes and Green Peas.

APPLES. APPLES. One hundred barrels choice hand picked Fruit, in fine Rhode Island Green, Golden Russett, Red Winter and Spitzenberg.

BISCUITS—Soda, nutty, Pie-nic Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Ginger Nuts.

FISH, FISH—New Finnan Haddies, Smoked Salmon, Blotters, White Fish, Salmon Trout, Cod Fish, Haddock, Sealed Herring, Labrador and Lake Herring, Pickled Cod Fish.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS

Buy Platt & Co's Baltimore Oysters. Expecte a few days, Oysters in the shell, NEW TEAS, Sugars, Coffees, Tobaccos, and General Groceries.

LIQUORS—Fine Old Rye, Malt and Common Whiskies, Slesman's Ale, Bass' Pale Ale, Guinness' Porter (old, and in splendid order).

CROCKERY—A large assortment, complete in every department.

GLASSWARE (Plain and Cut)—Tumblers, Wines, Goblets, Decanters, Spoon Holders, Butter Coolers, Fruit Dishes, Preserve Plates, Sugar and Cream, Water Bottles, Salt, &c. FINE HEAVY PLATED CRUETS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' PRESENT

A large stock in Gilt China Mugs, Teas, with a variety of mottoes, Children's Toy Tea Sets. The foregoing Goods will be found on inspection and trial to be fresh and good, and to form a large and complete assortment, the prices of which will be as low, if not lower, than the largest and biggest purring house in the trade. Guelph, 30th November. dw GEORGE WILKINSON.

BUSINESS STILL GOOD

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE DRESS GOODS!

Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money. JACKETS! JACKETS! Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Sealskin Jackets, Whittney,—Black and Coloured. Petersham,—Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00. Table Linen and Sheetings. The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Housekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE. MILLINERY! For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE. The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY, TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE. Wyndham Street, Guelph, November 2 daw 4t

PHILIP BISH

Guelpth Evening Mercury

THE AMERICAN WATCH.

ITS MERITS AND DEMERITS.
To Messrs. Robbins and Appleton, General Agents of the American Watch Co.:

Gentlemen:—In a former letter I promised to submit an exposition of the merits and demerits of the American Watch, I therefore proceed at once to state first,

WHAT ARE ITS MERITS.

It has one unquestionable redeeming feature, viz. its escapement is English, being what is termed the lever or detached escapement—its invention in England dates as far back as a century and a half. It would be quite superfluous here to enlarge upon the principle of the lever escapement. It is sufficient to admit that it is a merit, and that its adoption by the Americans is a splendid testimonial in favor of the English by whom it was first applied, and by whose watch it was first illustrated. It has another merit—It is made by machinery. But every watch possesses it, because it is impossible to make a watch without the aid of machinery, indeed it is impossible to do the simplest thing in a watch without machinery. Machinery may be extensive or limited in its application according to the amount of work required to be produced; it does not follow that because it is extensively used the character of the work is, therefore, enhanced or made more perfect. To say that a watch is more perfect than another, because made by machinery, is sheer nonsense. All watches are produced by machinery under skillful human direction. A watch may be regarded in the light of a mathematical problem—every step taken towards its proper construction or solution must be supported by mathematical truths. The method of applying these truths are various, but that they can be applied in watches without the aid of machinery is an absolute impossibility. The evidence, as furnished by English watches, establishes the fact that the machinery used in their construction is the best and most perfect in the world, and it is so extensive that the watch which it produces is not so extensive as that of Waltham, Mass. I am not aware that a "microscope" is used in any other part of the world, but at Waltham, to detect defects; but it must certainly be confessed that the genius that produced the machinery to repair defects that cannot be seen but by the aid of a microscope, must border on the infinite. Surely the thoughtful tendencies in that particular locality must be materialistic since perfection there is demonstrated to be an attribute of matter peculiarly organized. This tendency, however, may be fully counteracted by the orthodox influence of the Canadian agency. In deference to that influence I come now to expose

ITS DEMERITS.
They are many, notwithstanding the "microscope." They are nearly as numerous as the falsehoods employed by unscrupulous vendors to impose them on public credulity, I will endeavour to state them in plain terms.

1st. The method of communicating the power of the mainspring. It is defective because it will not allow the power to be uniformly transmitted. The fusee, or variable lever, the object of which is to equalize the power of the mainspring is not used in the American watch, consequently when it is wound up or the mainspring at its greatest or maximum tension, the force exerted on the wheelwork is greater than at any other time, and gradually diminishes as it runs down or approaches its least tension.

It is an axiom, with which every school-boy is familiar, that like causes produce like results when governed by like circumstances. Now the object of a watch is to measure time. The regular indication of time is the required result, but if the motive power or force is imparted unequally, which it must be in the absence of the fusee or any compensating medium irregularity of time must be the inevitable result. Nor is this all.

THE MAIN SPRING IS MORE LIABLE TO BREAK. Unassociated with the fusee, the mainspring is more frequently broken, entailing far more serious consequences than it otherwise could. For example, when the main spring breaks the teeth of the great wheel, the centre pinion, and third wheel pivot are broken in consequence. The reason is clear. Force is strong or weak in proportion to the distance it has to travel. In a watch without a fusee and chain, the force of winding is immediately and unevenly applied to the mainspring, hence its liability to break; then again the immediate connection of this force of breakage with the teeth of the great wheel, centre pinion, and the third wheel pivot, is certain to produce injury, expense, trouble, and rapid deterioration. These observations will apply to Swiss Watches, because the American Watch is an exact copy of them in these particulars, the only difference being that for a third of the price of the American Watch a good Swiss one can be obtained.

The absence of the fusee and chain, therefore, is to procure cheapness at the expense of principle; but in regard to the various qualities of Swiss Watches, as compared with those of American manufacture, I positively assert without fear of contradiction the latter cannot approach the former for cheapness, beauty, delicacy and accuracy of workmanship.

SOFT BRASS.
The brass of which the American Watch is made, especially the cheaper class, is exceedingly soft; this means simply rapid wear. It retains the gilding but a short time; the oil soon corrodes, a glutinous and gritty substance forms, pivots are cut, and the watch very soon becomes a subject for repairs.

LARGE PIVOTS.
A remarkable defect of the American Watch is the largeness and coarseness of the pivots. This greatly increases the friction and demands a stronger main spring than would be required under more favourable circumstances. Overcoming a difficulty of this kind by increasing the power destroys the watch.

These are the most glaring faults of the American Watch and have been verified as such in my own experience as a practical watchmaker. Having manipulated every grade of them I can speak with confidence concerning their defects.

The American Watch is popular with Americans. Every day, this astounding popularity is paraded in readable advertisements. During the past six years two things have served to make them popular in the States only—1st, a very high protective tariff excluding foreign competition—and 2nd, an exorbitant hostility to everything English. In this connection I cannot forbear to repeat that the history of watchmaking ascribes to England, the highest possible position attainable. The names of Reid, Arnold, Carshaw, Adams, Harrison and Russell prove this. Now when it is considered that the highest reputation for manufacturing watches has been acquired in England, and that it is still being maintained and perpetuated, it may be very safely concluded that the people of the Dominion of Canada will cling firmly to that which most deserves their confidence, viz. a veritable Russell Watch.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT CUTHBERT,
Watch-maker, &c.
Wyndham street, Guelph.

Incredible as it may appear that one compound should be adapted to the treatment of such a variety of diseases, it is nevertheless true that Briggs' Allevator has proved incalculable benefit in affording prompt relief in thousands of cases of painful and distressing attacks.

Its grand mission is to subdue pain and bring glad tidings to the suffering. Its capacity for doing good is unequalled, and no family should be without it, as it may be the means of saving life in those sudden visitations of disease that require prompt measures to prevent a fatal termination. It is conceded to be the most valuable medicine of its class on account of its adaptation to a wider range of diseases than any other preparation, and therefore more convenient as an every day remedy.

It is valuable not only as a counter-irritant to drive pain and inflammation from the internal organs to the surface, thereby relieving deep seated injuries and organic lesions, but will be specially useful in restoring the skin to a healthy condition in all those annoying affections attended with inflammation and eruptions.

Briggs' Allevator is sold by E. Harvey & Co., Guelph, and by druggists and country merchants everywhere. Dr. J. Briggs & Co., proprietors, 205 Broadway, N. Y. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for the British possessions.

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of every description, suited for the season, at prices to please the close and economical buyer.

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In all the newest novelties.

French Merinoes
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The DRESS GOODS are pronounced by the Public the best assortment for elegance and price ever offered in Guelph.

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For Cheap Hosiery
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For extra value in Flannels
White and Scarlet,
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SHIRTING FLANNEL & WINEYS
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Stock of STAPLE GOODS holds more than ever ahead of all competition. The public are the judges, and the verdict for STEWART.

For Table Linen,
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Flowers
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In Oil Colours, painted from life. PHOTOGRAPHS, AMBROTYPES, DAGUERROTYPES and MINATURES of all kinds copied and enlarged to LIFE SIZE.

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25 Lessons given in DRAWING and PAINTING.
Inspection of Specimens respectfully invited.
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Wyndham Street, Guelph
Guelph Oct 14 daw 1f

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TEAS.
E. O'D. & CO. **TEAS.**

Ping Suey Tea, BEST, \$1.00 | Best Oolong, 75c.
Best Moyune, 87 1/2 | Best Japan, 65

Choice Young Hyson, 80 | Best Black, 68
Young Hyson Teas, 50c.

Good Plug Chewing Tobacco at 20c per lb.

SILVER TAKEN AT PAR.
At E. O'DONNELL & CO'S.
Wyndham Street, Guelph October 20th. dw

JOHN R. PORTE,
From the Sheffield House, Toronto.

WOULD intimate to the inhabitants of GUELPH and SURROUNDING COUNTRY, that he has opened a store
Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street,
Where he will keep on hand a large assortment of

WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY,
FANCY GOODS, &c.

Repairing done in all its branches. Satisfaction Warranted
Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 29, 1868. daw 1f

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UNDERTAKER,
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The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS
As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. W.M. BROWNLOW
March 20 1868. daw

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TOYS, &c.

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A Splendid Assortment of Braids, Frillings, Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods.
A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns, Ottomans, &c.

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Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.

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Newest Designs.

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Just Imported.

Irish Satin Finish Table Linen,
The Finest in Ontario.

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Very heavy and very cheap.

HUCKABACK AND DIAPER BEDROOM TOWELS,
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500 Prs Canadian Tw'd Blankets
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Britannia House, Guelph.
Guelph, Oct. 19. daw 1f

Executors' Notice.
ALL parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned.

GEORGE ELLIOTT,
NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE, Executors.
Guelph, Nov. 6. dw 1f

A CARD to THE PUBLIC.



THE GOLDEN LION

IT IS certainly marvellous that any community should be so excited over the great success that has attended the efforts of MR. HOGG to obtain in the first Manufacturing Districts of the World the very excellent, novel and substantial fabrics in all of the various classes of

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READY-MADE CLOTHING,
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All classes and descriptions of Clothing made to order by a first-class cutter, and sent free of charge to any part of Canada.

JOHN HOGG,
Golden Lion, Guelph
Guelph October 31st. 1868.

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AT PAR

AT THE

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO
Guelph, 24th October 1868 do y

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Hyson, Japan, Congu and Gunpowder Teas,
Which for Strength and Flavour is not to be surpassed.

McLean's Celebrated Oatmeal. Finest Ground Yellow Cornmeal
Fruit and Fish. Cigars, Pickles, &c.

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NEW FIGS AND LEMONS,
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FRESH HERRING (100 Boxes),
NEW LABRADOR HERRINGS,
NEW CODFISH (Dried),
FRESH WHITE FISH,
FRESH TROUT FISH.

Genuine MARTELL'S and HENNESSEY'S BRANDIES, in wood and bottle. **SHERRIES,** PORTS, GINS, RUMS, &c. Wholesale and Retail. Hiram Walker's WINDSOR OLD RYE WHISKEY and WINDSOR OLD MALT WHISKEY. ALLSOP'S ALE, BASS' ALE, BLOOD'S PORTER LONDON PORTER.

Goods Delivered in all Parts of the Town with Promptness
D. JACKSON. **J. HALLETT.**
Guelph, November 16th, 1868 dw

WELLINGTON BOOT and SHOE

MANUFACTORY.
Wyndham Street, Guelph, the old Post Office Block.

JOHN A. McMILLAN is now turning out over six hundred pairs of Boots and Shoes per week at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham Street, Guelph. An immense stock of Ladies', Gents', Misses', Boys' and Children's

RUBBER OVER-SHOES AND BOOTS

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Observe, you lose money if you do not get your Boots and Shoes from John A. McMILLAN, Boot Maker for the million, Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

FRESH ARRIVALS AT

THE FRUIT DEPOT

Another Lot of of those Delicious
Oranges,
Lemons,
Sweet Potatoes,
Pea Nuts,
Chestnuts, &c.,
Will be sold to the Trade at LOW PRICES for Cash.

HUGH WALKER,
Guelph, Nov. 23. dw
Fruit Depot, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.
HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stools, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodeon Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest Prices.
RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street Toronto.
NATHAN TOVELL,
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1868 Nelson Crescent

Funerals, Funerals
NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual Coffins always on hand. Hearses to hire. His Steam Flaming Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, door sashes, mouldings &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.
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TORONTO RAILWAY BY-LAWS. — The voting on the By-laws for granting bonuses to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, and Toronto and Nipissing Railways took place on Tuesday. The vote stood, for 790, against 119. Majority for each of the By-laws, 671.

A desperate coloured scoundrel named Wilson who had robbed a lady on the streets of Buffalo of a gold watch, a diamond ring and \$150, was arrested in Toronto on Monday night, the watch being found upon him.

Mrs. Camp, the wife of the absconded Town Treasurer of St. Catharines, has voluntarily given over to her husband's sureties, a mortgage for \$2,450, made in her favour for property he sold some time ago.

The employees of the Great Western Railway, in Hamilton, are being provided with wood by the Company at the actual cost incurred.

WHOLESALE ONLY.

Merchants desiring to assort their GROCERY and LIQUOR Stock for

Christmas and the Holidays,

Will do well to take quotations from the subscriber before buying.

Just Received, a large lot of FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES, which will be offered LOWER than they can be imported, in quantities to suit the COUNTRY TRADE.

JOHN L. LEWIS.

Guelph, Nov. 18.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, J.

December 9, 1888.

Almost every article of produce has declined in price since we last wrote. There are no heavy receipts except in pork, which comes in at the rate of between 200 and 300 hogs per day. Wheat, both fall and spring has suffered a material decline, and seems still to have a downward tendency. The best sample of the former grain will not bring within eight or ten cents per bushel as much as it did a week ago; the decline in spring wheat is scarcely so heavy. Peas and oats have not changed, but barley is lower. Eggs are unaltered, but butter has declined so that the best firm sells at only 21 cents per lb. We keep potatoes at the old quotations, but recently very few of them have been offered, and the receipts will likely soon be cut off altogether. On Wednesday last pork began an upward movement and kept progressing until on Saturday it had attained a higher figure than it had previously reached in this market this season. First class hogs would have brought about \$3 per cwt, but this week so far it has been much easier, the demand having somewhat contracted. Nevertheless the price is still higher than it was last week as the best article would scarcely bring \$7 per cwt, whereas \$7.25 is now paid freely. Straw is very dear, \$3.50 being asked for small sleigh loads. Hay is unchanged.

Flour, #100 lbs.	2 75	2 75
Fine Wheat, #100 lbs.	1 60	1 10
Spring Wheat, #100 lbs.	0 90	0 95
Oats, #100 lbs.	0 75	0 75
Peas, do.	0 80	0 85
Barley, do.	1 15	1 21
Hay, #1 ton.	10 00	12 00
Straw, #100 lbs.	0 30	0 30
Singles, #100 lbs.	1 00	1 50
Wood, #1 cord.	3 00	4 00
Wood, #1 cord.	0 24	0 25
Eggs, #1 dozen.	0 17	0 18
Butter, (store packed) #100 lbs.	0 18	0 19
do. (dairy packed) #100 lbs.	0 20	0 21
Geese, each.	0 30	0 37
Turkeys, each.	0 50	0 75
Children, #1 pair.	0 20	0 25
Ducks, do.	0 30	0 40
Potatoes, per bag.	1 00	1 25
Apples, #1 bag.	0 60	0 60
Lamb, #1 lb.	0 06	0 07
Beef, #1 lb.	0 06	0 06
Pork, #100 lbs.	0 09	0 10
Sleep Pills each.	0 50	0 75
Lambkins	0 50	0 75
Hites	0 50	0 60

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, J. Guelph, Dec. 9, 1888.

Gold, 135 1/2
Greenbacks bought at 72 1/2 to 73; sold at 73 1/2 to 74.
Silver bought at 41 1/2; sold at 42.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.'s report by special Telegram to "Evening Mercury."
MONTREAL, December 8, 1888.
Flour—Extra, \$5 47 to \$5 57; Fancy, \$5 00 to \$5 10; Welland Canal Superior, \$4 90 to \$4 99; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, \$4 90 to \$5 00; Superior No. 1 Western wheat, \$4 90 to \$4 99; No. 2 do., \$4 30 to \$4 40; Bag flour, \$2 30 to \$2 50; Wheat—Canada Fall, \$1 12 1/2 to \$1 13 1/2; Spring, \$1 12 to \$1 13; Western, \$1 07 to \$1 08.
Oats, per 32 lbs. 47c to 48c; Barley, per 45 lbs. \$1 20 to \$1 30; Butter—fair to 25c store packed 19c to 21c. Ashes—Pots \$5 60 to \$5 80; pearls \$5 50 to \$5 80. Pork—Mess, \$23 00 to \$23 00; Prime, \$19 00 to \$19 00. Peas, 91c to 95c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Fall wheat \$1 10 to \$1 20; spring wheat \$1 00 to \$1 05; flour, No. 1 super, \$4 65, extra \$5 20; barley \$1 25; peas, 80c to 85c; oats, 50c to 55c.

HAMILTON MARKETS.

Hamilton, Dec. 8.
Barley, 1 25 to 1 35; peas, 80c to 85c; oats, 50c to 55c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 03; white wheat, 1 15 to 1 20; red winter, 1 00 to 1 05.

HEADQUARTERS!

I. X. U.

CARRIAGE WORKS,

Awarded at Provincial Fairs

1865, Two First Prizes.

1866, Four First Prizes.

1868, Five First Prizes.

The Subscriber has now on hand a stock of those ELEGANT and SUBSTANTIAL

CUTTERS

Which have taken prizes wherever exhibited, to be sold at LOW PRICES for cash or short credit.

J. B. ARMSTRONG, Guelph, Nov. 19.

GLOBE HOTEL,

ERIN VILLAGE.

WILLIAM R. HISHOLM, Proprietor. Ashure of the public's patronage respectfully solicited. First-class Wines, Liquors, Cigars, &c. Meals at all hours. Good stabling; a sober and attentive Hostler always in attendance.

Erin Village, June 10.

DOCTOR DAVIS

Physician and Surgeon.

OFFICE—Merrick-st. directly opposite the Market, and in rear of the Royal Hotel. Can be consulted at all hours day and evening, on all Chronic Diseases, Diseases of Women and Children, Midwifery, &c., together with those of a private nature. He has practiced over 30 years in the treatment of the above-named diseases, and the success so far has been without a parallel, as may be seen from the numerous testimonials in his possession.

No Mercury Used—Patients at a distance can be treated by corresponding with the Doctor, sending the symptoms of the disease, age, length of time afflicted, &c., and receive his celebrated remedies by express, or as otherwise directed, securely packed from observation. A reasonable remittance on all such applications will be required.

Female Pills—Dr. Davis celebrated Female Pills for Irregularities, Suppression of the Menstrue, Leucorrhoea, Whites, and all female difficulties, have been before the public for the last ten years, and are universally admitted to be the best remedy for which they are recommended of any now in use. The doctor can be consulted at all times with the utmost secrecy, as his office is so arranged that it is impossible to see each other, unless by consent. No charge for advice when obtained at the office, if by letter, \$1. All letters must be addressed (properly) to Dr. Davis, M. D., Hamilton, and to contain a postage stamp when an answer is required. Hamilton, 1st July, 1868.

LUMBER & WOOD YARD.

CHARLES HEATH

Has opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on Quebec-st. West of English Church,

Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to suit purchasers.

CORDWOOD

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.

FLOUR & FEED

Also for sale, Flour and Feed, delivered in any part of the Town according to order.

All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to.

CHARLES HEATH.

Guelph, May 14, 1868.

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