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PRIZE PENMANSHIP! Superior Advantages Offered!

THE attention of young men looking forward to a successful career is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits.

One of the direct means of attaining and holding this high position has been the constant and varied selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibition of 1863, 1866, and 1867, the only occasion on which we competed.

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Local News.

MARSHALL TO-MORROW. If you appreciate a good article in Guelph Root Pipes, at a low figure, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The semi-annual examination of the above school takes place to-morrow, to commence at half-past nine o'clock a.m. The public are invited.

No other House in Town has one-quarter the Stock of COAL OIL LAMPS that Mr. HORSMAN has.

ALL SOLD.—THE EFFECTS OF ADVERTISING.—Two or three days ago Mr. A. O. Buchan advertised 150 pair of splendid blankets for sale at a remarkably low price.

THE NEW BURNER at MR. HORSMAN'S saves one-third Oil, and gives a Light Clear, White, and Cheerful.

Mr McGee was able to resume his place in the House on Monday evening. He was loudly cheered on entering and congratulated by Mr McKenzie, who was making a speech at the time.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

A USEFUL ALMANAC.—We are in receipt of the Ottawa Citizen Almanac for 1868. It is got up with great taste, printed on excellent paper, and is far in advance of such publications generally sent out from newspaper offices.

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

A dinner was given to Dion, the billiard player, on Monday evening last in Montreal, at which the Mayor presided. During the evening Mr Dion was presented with a diamond ring and gold watch, as a mark of the confidence and respect of his friends.

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FIRE IN AYR.—A fire broke out in the bar room of the Commercial Hotel, Ayr, on Sabbath morning last, which spread very rapidly and consumed the entire building together with the stables, &c. On account of the extreme cold the fire engine was frozen up and rendered no service, so that the efforts of the villagers were almost totally confined to saving the furniture of the hotel and the property, horses, &c., in the stable. The loss was considerable, but there is an insurance of \$3,000 on the property.

THE ORGAN QUESTION.—The Free Press of Wednesday says:—A meeting of the Presbytery of London, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, was held last evening in Rev. Mr. Proudfoot's church, in this city, the Moderator, Rev. Mr. Corrie, of Southwold, in the chair, and a good attendance present. Rev. Mr. Kemp, of Windsor, strongly advocated, in a speech of nearly an hour's duration, the introduction of the organ into the Canada Presbyterian churches in this country, and offered many valuable suggestions in favor of the idea.

MR. HORSMAN has a Magnificent Stock of Articles suitable for Christmas Presents.

OTHER ATTEMPT BY THE FENIANS.—As will be seen from our telegraph despatches to-day the Fenians have again made an attempt to blow up a prison—their operations this time being directed to Mill Bank gaol, in London. Fate was adverse, and the gaol still stands.

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

Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

List of Sales at the Christmas Fat Cattle Show.

We note the following sales:—E. Shantz, heifer \$4 per cwt., J. Royce yoke of steers \$70, J. Ritchie bull \$56, George Royce steer \$28, Joseph Jackson cow, 1540 lbs. at \$4.75 per cwt., John Bruce three heifers, 3410 lbs. at \$3.75 per cwt., George Newstead cow, 1195 lbs., at \$5.25 per cwt., Gideon Hood his two largest oxen at \$10.00 per cwt., steer 2315 lbs. at \$8.00, and cow and heifer for \$380.

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BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Heavy Robbery.

Binghamton, Dec. 18.—The safe of the County Treasurer was broken open last night and robbed of \$8,000 in Co. bonds and other securities.

Mexican Affairs.

Havana, Dec. 18.—Dates from the City of Mexico to the 11th inst. have been received. The National Congress was opened on the 8th inst. The hall was filled with members and spectators. President Juarez delivered the opening speech—he thanked the U.S. for the friendly feeling shown and moral support given to Mexico during the war for independence; justified the execution at Queretaro as a necessary act of justice; returned into the hands of Congress the extraordinary powers he had assumed, and before they expected; and promised that all foreigners should be protected. The President of Congress replied, thanking the people of Mexico for their conduct during the war; declaring the United States their only ally; denying that prisoners of war had been ill-treated; pronouncing the recognition of the Republic by foreign governments unnecessary, and concluding with a declaration that Mexico was fully able to defend herself. Mexican papers propose Minister Romero as Minister of Foreign Affairs. An envoy from Peru was on the road for Mexico to effect an alliance between the two countries. The Cabinet remains unchanged. Notwithstanding Plumb nor any other diplomatist now in Mexico was present at the opening of Congress. The British minister Jason arrived at Vera Cruz on the 7th, with orders from the British Government to bring home Mr Robert T. C. Middleton, first Secretary in charge of the British Legation, with the Consuls. All the English residents were in a high state of excitement over this announcement. Later advice states that Mr Middleton will sail for England on the 20th inst. The proceedings in Congress were as yet unimportant. It was rumored that General Quiroga had been murdered on the frontier by his pursuers. For some time the national authorities had kept a body of soldiers pursuing him, but owing to his knowledge of the mountains he had managed to elude capture.

Earthquakes continue at St. Thomas, though not violent.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Monitor publishes a circular by the Prefect of Police, placing the press under more rigorous censorship.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—The examination of John Martin and others connected with the funeral demonstration on the 8th inst. was concluded yesterday, and the decision was reserved. This morning the accused were brought before the magistrate, and Martin and Lalor were committed for trial on the charge of misdemeanor. They immediately furnished the requisite bail and were discharged from custody.

Florence, Dec. 17.—Prime Minister Mancini, replied yesterday to the attacks made upon the Government by the Liberal party in Parliament. In the course of his speech he said that Italy would sooner or later possess Rome, but that end would be accomplished not by arms but by moral force. Baron Rattazzi followed in a speech in opposition to the chief minister, saying that a popular vote in Naples and other cities of Italy showed that the nation demanded a different policy.

London, Dec. 18.—Arms and ammunition secreted by Fenians have been discovered and seized by the police at several places in England.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The Invalide Russe says that the policy agreed upon between France and Austria on the Eastern question, if presented in the future, will imperil the tranquility of Europe.

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London, Dec. 18.—An attempt was made to-day to blow up one of the walls of Millbank gaol, in which a number of Fenians are confined. The preparations were all completed, and the fuse had been lighted by the conspirators, without attracting attention, but owing to some defect in the arrangement

FAILURE OF THE ROMAN CONFERENCE.

Whether Fortune is fated with granting further favors to the Emperor of France, and resolutely refuses to listen to his supplications we know not, but it appears as if the star of Napoleon's success were declining, for every attempt that he has lately made to work out one of his stupendous conceptions has resulted in failure. We should perhaps except from the catalogue of miscarriages the Paris Exposition in which there was diplomacy as well as many other ingredients. His latest abortion has been an attempt to convene a conference of the Great Powers of Europe for the settlement of the Roman question. How it was to be settled, why it was inexpedient that the Italian patriots should not be allowed to make Rome—not the mistress of the world as she once was—but the capital of Italy, were not informed. It was an easy matter to propose a conference—the Emperor has a predilection for conferences—but it was more difficult to find acceptance for the proposition. Napoleon's Italian inter-meddling was by no means popular except with imbecile Spain, and crippled Austria, and he knew it was not. He discovered that less interference would probably have been rewarded with approbation, whereas the course he pursued subjected him to censure both tacit and pronounced. What then could be the cause for his requesting a conference, first at Munich and next at Paris, unless it were to relieve himself from the perplexities in which his grasping disposition had entangled him, and to make future difficulties with the Roman question a subject for European, and not alone for French consideration, and for future generations' praise or censure? It might not be going too far to assert that the importance of France in the councils of Europe is diminishing. Napoleon is allowed to make his intrigues, and receive his snubbings on his own responsibility; and the man who has made so many wrong ventures will be narrowly watched by those less guilty of perpetrating blunders lest they should become sharers in some of his calamities. The Emperor was pleased to request a conference on the Roman question, but he was not gracious enough to make known which or how many of the subdivisions under that great head he intended to bring forward for consideration. There was no programme. It was like an invitation to a ball, at which it was given out there would be music, but no person knew whether he could agree with his partner or whether he would have a partner at all. The Emperor offered to supply the music, but the Great Powers refused to dance attendance.—Lord Stanley, if we recollect properly, refused—made the want of a programme his chief if not sole objection, and others urged their peculiar objections until there was none left to honor the proposition with their sanction. It is evident that the sympathies of the Protestant Powers are strongly with Italy, and against Rome, for the speech of M. Rouher in the Corps Legislatif from which it was understood, that the Emperor had adopted a policy on the Roman question in accordance with the views and desires of the clerical party, perhaps contributed more than any other cause to break off the proposed conference.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Ever since the formation of the Derby Administration in England, it must be admitted that the question of the Alabama claims has received all the consideration to which, as a problem that might involve a solution by the sword if not cautiously dealt with, it was justly entitled. The negotiations on the subject have given Lord Stanley opportunities of which he has not failed to avail himself, to prove his possession of the qualities essential to a clever, dignified, and at the same time conciliating statesman. Mr Seward's last despatch has been honoured with the same careful consideration which all his former (some of them very impudent) ones received, and Lord Stanley has sent the final reply of Her Majesty's government, which is to the effect that it will listen to no other proposal for a peaceful settlement of the difficulty than a reference to arbitration. The following is the concluding portion of his despatch to Mr Ford, British Minister to Washington (pending the appointment of another), since the death of Sir Frederick Bruce:— "The language thus used by Mr Seward appears to be open to the construction that it is the desire of the United States government that any tribunal to be agreed upon in dealing either with the so-called Alabama claims or with the general claims might enter into the question whether the act of policy of Her Majesty's government in recognizing the Confederate States as a belligerent power was or was not suitable to the circumstances of the time when the recognition was made; a construction which, after Her Majesty's government has avowed of Her Majesty's government, that they could not consent to a reference of such a question, Her Majesty's government can hardly suppose that it was intended by Mr Seward that the passage in his despatch should bear. But, to prevent any misapprehension on this subject, Her Majesty's government think it necessary distinctly to say, both as regards the so-called Alabama claims brought forward by citizens of the United States and as regards the general claims, that they cannot depart, directly or indirectly, from their refusal to refer to a foreign power to determine whether the policy of recognizing the Confederate States as a belligerent power was or was not suitable to the circumstances of the time when the recognition was made. As regards the so-called Alabama

the decision of an arbitrator in the question of the moral responsibility of Her Majesty's government, on the assumption that an actual state of war existed between the Government of the United States and the Confederate States; and on that assumption it would be for the arbitrator to determine whether there had been any such failure on the part of the British government as a neutral in the observance, legally or morally, of any duties or obligations toward the Government of the United States as could be deemed to involve a moral responsibility on the part of the British government to make good losses of American citizens caused by the Alabama and other vessels of the same class. "As regards the general claims, the question of moral responsibility on the part of Her Majesty's government does not, and cannot, come into dispute at all. "Mr Seward rightly supposes that her Majesty's Government contemplated two tribunals for the adjudication of the Alabama claims, the other for the general claims; the one being, in the first instance, at all events, the tribunal of an arbitrator who should be called upon to pronounce on the principles of the moral responsibility of the British Government, and on the nature of whose decision would depend the question of the appointment of a mixed commission for the examination in detail of the several claims of citizens of the United States to which that decision applied—namely, those rising out of the deprivations of the Alabama and similar vessels and the adjudications of the sums payable in each case; the other in its commencement and to its close a purely mixed commission for the examination of the general claims of the subjects and citizens of both countries arising out of the war, and the adjudication of the sums payable by either country in each case. "The distinction between the two classes of claims is clear; the one may never come before a mixed commission, and therefore may not require the assistance of an arbitrator to decide differences of detail arising between the commissioners; the other, though originally brought before a mixed commission, may possibly require the intervention of an arbitrator in a case of a difference of opinion among the members of the commission which could not be otherwise reconciled, and for which case provision would be made in the ordinary way in the convention for the settlement of the mixed claims, by the insertion of articles in regard to the selection of an arbitrator. "The function of such an arbitrator, as well as of an arbitrator for a like purpose in the other mixed commission, for which provision would have to be made to meet the contingency of the so-called Alabama claims coming eventually under the cognizance of a mixed commission, would have nothing in common with the functions of the arbitrator, to whom the question of principle involved in the last mentioned class of claims would be referred. "Her Majesty's Government cannot but apprehend that, if Mr Seward really requires unrestricted arbitration as applicable to both classes of claims, and that the tribunal in both classes of cases should proceed upon the same principles, and be clothed with the same powers, he has not considered the wide and inevitable distinction which exists between the classes; and in directing you to submit to the consideration of Mr Seward the explanations and observations contained in this despatch, I have to instruct you to express the earnest hope of Her Majesty's Government that the Government of the United States will, on further reflection, accept without hesitation the proposal made in my despatch to Sir F. Bruce of the 9th of March and of the 24th of May, both of this year—namely, "limited reference to arbitration in regard to the so-called Alabama claims," and "adjudication by means of a mixed commission of general claims." "You will furnish Mr Seward with a copy of this despatch. I am &c., STANLEY.

Parliament of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. OTTAWA, Dec. 17. The revenue bill was again under consideration. An amendment proposed by Mr. Fisher, looking to the abolition of stamp duties, was rejected by 118 to 12. When the resolutions reported from the Committee of ways and means was under consideration, the Government in reply to Mr. Holton said that no answer could be given as to when permanent Lieutenant-Governors would be appointed, or what their salaries would be. In answer to Mr. McKenzie, the Premier stated that the acting Lieutenant-Governors were not in receipt of any money. Mr. McKenzie made an able speech on the financial policy of the Government. He said the scheme of the Financial Minister would not secure the payment of the floating debt, but merely turn it in a new direction, and leave it to his successor—the usual course of every Finance Minister. A considerable sum could not be raised by a Dominion stock, but mainly at the expense of bank circulation, and stringency was a great evil, not lightly to be inflicted upon the country by the Government. The so-called "Exchequer Bills" proposed to be issued, being for a period of 10 to 20 years ought to be called by their proper names—bonds. The Dominion stock and these bonds, together with a further issue of legal tenders, were to secure funds sufficient to meet the floating debt—paying off one debt by contracting another. Then the Saving Bank schemes would curtail circulation for the benefit of the Government—a thing we could hardly afford—and the proposal to go into the life insurance business was a very questionable proceeding. He then briefly analysed the estimates, pointing out defects in the Finance Minister's calculations. He believed the revenue from Customs next year would be less than during the present, as the stock in hand was heavy, and the Spring demand likely to be light. Mr. Rose thought the Dominion stock would not injuriously interfere with the currency of the country, if introduced gradually. He added that, at the beginning of this month, there were \$3,000,000 at the credit of Government, in the Bank of Montreal, a good portion of which would be applied to the reduction of the floating debt. On the third reading of the Inland Revenue Bill, Mr. Burton moved that the license fee for brewers be \$100 instead of \$200. Messrs. Jackson, F. Jones, Dr. Parker, Read, McConkey and Ferguson supported the amendment; Messrs. Mc Dougall, Bodwell, Cartier, Rose, Holton and others opposed it in the interest of temperance as well as revenue. Mr. McKenzie moved a second amendment, to the effect that there should be a graduated scale of license imposed on maltsters. The debate was adjourned at the request of the Government in order that the matter might be reconsidered. "The Intercolonial Railway Bill was again under consideration, but no result was reached, and the debate was adjourned. A new and attractive stock of China,

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FROM OTTAWA. The names of Sir Henry Smith and Mr. Richard Scott, of Ottawa, are mentioned as Mr. Sandfield Macdonald's candidates for the Speakership of Ontario. It is said there is to be a caucus of Tories in Toronto on the 26th inst., to submit a candidate. As the Tories have carried the Speakers of the Senate and Commons, they no doubt expect to have the Speakership at Toronto too. The Tories have a hold upon the Government. Indeed they are trying to drive out all the Liberals in the Department at Ottawa. Mr. Carling made an attack on Mr. Brant, of the Excise Department last night. The Tories have a grudge against him for his inspection of ports in 1863, and he will have to be got rid of. It appears no patents are to be issued until a new patent law is passed. People will therefore have to wait until next June. This is another consequence of the want of preparation of the Macdonald-Cartier administration. If patents were to issue now, they would, of course, only apply to the old Province of Canada, or to New Brunswick or Nova Scotia. Hence the necessity for the early passage of a patent bill.

THE RED MILL. THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grists can rely on having them ground the same day. Chopping done every day. FLOUR AND FEED FOR SALE AT THE MILL. GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing. GEORGE BALKWILL. Guelph 19th December, 1867. dw2m

NEW SHOP SMITH & METCALF. BEG to inform their customers and the public that for the present they have opened a shop in the premises. Two doors North of the Post Office, next door to Mr Coffee's Hotel, where they will be prepared, as usual, to supply all articles in their line. The stock saved from the late fire will be sold at reduced prices. SMITH & METCALF. Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dwf

SPEED LODGE No. 180, A. F. & A. M. AN Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, On FRIDAY EV'G, 20th DECEMBER at half-past seven. Brethren are particularly requested to attend. A. B. PETRIE, Secretary. Guelph, 17th December, 1867.

HENRY MULHOLLAND! THE OFFICE of Henry Mulholland is removed temporarily to the READING ROOM OF ELLIS' HOTEL. Nearly Opposite the Old Stand. Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dw

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DAY BOOKS LEDGERS CASH BOOKS JOURNALS AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 19th December, 1867. dw CHEAP Photographs

W. BURGESS BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that having received a large lot of FRAMES suitable for Christmas Presents, he will through the HOLIDAYS furnish all kinds of Photographs at greatly REDUCED PRICES. Parties wishing to make presents of Photographs to their friends should call at once. PICTURES of all kinds furnished in the first style of the art. Gallery above John A. Wood's Grocery Store. W. BURGESS. Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dw

G. A. D. C. FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE Guelph Amateur DRAMATIC CLUB! THE above Club will make their first appearance in the TOWN HALL, ON Monday Evening, Dec. 30th, On which occasion will be produced, for the first time here, George Almar's celebrated Drama, in two acts, entitled "The Charcoal Burner," or "The Dropping Well of Knarlsboro." To conclude with an amusing afterpiece by all the members of the Club. For particulars see programme. Admission 25 cents; Reserved seats 50 cents. For sale at the Book and Drug Store, and also by the Members of the Club. MR. VALE, MORRIS ARMOUR, Manager. Guelph, 14th December, 1867. dtd

FURS, FURS, FURS. WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz: Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, and a full assortment of CHILDREN'S FURS, GENTS' MUFFERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c. F. GARLAND, Market Square, GUELPH. The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. 884 w732 IN CHANGERY Stewart vs. Kingsmill. ALL Persons trespassing on or removing earth or sand from the unsold portions of the property known as "The Kingsmill Survey" will be vigorously prosecuted. PALMER & LILLIE, Plaintiff's Solicitors. Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dw CARD OF THANKS. THE subscriber begs to acknowledge the payment in full of his claim against the Fidelity Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the loss sustained on the 8th July last, by fire, in the destruction of his dwelling House and contents. Absence from the Township prevented his publicly acknowledging earlier the prompt manner in which the Company paid his claim.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS!

TREMENDOUS CLEARING SALE OF THE LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &C., BELONGING TO HOGG & CHANCE, GUELPH.

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The Stock to be Cleared Off at Cost Prices, commencing on Monday, the 9th of December.

GREAT BARGAINS! Families ought to take advantage of this rare opportunity of laying in their Winter supplies at once, as this Stock is very large and complete in every Department. Actual Cost Prices will be asked for all the Goods, and no second price or bantering. Store will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and close at 6 o'clock in the evening during the sale. All Goods will be sold for Cash only.

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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Brazil Nuts, Walnuts,
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Canned Fruits and
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of every description.

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WANTED, 700 cords of good hard wood. Apply at Brown's Wood Yard, Woolwich-st.

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Guelph, 6th December, 1867. dw

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Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1867. daw

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Guelph 16th Dec. 1867. daw

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Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867. dw4m

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TORONTO, December 18, 1867.

Flour—Receipts, 1,000 bbls; No. 1, at \$6.75.

HAMILTON, December 18, 1867.

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Boxes New Valencia Raisins, New Layer do, Very Prime West End Layer Raisins, Bbls English Crushed Sugar, New Currants, Bags and Pockets choice Java Coffee, Or Casks and Cases Dunville Irish Whiskey, Cases Kinahan's L. L. do, Chests, Half Chests, and Caddies New Season, Ping Sney, Young Hysons, Gunpowders, Congous, Souchoings, Color'd and Uncolor'd Japans, Imperial, Twankay, Orange, Pekoe, &c., &c., Bags superior Arracan Rice, Cases English Thumb Blue, Bbls Brazil Nuts, Bags S. S. Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Cases Pearl Tapioca, Thin's Pickles, Booth's, Betts' and Barclay's Old Tom, John Bull Bitters, Crates Wine, Beer and Whiskey, Bottles, Cases Orange, Lemon & Citron Peel, Boxes Valencia and Jordan Almonds, Cases Table Salt, in glass jars do Liqueurice, &c. &c.

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THE Company supply two qualities only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great brightness and flavour, combined with softness and strength, and to be entirely different to the flat and vapid article usually sold as Black Tea.

PRICES: Each full-flavoured Tea for family use a real genuine and fine article 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.

To be had in packets of Quarter Pound Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 5 lbs. and upwards, from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada.

MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Agent, Guelph, August 3, 1867.

APOTHECARIES' HALL, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED, A large supply of SYDNEY BROWN'S PERFUME.

WATCHES! Superior to either the "Russell" or "American" Watch, containing as it does a new and DELIGHTFUL PERFUME for the Handkerchief, unrivalled for the sweetness of its odour and lasting properties.

Price Twenty-five Cents each, ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square, Guelph, Dec. 7, 1867.

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

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all Hours.

THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE, OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT, FRANK SMITH & CO., 77 Front Street, Toronto.

DEG to intimate to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of Fresh English Groceries, Wines, Brandies, &c., Ex. "Planet," "Chandler," "City of Hamilton," "Glenborie," from London, "Avon," "Onida," "Hibernia," "Peruvian," "Summer," and "Pericles," from Liverpool, "Abeona" and "Glenlifer," from Glasgow, "Agnes" from Charente. And are daily expecting the arrival of Ex. "Deodara," "Canny Scott" and "Mary Ann," from Malaga, Marsell's and Denis.

Fresh New Crop Fruit and Mediterranean Cargo, Ex. "Deodara," "Canny Scott" and "Mary Ann," from Malaga, Marsell's and Denis.

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE, 369 Bbls and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars, 522 Bbls Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP, 5175 Half Chests and Caddies Souchoing, Congou, Japan, Gunpowder, Young and Old Hyson Teas.

With a full assortment of Tobaccos, Refined Sugars, Wines and Liquors and Dry Groceries. All of which will be submitted to the trade, equal to and below Montreal prices.

Inspection invited. Terms Liberal. Cash and prompt paying customers desired. Toronto, 6th November, 1867.

CHRISTMAS BOXES. WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS to step in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever.

D. SAVAGE, Guelph, December 14, 1867.

TOWN OF GUELPH THE MONTHLY CATTLE FAIR, NOTICE is hereby given, that the Cattle Fair to be held in the Town of Guelph for January, will be held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month, the first Wednesday being New Year's Day.

JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 18th Dec., 1867.

DEVON BULL FOR SALE, FOR sale by the subscriber, the Devon Bull "Prince William," 4 years old. He has taken eight premiums at the Provincial and County Shows, and also at the last New York State Fair. He is the best bull of the Devon breed in Canada. Apply to GEO. RUDD, Puslinch Plains, Guelph P. O. Guelph, 9th December, 1867.

Valuable Tavern Stands FOR SALE, THE subscriber offers for sale the following valuable Tavern Stands in the village of Rockwood: THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, close to the Railway Station. It is only recently built, contains 17 apartments, and has a very large and well finished Ball Room or Hall; also large and commodious stables and driving shed. The house is well supplied with hard and soft water, with wood shed, pig styes, splendid garden, and all other conveniences. From its nearness to the station, and the excellent accommodation it supplies, it does the largest and most profitable business in Rockwood.

THE WELLINGTON HOTEL.—This house is situated in the heart of the village, and close to the mills and stores. It was rebuilt this summer after being burnt down, and is now rented for \$225 a year. It contains 12 apartments, with stone wood shed, driving shed, pig styes, and large frame stable. There is a plentiful supply of water on the premises. There is a good garden attached to the house.

For terms and other particulars apply to the undersigned (if by letter post-paid) at the Commercial Hotel, near the G. T. B. Station, Rockwood, Rockwood, 30th October, 1867.

FAMILY KNITTING MACHINE, Manufactured by the Lamb Knitting Machine Manufacturing Company, CHICOPEE FALLS, N. Y.

It is the best Family Knitting Machine extant. No other invention affords so profitable an employment for women.

It has taken the highest premium (a Gold Medal) at the Fair of the American Institute, New York, and the Exhibition of the Mass. Charitable Association, Boston, and the Provincial Exhibition at Toronto also, and the highest Premium at every State and County Fair wherever it has been exhibited, comprising all other machines.

It sets up its own work, knits all sizes, widens and narrows, knits the heel into the stocking, and narrows off the toe complete; it knits a yard of plain work in five minutes; a pair of socks in thirty minutes; knits the single, double, ribbed and fancy flat webs, providing all varieties of knit goods, from an infant's stocking, mitten or glove, to a lady's shawl or hood, which no other machine in the world can do. It is simple, durable, and easily operated.

Call and see the Machine worked, Lot No. 2, 3rd Con., Puslinch, opposite Cobler's Carriage Shop. Samples of Knitting sent on receipt of 25 cents in postage stamps.

Agents Wanted. JACOB N. COBER, Sole Agent for Wellington and Waterloo Counties. Also, Agent for the BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE, manufactured in Paris, Ontario. Address Hespeler P. O. 739-3m

Farm for Sale or Rent, FOR sale or to rent that farm, being Lot No. 14, in the 8th Concession, Township of Puslinch, consisting of 100 acres, 80 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation.

THOMAS BAILEY, Puslinch, Oct. 3, 1867. w3m Aberfoyle P. O.

NEW LAW OFFICE, FREEMAN & FREEMAN, BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, & CONVEYANCERS, & C. S. B. FREEMAN, C. C. G. O. FREEMAN.

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

STRAY CATTLE, CAME on the premises of the undersigned on the 9th December 1867, 2 Heifers 3 years old, and one two years old. The owner can have them by proving property and paying expense. WARREN JESTIN, Justice of the Peace.

NOTICE, Opposite the MARKET, Opposite the MARKET.



1,000 MEN WANTED, At the ELEPHANT Clothing Emporium TO FILL THOSE OVERCOATS and PEA JACKETS

SMITH & BOTSFORD, will sell their CLOTHING at prices much lower than that of any other house in Guelph. It is now generally admitted that this is the only Store in town where real Bargains can be obtained.

Commercial Bank Bills taken at par. SMITH & BOTSFORD. Guelph, 11th December, 1867.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS! AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY, Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS: SILKS, Black and Coloured, REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS, MANTLE CLOTHS, Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market. GEORGE JEFFREY. Guelph, September 21, 1867.

Come and See the Bargains at the RUTHERFORD HOUSE! DRY GOODS, CLOTHING

And a Cheap lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underclothing, All of which we are determined to sell cheaper than any house in the town, and our Groceries, Crockery and Liquors are Cheaper than ev

Just Arrived from Newfoundland, 100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, 100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, which can be confidently recommended as the best imported this year.

Commercial Bank Bills taken at par. Guelph, November 14, 1867.

GREAT SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES, PREST & HEPBURN

WILL COMMENCE On Monday next, 23rd Dec., To sell off their entire Stock of Imported Goods At Cost and Under!

and will continue until the whole is CLEARED OUT, as they intend in future to keep nothing but their own manufacture. This will be the best opportunity ever offered in the Town of Guelph to buy cheap Boots and Shoes, as the

Whole Stock will be sold without Reserve for Cash only. PREST & HEPBURN.