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Mr. Thomson read a petition from Chief Constable Kelly, asking that he should be paid the \$20 offered as a reward by the Council for the conviction of any person who had broken a street lamp, as he had lately apprehended Mathew Sheehy for such offence, and the Police Magistrate convicted him. Mr. Heffernan read a petition from Robert Howard praying for the refunding of taxes on a certain lot, the same having been paid by Mr. Knowles who was the agent. Mr. Heffernan read a petition from T. Cooper praying for the refunding of some tax, having been levied on the same lot.

Mr. Thomson read a petition from Wm Stevenson for the refunding of \$3 dog tax, as there had been an error in his assessment. Mr. Chadwick read a petition from John Andrews of Elora, who had lately been fined before the police magistrate \$20 and expenses for having published a lottery in Elora, and as none of the articles to be disposed of were worth less than the price of a ticket, he prayed for the refunding of one half of the fine.

Mr. Thomson read a petition from G. A. Fraser praying for the refunding of \$14.38 on a lot which he had bought at Sheriff's sale, but of which he was unable to procure a deed. Mr. Peterson read a petition from Wm. Dyson, showing that he had with much difficulty paid the full amount of his taxes; he had also been assessed for some vacant premises, which he had not, and prayed the Council to refund him as much as they could.

The foregoing petitions were referred to appropriate Committees, on motion of Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Massie was appointed the Finance Committee, and the resolution of the Council was adopted.

John Brown for the refunding of dog tax, was granted, but could not be granted the petition for a similar nature be granted to Jas. Henderson. They recommended the refunding of \$3.75 to Geo. Todd, being tax on income, and of \$5 to W. Marshall who was twice assessed, but they could not recommend a reduction of taxes to Jas. Massie & Co., nor to Jas. O'Neil, Charles Thain or C. J. Buckland. They recommended that \$25 be refunded Jno. McCrae, as \$200 personal property belonging to Geo. White had been charged to him as real property which is a mistake; that the petition of Chas. Whitelaw to be relieved of taxes be granted, as he only used the premises referred to in his petition while his grain was in transit from Elora to Paris, and was obliged to make use of them on account of insufficient railway accommodation, but could not recommend a reduction to F. McCurry. They recommended the refunding of \$7.50 to E. Newton, who had been assessed on a lot not his own, but no remission of income tax to Geo. Hynd, but that he be refunded fifty two cents as a proper proportion due him for vacant houses. Also that 62 cents be refunded Jas. McDonald as his proper proportion for vacant houses, that \$2.50 be refunded Wm. Mitchell for vacant houses, that no reduction be made in the income tax of Drs. Orton & Clarke, that Eather Hill be remitted income tax, as hers is a case of charity, and that \$20 be paid Jas. O'Neil, as the amount due him for horse-hire for the delegation to Walkerton. The report was adopted.

Mr. Chadwick read the report of the Court of Revision, which on motion afterwards was read and seconded was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to carry out its requirements. The report was as follows:—The Committee having ascertained that a gross and manifest error had been made in the assessment of certain lots on the York Road, belonging to Denis Coffee, have caused the required alterations to be made. This arrangement leaves Mr. Coffee assessed for lot No. 1, in the second Range, and part of broken lot No. 4, in Division F, being 40 acres, at \$40 per acre, and would necessitate the refunding of \$13.75. They further recommend that a reduction of \$400 be made in the assessment of Geo. McGuinn, but cannot recommend any alterations in the cases of Messrs. Howie, Smith and McLean.

Mr. Melvin read the report of the Market House Committee. They recommended that they be empowered to receive tenders for, and purchase fifty cords of wood for the use of the Market House.

Mr. Day read the report of the Fire and Water Committee. They had exceeded the expenditure on account of contingents, not estimated, to the amount of \$50. They recommended the following accounts to be paid:—Galbraith & Beattie, for repairing hose \$24; Wm. Brownlow, for ladder, \$3; John A. Wood, pails, \$18.50; H. Walker, pails, \$5; Wm. Lewis, repairs to wagon, \$13.74; W. H. Jacob, repairs to lamp, \$16.30; G. A. Bruce, repairs to engine, \$12.87; G. & A. Hadden \$1.28, being a total of \$32.83.

Mr. Melvin read a petition from J. H. Dewitt, asking that taxes be refunded for a dog which he had killed.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Peterson read the report of the Special Committee, to whom had been referred the communication of the City Wardens, Messrs. John Horsman and James Davis, of 30th April, 1867, to endeavour to obtain a settlement of claims for compensation for that portion of the church lot, appropriated by the corporation under by-law 63. It was as follows:—Your Committee have had several conferences with the Church Wardens and wish that the town pay the \$100 set apart in 1857, valuing the condition thereunto annexed, viz, the applying it to the building a retaining wall around a portion of the Church property, also that the Town should take the limits of the ground enclosed by the present Church fence as satisfactory. Your Committee suggested to them the desirability, and indeed necessity, before deciding in any way, of having a carefully staked survey made and sketch drawn of the lot and the parts so taken by the said by-law, which was done by T. W. Cooper, Esq., procuring the exact description of Church lot by metes and bounds as shown in original Canada Company's deed of St. George's Church, in possession of the Rector, Mr. Palmer. This and the surveyor's description are herewith submitted, having been examined by the Church Wardens. The fence was several years ago placed somewhat at random, and the ground now trespasses five feet on the

corner on which the School house stands remains unchanged, and the only parts of the lot altered are the corners at the north and east angles, which have been rounded off. Nor indeed have these been done exactly according to by-law, the fence being considerably extended outside the curves mentioned in the by-law. It was said some slight discrepancies existed between descriptions in the by-law, and the notice published preceding its passage, but your committee believe that if any such exist they are of so trivial a nature as to be really unworthy serious dispute either way, and about which no disagreement can take place. Your committee explained to the Church Wardens that they were unable to see how the Council could properly alter the solemn acts of its predecessors established ten years ago, and confirmed by lapse of time and undisturbed use since. They think the Council would not be unwilling to meet the Church Wardens in every spirit of fairness, and if they do not longer find it necessary or convenient to adhere to the condition attached to the £100 mentioned, viz, the building with it of the wall referred to, the condition in truth being proposed by way of inducement as it were to the Council as indicated in the letter to them, of the Rector, of 1857, and the resolution of Council accepting the same. Your committee would suggest that their wishes be entertained, the same to be paid over on a satisfactory understanding arrangement, that the provisions of by-law will in all sincerity be carried out and adhered to.

Your Committee being thoroughly satisfied, from abundant sources, of the written documentary and other testimony the sum of £100 was the entire and only amount ever agreed upon or contemplated between the Council and the Church in 1857, as full compensation for all the land appropriated under the by-law, nor was, or is it worth any more. Adopted.

Mr. Day read the report of the Tree Planting Committee. They had expended the following amounts. E. H. Maddock, making boxes \$150.50, Wm. Stevenson planting \$100. Adopted.

Mr. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Thomson, that Mr. Guthrie the surviving partner of the firm of Blair & Guthrie be recognized as Town Solicitor.—Carried.

The Council adjourned for twenty minutes, and having resumed, the Mayor in the chair, it was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Rev. Mr. Ball be elected Grammar School Teacher for Guelph. Carried.

The Council finally adjourned.

Puslinch Township Council.

The Municipal Council of Puslinch met in the Town Hall, on Monday, 30th Dec. Members all present.—The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of preceding session were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. McFarlane, sec. by Mr. Spruchan, that the account of Messrs McLagan & Innes, for printing, amounting to \$8.90, be paid, and that the Reeve grant his order for the same. It was ordered that Mr. Allan McIntyre be paid \$1187.25, as per contract, for the Town Hall, and \$40 as extras, as per Inspector's report; also \$44.55 for furnishing the new Council Chamber with table, chairs, stove, etc., and that the Reeve grant his order for the same. The claims of F. W. Stone, Jno Eustace and Simon Welsh, for sheep destroyed by dogs, were ordered to be paid, viz: F. W. Stone, \$81; John Eustace \$5, and Simon Welsh \$67.75. On motion, the sum of \$314 was granted to the Trustees of School Section No. 2, for Lot No. 8 in the 7th concession, against Bernard and Peter McCarty. Peter Beiber and Frederick Dunker were each refunded \$1, being erroneously assessed for a dog. Moved by Mr. Spruchan, sec. by Mr. Gilchrist, that the claim of Mrs. Hoist for a sheep killed by dogs, amounting to \$5.75, be paid, and that the Reeve grant his order for same. It was resolved that the time for the collection of taxes be extended to the 1st of February next. The sum of \$5 was ordered to be paid to Mr. Leslie for the purchase of a flag for the Town Hall.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have been requested to republish the following as the programme for the week of prayer, which began yesterday.

Tuesday, January 7.—Prayer for Nations: for Kings and all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for the removal of obstacles in the way of Moral and Religious Progress; and for Internal and International Peace.

Wednesday, January 8.—Prayer for Pupils: for Schools, Colleges and Universities; and for Sons and Daughters in Foreign Countries.

Thursday, January 9.—Prayer for Christian Ministers, and all engaged in Christ's Service; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 10th.—Prayer for the Sick and Afflicted; for Widows and Orphans; and for the persecuted for Righteousness' sake.

Saturday, January 11.—Prayer for the Christian Church: for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sunday, January 12.—Sermons. Subject: Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS. The Caxton Publishing House of Cincinnati, Ohio, announces in our advertising columns a forthcoming Life of Jefferson Davis, President of the late Confederacy, by Frank H. Alfriend, of Richmond, Va., formerly editor of the "Southern Literary Messenger," and known during the war as a writer of distinction on the Richmond Press. In the collection of materials the author has had the co-operation and assistance of prominent officials in the late Confederacy, and has enjoyed facilities unsurpassed by any writer upon the subject of the war, for obtaining information from original sources. The work is promised to be a full, complete, and authentic biography of Mr. Davis, embracing the whole period of his life, and will shed much needed light upon many important subjects connected with the late war, which has never been understood—or, at best, but imperfectly so.—because the facts necessary to their elucidation have remained inaccessible to all previous writers. Such a work will be looked for with eager interest, and it is certain to prove one of the most rapidly selling books ever published.

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BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Abyssinian Expedition!

London, Jan. 5.—The latest despatches from Abyssinia report that advance of the British expedition still remained at Senafe where it had been encamped since Dec. 7th, and no movement beyond that point would be made until the arrival of the Commander-in-chief, General Sir Robert Napier, who was daily expected. The health of the troops was good, but horses and other beasts of burden were dying in consequence of the intense heat and want of proper forage.

Paris, Jan. 6th.—Late despatches from Civita Vecchia state that there is much sickness among the French troops quartered there.

Florence, Jan. 6.—The re-organization of the Italian Ministry has been completed by Menabrea, and the new Cabinet is announced as follows:—Gen. Menabrea, President of the Ministerial Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Cordova, Minister of the Interior; Digny, Minister of Finance; Reale, Minister of War; Filippo Minister of Justice; Broglio, Minister of Public Instruction; Cardillo, Minister of Public Works; Rabotti, Minister of Marine.

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.—The debate in the Reichstag on the proposed sale of the Danish West India Islands to the U. S. was adjourned to a future day. No decisive vote has yet been taken on the subject.

American Despatches.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 6.—The business portion of Indianola was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst. Loss \$100,000.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 6th.—The loss by the burning of the military asylum is estimated at \$150,000. One of the patients froze to death while being removed here, Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—The clothing house of Bowman & Strool was burned to-night. Loss \$30,000.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Tribune's special says of the destruction of the United States military hospital, near Augusta, Maine, by fire.—The patients had all retired when the fire was discovered, but every effort was made by the men and their assistants to arouse them. "I got those who were sick to a place of safety. Unfortunately a barrel of whiskey that had been taken by some soldiers, and nearly every soldier who could hobble about was in a state of drunkenness in a short time. Fights took place between one-armed and one-legged men, and the scene in the laundry building was fearful to witness. Men fought each other with the fury of demons; they were so crazed by the liquor that they obeyed nothing.—Many of them lay dead drunk in the snow and could not be aroused, and one of these intemperate beings while being conveyed to Augusta, died from the effects of the cold—absolutely frozen to death.

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TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—We are requested to state that Rev. G. Wood will lecture in the Temperance Hall this evening, to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE.—It appears from letters received at Washington that the journey of the King and Queen of Greece from Vienna to Venice, and hence to Corfu, was marked by a series of brilliant demonstrations, the Grecian ladies who reside at Venice, turning out en masse to pay homage to their Queen; and the Greeks at Trieste assembled for a similar purpose at the junction of the Trieste and Venetian railroad station. The extensive preparations made at Corfu for the reception of their Majesties upon their arrival on Grecian soil were suspended, in compliance with the request of the Queen who suggested that all funds appropriated for that purpose be expended for the relief of the Cretans. The effect of this decision was made the reception more enthusiastic, though unattended with display. Some of the most illustrious ladies of the Russian Court accompanied the Queen to Athens, where excitement of the population heightened by the continued heroic resistance of their Cretan compatriots, is said to run as high as it did at the time of the expulsion of the Turks from Greece proper.

HEROISM.—An instance of great heroism on the part of a young man, Captain Wm. Jackson, is related in the Newfoundland papers as having occurred at Labrador during the violent hurricanes of Oct. 9th, of which we have before spoken. So extraordinary is the story that we are not vouching for by the best authority it would appear incredible. A vessel called the Sea Skipper had struck on a reef near a place called Spotted Islands, Labrador, at which were no residents. The young man, Capt. Jackson, being providentially in the neighborhood, witnessed the vessel's striking, saw her fall asunder, with a number of persons on her deck and rigging—twenty-seven, as it afterwards appeared. To save some of these poor creatures, Mr. Jackson cast himself into the sea, and swam to the wreck, a distance of one hundred fathoms or more, from the shore. The hurricane, at this time, was at its height, accompanied by snow.—Eleven times did this heroic man swim between ship and shore, each time bringing a man from the wreck and placing him in safety. By this time persons from a neighboring settlement had arrived with ropes. Sixteen trips more did the noble sailor make, conducting all the survivors in safety to the shore. It seldom falls to our lot to relate more heroic conduct.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The retiring Common School Trustees are: in the North Ward, Mr. Mair, in the South, Mr. Fraser, in the East, Mr. Pirie, and in the West, Mr. Howard. Mr. Mair having left Town of course a new Trustee will have to be elected.

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Town Council. The Town Council met on Monday night, 5th Dec., at 7 o'clock, in the chair of Dr. Herod, Messrs. Holliday, Mitchell, Peterson, Day, Hoffmann, Thomson, Galbraith, Massie, Melvin, Sayers, Chadwick, McCurry and Harvey.

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BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Abyssinian Expedition I. THE NEW ITALIAN MINISTRY COMPLETED.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, Jan. 5.—The latest despatches from Abyssinia report that advance of the British expedition still remained at Senafe where it had been encamped since Dec. 7th, and no movement beyond that point would be made until the arrival of the Commander-in-chief, General Sir Robert Napier, who was daily expected.

Paris, Jan. 6th.—Late despatches from Civita Vecchia state that there is much sickness among the French troops quartered there. Florence, Jan. 6.—The re-organization of the Italian Ministry has been completed by Menabrea, and the new Cabinet is announced as follows:—Gen. Menabrea, President of the Ministerial Council; Minister of Foreign Affairs; Odoardo, Minister of the Interior; Digny, Minister of Finance; Reale, Minister of War; Filippo Minister of Justice; Broglio, Minister of Public Instruction; Camillo, Minister of Public Works; Rabotti, Minister of Marine.

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.—The debate in the Reichstag on the proposed sale of the Danish West India Islands to the U.S. was adjourned to a future day. No decisive vote has yet been taken on the subject. American Despatches.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 6.—The business portion of Indiana was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst. Loss \$100,000. Augusta, Maine, Jan. 6th.—The loss by the burning of the military asylum is estimated at \$150,000. One of the patients froze to death while being removed here. Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—The clothing house of Bowman & Strool was burned to-night. Loss \$30,000.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Tribune's special says of the destruction of the United States military hospital, near Augusta, Maine, by fire:—The patients had all retired when the fire was discovered, but every effort was made by the men and his assistants to arouse them. "ud get those who were sick to a place of safety. Unfortunately a barrel of whiskey, that was rolled out and ordered to be destroyed, was taken by some soldiers, and nearly every soldier who could hobble about was in a state of drunkenness in a short time. Fights took place between one-armed and one-legged men, and the scene in the laundry building was fearful to witness. Men fought each other with the fury of demons; they were so crazed by the liquor that they obeyed nothing.—Many of them lay dead drunk in the snow and could not be aroused, and one of these intemperate beings while being conveyed to Augusta, died from the effects of the cold—absolutely frozen to death.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. WEST WARD.—We are requested to state that Mr. Caleb Chase will be a candidate for School Trustee for the West Ward.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—We are requested to state that Rev. G. Wood will lecture in the Temperance Hall this evening, to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE.—It appears from reports received at Washington that the journey of the King and Queen of Greece from Vienna to Venice, and hence to Corfu, was marked by a series of brilliant demonstrations, the Grecian ladies who reside at Venice, turning out en masse to pay homage to their Queen; and the Greeks at Trieste assembled to a similar purpose at the junction of the Trieste and Venice railroad station. The extensive preparations made at Corfu for the reception of Grecian soil were suspended, in compliance with the request of the Emperor, who suggested that all funds appropriated for that purpose be expended for the relief of the Cretans. The effect of this decision was made the reception more enthusiastic, though unattended with display. Some of the most illustrious ladies of the Russian Court accompanied the Queen to Athens, where excitement of the population heightened by the continued heroic resistance of their Cretan compatriots, is said to run as high as it did at the time of the expulsion of the Turks from Greece proper.

HEROISM.—An instance of great heroism on the part of a young man, Captain Wm. Johnson, is related in the Newfoundlandian, and having occurred at Labrador during the violent hurricane of Oct. 6th, of which we have before spoken. So extraordinary is the story that were it not vouched for by the best authority it would appear incredible. A vessel called the Sea Skipper had struck on a reef near a place called Spotted Islands, Labrador, at which were no residents. The young man, Capt. Jackson, being providentially in the neighborhood, witnessed the vessel's striking, saw her fall under, with a number of persons on her deck rigging—twenty-seven, as it afterwards appeared. To save some of these poor creatures, Mr. Jackson cast himself into the sea, and swam to the wreck, a distance of one hundred fathoms or more from the shore. At this time, a heavy snow-storm, accompanied by snow, was blowing, and the sea was very rough. He was seen by the vessel's crew, and he was seen to be in a place of safety. By this time persons from a neighboring settlement had arrived with ropes. Sixteen trips more did the noble sailor make, conducting all the survivors to safety to the shore. It seldom falls to our lot to relate more heroic conduct.

The Irish Reform League has ceased to exist. It is said that most of its members have joined the Reform League.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have before us a copy of the programme for the week of prayer, which began yesterday. Tuesday, January 7.—Prayer for Nations: for Kings and all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for the removal of obstacles in the way of Moral and Religious Progress; and for Internal and International Peace. Wednesday, January 8.—Prayer for Families: for Schools, Colleges and Universities; and for Sons and Daughters in Foreign Countries. Thursday, January 9.—Prayer for Christian Ministers and all engaged in Christ's Service: for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Friday, January 10th.—Prayer for the Sick and Afflicted; for Widows and Orphans; and for the persecuted for Righteousness' sake. Saturday, January 11.—Prayer for the Christian Church: for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times. Sunday, January 12.—Sermons. Subject, Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS. The Caxton Publishing House of Cincinnati, Ohio, announces in our advertising columns a forthcoming Life of Jefferson Davis, President of the late Confederacy, by Frank H. Alfriend, of Richmond, Va., formerly editor of the "Southern Literary Messenger," and known during the war as a writer of distinction on the Richmond Press. In the collection of materials the author has had the cooperation and assistance of prominent officials in the late Confederacy, and has enjoyed facilities unsurpassed by any writer upon the subject of the war, for obtaining information from original sources. The work is promised to be a full, complete, and authentic biography of Mr. Davis, embracing the whole period of his life, and will shed much needed light upon many important subjects connected with the late war, which has never been understood—or, at best, imperfectly so—because the facts necessary to their elucidation have remained inaccessible to all previous writers. Such a work will be looked for with eager interest, and it is certain to prove one of the most rapidly selling books ever published.

The Late Hon. Mr Blair.

We copy from the Ottawa Citizen the following particulars respecting the Hon. Mr Blair's illness and death:—The Hon. A. J. F. Blair, President of the Privy Council, whose state of health for some time past has been very indifferent, died late on Sunday night. The circumstances which immediately surrounded his death are, we believe, as follows: During last week the deceased suffered much from cold and was in a weak condition; but on Saturday, feeling somewhat better and stronger, he ventured to leave his rooms and proceeded to the Privy Council Office—and while there, in answer to the enquiries of friends, said that he felt a little better than he had been during the early part of the week. During the meeting of the Council he experienced a relapse, and appeared to be in a weak condition and suffering intense pain. He was taken to the Rideau Club, during the afternoon, where strong stimulants were administered to him; and as he complained of, and was evidently suffering from chills, he sat by the stove. At seven o'clock p. m. a conveyance was procured to take him to his boarding-house—Mr Graham's, Victoria street, and he attempted to walk to the door, but his strength was not sufficient, and he would have fallen prostrate had not an attendant rendered him assistance. He tottered to the door and had to be assisted into the conveyance which was in waiting for him. On his arrival at Mr Graham's, medical advisers were at once summoned, who, upon arriving, at once pronounced him beyond hope of recovery. The deceased was in an unconscious state from the time he left the Club until he died, between ten and eleven on Sunday night.

Convict Labour in Ireland.

A description in the Irish Times of the working of the convict farm at Lusk, Dublin, gives much that is interesting and instructive in the economical working of prisons and the judicious arrangement of criminals. It appears that a swampy common, of about 170 acres in extent, was taken in hand by way of experimenting on the best means of redeeming land. A gang of convicts was brought on, and under judicious managers the land was drained, the subsoil brought to the surface, manure was applied, and also lime to correct the acidity; houses, barns, and outbuildings were erected, and finally, the tract has been brought to high state of fertility. There are about 60 acres in grain, 40 in choice meadow, 8 in root crop; 4 in vegetables, and the remainder in pasture. So good is the farming that this year, while crops throughout Great Britain are below average, the crops of the convicts are above. What is more remarkable still, the prisoners require very little watching; a few warders are employed, who act more as overseers and managers than as sentinels. Prison earnings are allowed each convict, which accumulate until his time expires, and is then given him so that he may emigrate or have means to start again honestly in life. Such is the reputation of these men as faithful labourers that we are told the demand for the discharged convicts by farmers in the vicinity far exceeds the supply.

OCEAN CABLE FROM SPAIN TO CUBA.—The Spaniards, far from meditating a sale of Cuba—as was wildly reported a week ago—are, on the contrary, intent on binding it closer to the monarchy by means of an ocean cable. By royal decree, the Colonial Minister at Madrid has been directed to take the matter in hand, and he has accordingly invited tenders for a line, to pass southward to the Canaries, across to Porto Rico and Cuba, and thence to Mexico, Panama and South America. It will be rather a heavy undertaking for Spain. But the first step was the great difficulty in the case of these sea telegraphs, and the experience of English and Americans has made the task a comparatively easy one.

VESEVIUS.—The correspondent of the London Times, writing from Naples on the 14th of December, says: Vesuvius, the eruptions of which have been hitherto a source of amusement, has this week awakened considerable apprehension. On Tuesday night the spectacle was grand beyond all power of description. Large masses of lava were shot up to a great height, one of which, even from the city, was seen to fall like a mighty rock, and roll down the sides of the great cone. Streams of red hot lava were flowing over the crater and bathing the whole of the upper part of the mountain, with fiery lava, ashes and sand, were sent up with an immense impetus, irradiating the sky far and near. At intervals during the whole of the night there was a loud and continued cannonade, as of artillery, which was heard in the most distant part of Naples. Clouds and darkness hid the mountain from us for two days, and what was going on under their mysterious veil it was impossible to say; but a north wind swept them all away, and then Vesuvius was again revealed in all its magnificence, and one must almost add, in all its terrors.

Family compartment cars in the latest advance in railway comfort. Each car is divided into five different and entirely separate apartments, affording passengers the conveniences of a hotel. Each state room can be arranged to sleep comfortably six passengers if required, and during the day supply all the comforts of a drawing room. Cars so fitted leave New York for Chicago via the Pennsylvania Central, and at but a small advance on the ordinary fare.

A carpenter named Freoneau, attired in his working dress and wearing his apron, appeared before the Tribunal of Correctional Police at Paris, on a charge of singing the Marseillaise aloud on the Boulevards, and crying out "viva la Republique!" The accused said that he had been drinking at the time, and that a western paper adds two more words to the brood of which the World is the unhappy mother. It tells how a party "festivated" and narrates the doings of a "senhiverters."

West and South Wards commenced at 9 o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning, and during the day the candidates with their friends were actively at work scouring the town for voters, and bringing them to the polls. The work was gone into and conducted in a good humored, pleasant kind of way, with one exception, which we shall refer to hereafter, and when the polls closed all parties, after a little chaffering, quietly dispersed.

In the South Ward Mr. T. Heffernan took the lead at the opening of the poll, and kept it during the day, his opponent, Mr. Kennedy, being 28 behind him at five o'clock. This is mainly to be attributed to the fact that Mr. Heffernan was early in the field, and had made a very close canvass of the ratepayers, many of whom had pledged themselves to vote for him before it was known that Mr. Kennedy intended to be a candidate. Under these adverse circumstances, therefore, Mr. Kennedy made a good run, and he has no cause to be ashamed of his defeat.

In the West Ward the contest was close and keen. The votes were almost evenly divided between Mr. Howard and Mr. Buckland—both good men—and in the opinion of many their qualifications and claims to office were so evenly balanced that they had great doubts for whom they would vote. Mr. Howard kept slightly ahead of Mr. Buckland during the day, and at five o'clock he was declared the successful candidate by a majority of one!

In the East Ward the battle was equally close, and even more keenly contested. In the early part of the day Mr. Sayers was a good few votes ahead of Mr. Allan, but as the hours went on his majority gradually decreased, until about four o'clock it had dwindled down to two. Now came the tug of war. The friends of the two candidates made a vigorous effort to bring up all the unpollled votes, and there was racing and running in all directions, the eager canvassers every now and then giving an anxious look at the clock. Shortly after four o'clock an incident occurred at the Market House door which is a disgrace to our town and to a free country. James Gay was proceeding, along with two of Mr. Allan's friends, to vote when the door of the Market House was shut in his face by some of Mr. Sayer's friends and neither he nor his friends could gain admittance. A very noisy crowd also gathered about them, and the hustling, hooting, shouting and hurrahing was tremendous for a few minutes. Poor Jamie was set upon as if he had been a wild beast, and in spite of the utmost efforts of Mr. Allan's friends, the "free and independent" electors on the opposite side hustled them away from the door, and so annoyed and confused James that he left in high indignation, declaring he would not vote at all. Mr. John Hewer took him under his fatherly care, and having accompanied him to his home, entertained him with a highly moral lecture on the purity of elections till the clock struck five. Such high handed proceedings deserve the severest censure from all who wish to accord to every man the full liberty of deciding and acting on his own judgment.

As the hand of the clock neared five the excitement grew intense. Mr. Sayers was one ahead of his opponent, and though Mr. Allan had two votes yet to be recorded in his favor, they were too late. One of his voters got to the door a minute after the clock had struck. It was all over, and Mr. Sayers was declared elected by a majority of one!

When the Returning officer gave the state of the poll at the close Mr. John Stewart protested against Mr. Sayers' return on the ground that several of his voters were disqualified by the statute. We understand that the protest will be proceeded with in due form.

Mr. Sayers mounted the table and thanked his friends for their support. He had come out because at the late Election, when he had given a true, loyal, Conservative vote, he was told he would be routed out of the East Ward. After a good deal of loose talk about the means that had been used to get parties to vote against him, he pitched into the Mayor elect, and said that he had dishonoured his position in canvassing the Ward against him.

Mr. Wm. Allan briefly thanked his friends for so nobly supporting him. Mr. Higinbotham said that Mr. Sayers had treated them to a political speech. He had accused him of interfering in the election. He did so as a ratepayer of the Ward, and if his being Mayor was to deprive him of that right he would sooner ten times over give up the position.

The following is the state of the poll at the close:—

| SOUTH WARD. | |
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| Heffernan | 84. |
| Kennedy | 56. |
| EAST WARD. | |
| Sayers | 66. |
| Allan | 65. |
| WEST WARD. | |
| Howard | 98. |
| Buckland | 97. |

ERAMOS.—At the close of the poll the vote stood as follows: For Deputy Reeve, Res, 167; Parkinson, 66. For Councillors: Ferrish, 216; J. Dickison, 178; McKerlie, 126; H. H. Swinford, 47; D. Stewart, 43; A. McNab 15; John Grievie 16. The first three are elected.

ERN.—Mr Duncan McMillan was elected Deputy Reeve over Mr Ed. Johnston by a considerable majority. The Councillors elected are, Chas McMillan, John Berry and James Gibson.

PUSLINCH.—Mr Leslie resigned his pretensions to the Reeveship in the morning, and in consequence Mr Sirtion was elected by acclamation. When the poll closed Mr Cassin had a majority of 20 over Mr Robert Beattie for the Deputy Reeveship, but there were many persons legally disqualified who voted for both parties, and a scrutiny of the books was being made to-day—so that it is impossible to say which of the two gentlemen will ultimately establish his right to the seat.—The old Councillors, Duncan McMillan, Peter Gilchrist and Martin Spruhan, have been returned.

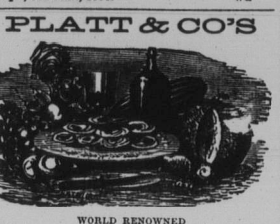
GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—Mr Campbell has been elected Deputy Reeve, and Messrs. Hobson, Darby and Benham have been returned as Councillors.

PILKINGTON.—Mr John Smith was re-elected Reeve by a majority of 33 over Mr Hugh Roberts.

Apartment Wanted.
APARTMENTS and Board for a gentleman, his wife, nurse and child, where there would be no other boarders.
Apply by letter, drawer 40, P. O. Guelph, 7th Jan, 1868.

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Chemist and Druggist.
Guelph, 7th Jan, 1868.

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



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CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN TOWN.
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NOTICE.
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RE-OPENING.
MISS FETHERSTONHAUGH'S School opened on Monday, 6th January, 1868.

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T. J. DAY,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, 6th January, 1868.

To the Electors of the
NORTH WARD
OF THE
TOWN OF GUELPH.
GENTLEMEN: Having been requested by a number amongst you to fill the vacancy in the School Board created by Mr. Blair's removal from town, I hereby accede to their request, and if elected, I will do my best to forward the Educational interests of the community.
I remain,
Yours respectfully,
ROBERT MITCHELL.
Guelph, Jan. 6th, 1868.

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

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GEORGE GRAFFTEY.
Guelph, 3rd January, 1868.

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The most complete,
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22 lbs. New Currants for . . . \$1
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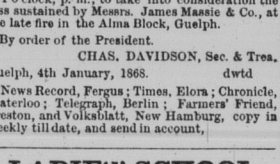
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Brazil Nuts, Walnuts,
Almonds, shelled or unshelled,
Figs, Prunes,
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Dried and Green Apples,
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Vegetables
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HUGH WALKER,
Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH
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By order of the President.
CHAS. DAVIDSON, Sec. & Treas.
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Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market.
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Oyster Rooms
Valentine Wald
BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on
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The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.
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BEST TEST CHEAP SALE OF THE SEASON
Commencing on MONDAY, the 6th day of JANUARY, 1868.
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desirous to sustain the high reputation which they have acquired during the last ten years, for their being the Cheapest DRY GOODS STORE in Guelph, are now prepared

The Late Hon. Mr Blair.

We copy from the Ottawa Citizen the following particulars respecting the Hon. Mr Blair's illness and death.—The Hon. A. J. F. Blair, President of the Privy Council, whose state of health for some time past has been very indifferent, died late on Sunday night. The circumstances which immediately surrounded his death are, we believe, as follows: During last week the deceased suffered much from cold and was in a weak condition; but on Saturday, feeling somewhat better and stronger, he ventured to leave his rooms and proceeded to the Privy Council Office—and while there, in answer to the enquiries of friends, said that he felt a little better than he had been during the early part of the week. During the meeting of the Council he experienced a relapse, and appeared to be in a weak condition and suffering intense pain. He was taken to the Rideau Club, during the afternoon, where strong stimulants were administered to him; and as he complained, and was evidently suffering from chills, he sat by the stove. At seven o'clock p. m. a conveyance was procured to take him to his boarding-house—Mr Graham's, Victoria street, and he attempted to walk to the door, but his strength was not sufficient, and he would have fallen prostrate had not an attendant rendered him assistance. He tottered to the door and had to be assisted into the conveyance which was in waiting for him. On his arrival at Mr Graham's, medical advisers were at once summoned, who, upon arriving, at once pronounced him beyond hope of recovery. The deceased was in an unconscious state from the time he left the Club until he died, between ten and eleven on Sunday night.

Convict Labour in Ireland.

A description in the Irish Times of the working of the convict farm at Lusk, Dublin, gives much that is interesting and instructive in the economical working of prisons and the judicious arrangement of criminals. It appears that a swampy common, of about 170 acres in extent, was taken in hand by way of experimenting on the best means of redeeming land. A gang of convicts was brought on, and under judicious managers the land was drained, the subsoil brought to the surface, manure was applied, and also lime to correct the acidity; houses, barns, and outbuildings were erected, and finally, the tract has been brought to high state of fertility. There are about 60 acres in grain, 40 in choice meadow, 8 in root crop; 4 in vegetables, and the remainder in pasture. So good is the farming that this year, while crops throughout Great Britain are below an average, the crops of the convicts are above. What is more remarkable still, the prisoners require very little watching; a few warders are employed, who act more as overseers and managers than as sentinels. Prison earnings are allowed each convict, which accumulate until his time expires, and is then given him so that he may emigrate or have means to start again honestly in life. Such is the reputation of these men as faithful labourers that we are told the demand for the discharged convicts by farmers in the vicinity far exceeds the supply.

OCEAN CABLE FROM SPAIN TO CUBA.—The Spaniards, far from meditating a sale of Cuba—as was wildly reported a week ago—are, on the contrary, intent on binding it closer to the monarchy by means of an ocean cable. By royal decree, the Colonial Minister at Madrid has been directed to take the matter in hand, and he has accordingly invited tenders for a line, to pass southward to the Canaries, across to Porto Rico and Cuba, and thence to Mexico, Panama and South America. It will be rather a heavy undertaking for Spain. But the first step was the great difficulty in the case of these sea telegraphs, and the experience of English and Americans has made the task a comparatively easy one.

VESEVIUS.—The correspondent of the London Times, writing from Naples on the 14th of December, says: Vesuvius, the eruptions of which have been hitherto a source of amusement, has this week awakened considerable apprehension. On Tuesday night the spectacle was grand beyond all power of description. Large masses of lava were shot up to a great height, one of which, even from the city was seen to fall like a mighty rock, and roll down the sides of the great cone. Streams of red hot lava were flowing over the crater and bathing the whole of the upper part of the mountain, with fiery lava, ashes and sand, were sent up with an immense impetus, irradiating the sky far and near. At intervals during the whole of the night there was a loud and continued cannonade, as of artillery, which was heard in the most distant part of Naples. Clouds and darkness hid the mountain from us for two days, and what was going on under their mysterious veil it was impossible to say; but a north wind swept them all away, and then Vesuvius was again revealed in all its magnificence, and one must almost add, in all its terrors.

Family compartment cars is the latest advance in railway comfort. Each car is divided into five different and entirely separate apartments, affording passengers the conveniences of a hotel. Each state room can be arranged to sleep comfortably six passengers if required, and during the day supply all the comforts of a drawing room. Cars so fitted leave New York for Chicago via the Pennsylvania Central, and at a small advance on the ordinary fare.

A carpenter named Freneau, attired in his working dress and wearing his apron, appeared before the Tribunal of Correctional Police at Paris, on a charge of singing the Marseillaise aloud on the Boulevards, and crying out "viva la Republique!" The accused said that he had been drinking at the time, and that a western paper adds two more words to the brood of which the World is the unhappy mother. It tells how a party "festivated" and narrates the doings of a "scribble."

West and South Wards commenced at 9 o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning, and during the day the candidates with their friends were actively at work scouring the town for voters, and bringing them to the polls. The work was gone into and conducted in a good humored, pleasant kind of way, with one exception, which we shall refer to hereafter, and when the polls closed all parties, after a little chaffing, quietly dispersed.

In the South Ward Mr. T. Heffernan took the lead at the opening of the poll, and kept it during the day, his opponent, Mr. Kennedy, being 28 behind him at five o'clock. This is mainly to be attributed to the fact that Mr. Heffernan was early in the field, and had made a very close canvass of the ratepayers, many of whom had pledged themselves to vote for him before it was known that Mr. Kennedy intended to be a candidate. Under these adverse circumstances, therefore, Mr. Kennedy made a good run, and he has no cause to be ashamed of his defeat.

In the West Ward the contest was close and keen. The votes were almost evenly divided between Mr. Howard and Mr. Buckland—both good men—and in the opinion of many their qualifications and claims to office were so evenly balanced that they had great doubts for whom they would vote. Mr. Howard kept slightly ahead of Mr. Buckland during the day, and at five o'clock he was declared the successful candidate by a majority of one!

In the East Ward the battle was equally close, and even more keenly contested. In the early part of the day Mr. Sayers was a good few votes ahead of Mr. Allan, but as the hours went on his majority gradually decreased, until about four o'clock it had dwindled down to two. Now came the tug of war. The friends of the two candidates made a vigorous effort to bring up all the unpollled votes, and there was racing and running in all directions, the eager canvassers every now and then giving an anxious look at the clock. Shortly after four o'clock an incident occurred at the Market House door which is a disgrace to our town and to a free country. James Gay was proceeding, along with two of Mr. Allan's friends, to vote when the door of the Market House was shut in his face by some of Mr. Sayer's friends and neither he nor his friends could gain admittance. A very noisy crowd also gathered about them, and the hustling, hooting, shouting and hurrahing was tremendous for a few minutes. Poor Jamie was set upon as if he had been a wild beast, and in spite of the utmost efforts of Mr. Allan's friends, the "free and independent" electors on the opposite side hustled them away from the door, and so annoyed and confused James that he left in high indignation, declaring he would not vote at all. Mr. John Hewer took him under his fatherly care, and having accompanied him to his house, entertained him with a highly moral lecture on the purity of elections till the clock struck five. Such high handed proceedings deserve the severest censure from all who wish to accord to every man the full liberty of deciding and acting on his own judgment.

As the time of the clock neared five the excitement grew intense. Mr. Sayers was one ahead of his opponent, and though Mr. Allan had two votes yet to be recorded in his favor, they were too late. One of his voters got to the door a minute after the clock had struck. It was all over, and Mr. Sayers was declared elected by a majority of one!

When the Returning officer gave the state of the poll at the close Mr. John Stewart protested against Mr. Sayers' return on the ground that several of his voters were disqualified by the statute. We understand that the protest will be proceeded with in due form.

Mr. Sayers mounted the table and thanked his friends for their support. He had come out because at the late Election, when he had given a true, loyal, conservative vote, he was told he would be routed out of the East Ward. After a good deal of loose talk about the means that had been used to get parties to vote against him, he pitched into the Mayor elect, and said that he had dishonoured his position in canvassing the Ward against him.

Mr. Wm. Allan briefly thanked his friends for so nobly supporting him. Mr. Higginbotham said that Mr. Sayers had treated them to a political speech. He had accused him of interfering in the election. He did so as a ratepayer of the Ward, and if his being Mayor was to deprive him of that right he would sooner ten times over give up the position.

The following is the state of the poll at the close:—

| SOUTH WARD. | |
|-------------|----|
| Heffernan | 84 |
| Kennedy | 56 |
| EAST WARD. | |
| Sayers | 66 |
| Allan | 65 |
| WEST WARD. | |
| Howard | 98 |
| Buckland | 97 |

ERAMOSA.—At the close of the poll the vote stood as follows: For Deputy Reeve, Rea, 167; Parkinson, 66. For Councillors: Farrah, 216; J. Dickieson, 178; McKerlie, 126; H. H. Swinford, 47; D. Stewart 43; A. McNab 15; John Grieve 16. The first three are elected.

ERIN.—Mr. Duncaev McMillan was elected Deputy Reeve over Mr. Ed. Johnston by a considerable majority. The Councillors elected are, Chas. McMillan, John Berry and James Gibson.

PUSLINCH.—Mr. Leslie resigned his pretensions to the Reeveship in the morning, and in consequence Mr. Striton was elected by acclamation. When the poll closed Mr. Cassin had a majority of 20 over Mr. Robert Beattie for the Deputy Reeveship, but there were many persons legally disqualified who voted for both parties, and a scrutiny of the books was being made to-day—so that it is impossible to say which of the two gentlemen will ultimately establish his right to the seat.—The old Councillors, Duncan McFarlane, Peter Gilchrist and Martin Spruhan, have been returned.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—Mr. Campbell has been elected Deputy Reeve, and Messrs. Hobson, Darby and Benham have been returned as Councillors. PILKINGTON.—Mr. John Smith was re-elected Reeve by a majority of 38 over Mr. Josh Roberts.

Apartment Wanted.

APARTMENTS and Board for a gentleman, his wife, nurse and child, where there would be no other boarders. Apply by letter, drawer 40, P. O. Guelph, 7th Jan, 1868. d

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A FULL ASSORTMENT OF ARTISTS' COLOURS, In Tubes, kept constantly on hand At Apothecaries' Hall!

ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist and Druggist. Guelph, 7th Jan., 1868.



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NOTICE.

THE business of Messrs. BLAIR & GUTHRIE will be continued at the same office by the surviving partner, MR. GUTHRIE. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dwlm

RE-OPENING.

MISS FETTERSTONHAUGH'S School opened on Monday, 6th January, 1868. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dwl

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T. J. DAY, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw

To the Electors of the NORTH WARD OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

GENTLEMEN: Having been requested by a number amongst you to fill the vacancy in the School Board created by Mr. Blair's removal from town, I hereby accede to their request, and if elected, I will do my best to forward the Educational interests of the community. I remain, Yours respectfully, ROBERT MITCHELL. Guelph, Jan. 6th, 1868. dt

An Apprentice Wanted.

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

PRIVATE TUITION.

THE undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either at his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day. GEORGE GRAFFETY. Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. 1md

Commercial, Mathematical, and Classical ACADEMY.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION COMMENCES ON THE SIXTH JANUARY, 1868.

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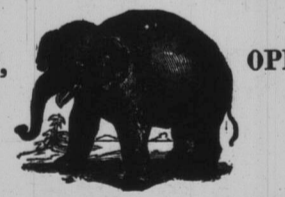
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TAKE NOTICE - MARKING OUT OF BUSINESS

GEORGE JEFFREY,

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

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

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

GEORGE JEFFREY.

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

New Saddlery Shop

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

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

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

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells

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

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

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

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

SMITH & METCALF,
Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block.
Guelph, 26th December, 1867. dwf.

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A FIRST-CLASS ASSISTANT

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from some of the best rooms in the Dominion, and I think shall be able to give good satisfaction to all who want good Likenesses. Every style of work done at Marshall's.

Large Photographs!

Small Photographs, Carte de Visites, Imperial Cards, Pictures on Porcelain, Copying, Views, &c.

W. MARSHALL,
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Guelph, 25th Dec 1867. dw

Santa Claus' HEADQUARTERS.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY

Christmas Presents,

And New Year's Gifts,

that will be appreciated, you should call and see my Stock, which is the largest and most varied ever opened out in Guelph, including a large assortment of splendid

FRENCH GOODS

DIRECT FROM PARIS.

I don't intend advertising my **CAKES and CONFECTIONERY** as from the rapid manner in which they are moving off I find they are very extensively known without it.

Platt & Co's celebrated Oysters arriving daily. Oysters in Shell and Count Oysters shortly expected.

H. BERRY,
Guelph, 20th December, 1867. dw

THE RED MILL

THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grains 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

Dominion Store!

(Late Post Office Store.)

MRS. ROBINSON

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

Christmas & New Year

consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

NEW FRUIT!

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

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

MRS. ROBINSON,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1867. daw

JOSEPH HOBSON,

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

Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

Fireat Alma Block

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

RETAIL BUSINESS!

WILL BE CARRIED ON IN THEIR

STORE IN DAY'S BLOCK,

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

The WHOLESALE TRADE

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The Old "Advertiser" Office, East Market Square.

JAS. MASSIE & CO.
Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. daw tf

GREAT CLEARING SALE

The Great Clearing Sale of

DRY GOODS!

IS STILL GOING ON AT

WM. STEWART'S,

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NEW HOOP SKIRTS.

Another Lot of Cheap Blankets!

Guelph, 31st Dec, 1867. d

A. O. BUCHAM.

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GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE of the AMERICAN WATCH

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Cheapest Watches in the World.

The Watches are of all grades, from the finest Gold Watch made, adapted to any climate from the Tropics to the Poles, at a price to suit the wealthy connoisseur or for presentation, to the Cheap Silver Lever, strong and serviceable, regulated to minutes, suitable to the Mechanic and Farmer, quite as low in price as any moderate quality Swiss Watch. Our grades of **Extra Heavy Casued Watches** for Railway Engineers and Lumbermen deserve particular attention in Canada, as nothing can equal them for the purpose. Our leading Watches in **18 Carot Gold Cases** for Ladies and Private Gentlemen, at medium prices, will also be found very desirable.

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D. SAVAGE, Agent, Guelph.
December 10th, 1867. d

MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE,

West Market Square.

JUST received, a large lot of FANCY GOODS, all kinds, suitable for PRESENTS for

Christmas & New Year's

She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

Berlin & Fancy Wools

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery.

MRS. HUNTER,
Guelph, 11th Dec., 1867. dw

CORDWOOD for SALE IN GUELPH.

GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at

BROWN'S WOOD YARD

Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

Quantities from half a cord and upwards delivered in any part of the town by leaving the order at the wood house in the yard, at the rate of 85-75 per cord.

ALEX. BROWN,
Guelph, 25th November, 1867. ddn

MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,
Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty.

N. HIGINBOTHAM,
Guelph, 24th Dec, 1867. dw

Classical & Commercial ACADEMY.

THE undersigned begs to inform his friends and the public that his Academy will open **On Wednesday the 8th Instant,** in Day's large building, near the Market Square.

Pupils will be thoroughly and expeditiously prepared either for Professional or Commercial pursuits. **Large Accommodations for Boarders.** Cards with terms, &c., to be had on application at the Academy.

CHAS. WALKER,
Guelph, 3rd January. dws

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family. Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample or work, or terms, address—

J. E. SPAFFORD,
Ponsonby P. O.,
Reference—Rev. E. A. Healy, Stratford P. O., or Box 450, Toronto.

THOS. HOBSON & Co.,

Produce Commission Merchants,
486 and 488 PAUL STREET,
MONTREAL.

CONSIGNMENTS of Flour, Grain, Pork, Butter and Ashes carefully realised. Advances made by draft or cash, on receipt of Bill of Lading for three-fourths value of shipment. Charges, as low as any responsible House in the trade. Having had many years' experience in the business, both in Great Britain and Canada, we are thereby enabled to offer special advantages to our correspondents. We have connections in all the leading Ports of Great Britain, as well as in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, and consignors have the choice of any of the above Markets for their goods.

THOS. HOBSON & CO.,
Commission Merchants
Montreal, 10th Jan. 1867. 690-1y

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

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

ALLAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith.
Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867. 4wd

GEORGE PALMER

BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Commissioner. Office, No. 2, D. J. Rice's, Guelph.

NO. 40. GREAT CLEARING SALE!

FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Canada CLOTHING Store

WILL POSITIVELY SELL OFF HIS ENTIRE STOCK OF

N. CROFT

Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underclothing, &c.

At Prime Cost for Cash only.

NO SECOND PRICE! Call early and secure some of the Bargains, as the whole Stock must be sold. THIS IS NO HUMBUG.

N. CROFT,
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1867. d

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 ever.

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. daw

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL AUCTION SALE

ENTERTAINMENT.

A CONCERT in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Guelph will be held in the TOWN HALL, on the evening of

WEDNESDAY, 8th INST.

to be followed (by special request, and positively for the last time), by the drama,

The Charcoal Burner,

Played by the members of the Guelph Dramatic Club.

For particulars see Programmes. Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 50c.
Guelph, 4th Jan. 1868. dtd

Dairy Farm & Mill Site FOR SALE IN PUSLINCH.

FOR SALE by private contract, the rear halves of Lots 3 and 4, in the 10th concession, and broken lots 3 and 4, in the 11th Concession of the Township of Puslinch; containing 239 acres more or less.

This desirable property will be sold in one or more lots, to suit purchasers.

The soil is a good loam, and the land is magnificently watered both by the river Speed and by a creek, on which there is a GOOD MILL SITE. For a DAIRY FARM this property offers unequalled advantages. 150 acres are cleared and under cultivation, the greater part free from stumps. There are two Log Houses on the property, with Log Barns, Stable, Cattle Sheds, Garden, &c., attached to each house. The property is about five miles from Guelph, and a good road leads to it. Terms of Sale, Liberal. Apply to

PALMER & LILLIE,
Solicitors, &c., Day's Block, Guelph
Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. 741-witf

GUELPH TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at BUNYAN'S DOMINION SALOON

On Saturday, the 18th January,

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

JAMES LAIDLAW, Secretary.
Guelph, 2nd Jan., 1868. wtd
*Herald and Weekly Advertiser copy.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

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

Before the 15th of JANUARY, Inst.

or they will be placed in the Division Court for collection.

N. CROFT, No. 40, Wyndham-St.
Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. dw-4 date

AUCTION SALE OF HARDWARE

Recovered from ruins of late fire in

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

THE undersigned will offer by auction on the premises, Alma Block, Guelph, on

WEDNESDAY, 8th JAN., 1868

The whole of the Hardware recovered from ruins, consisting in part of

Cut Nails, Wrought Nails, Horse Nails, Carriage Bolts & Nuts, Barn Door and T Hinges, Trace Chains, Cow Chains, Halter Chains, Barn Door Rollers, Chopping Axes, Iron Wash Basins, Tin Plates, Butt Hinges, Screws, Files & Rasps, Waggon Axles, Carriage Springs,

Spades and Shovels, Manure Forks, Iron Wire, Sofa Springs, Iron Bench Screws, Pick Axes, Hay and Straw Knives, Mill, Mulay and Cross-cut Saws, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

H. MULHOLLAND,
Guelph, 31st Dec, 1867. dtdw1

EDUCATIONAL.

Private Lessons in German, French, Latin and Greek, at the Pupils' Residences.

YOUNG men wishing to form or join an Evening Class, will also find an opportunity of doing so. Terms reasonable. Applications left at Cuthbert's or Day's Bookstore will be promptly attended to by

PROFESSOR H. G. VON HOXAR,
Guelph, 3rd Jan, 1868. dw

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
 Subscribers wishing to take the Evening Mercury by the week, or a longer period, will please leave their names at the office, and it will be regularly delivered at their residences. Subscribers whose papers are not regularly left by the Carrier Boys, will please call at the office at once and inform us of the neglect.

Guelph Evening Mercury
 OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.
 TUESDAY EVENING, JAN 7, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice
 OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters

Walter responded not, but his compressed lip and flashing eye showed that he would suffer no insult to be given to his bride. By this time he had procured a light, and conducted the fugitives to the lower parts of the mansion, traversing the passages and subterranean places which he and Andrew had explored some hours before, till they came to the large chamber, and the cell where the well was sunk.

A few explanatory words sufficed to make the ministers comprehend the nature and construction of the hiding places they were going to enter, and in a few seconds the light was lowered and everything ready for them to descend.

Hugh McKail was swung down first, and gained the aperture in safety. Walter was rather anxious about the decent of Mr. Gordon, for he was a big, heavy man, and being elderly, he might want the elasticity necessary to vault into the passage to the secret chamber. The youth was, therefore, careful to give him every necessary direction, and lowered him with all watchful caution; Hugh was also ready below to assist him into the aperture, but his own firmness of nerve and physical activity were sufficient for the emergency, and he also gained the ledge, where the two groped their way into the interior to await the result.

With quick despatch Walter drew up the light, and left the troopers should find their way to the well and have their suspicions satisfied by the freshness of the rope which he removed it and carried it away with him to a lumber close in the upper part of the house, the trap under a heap of rubbish that lay there.

This done, he was about to ascend the tower to learn of the approach of the soldiers when he was met by Marion, pale and agitated.

"Oh, Walter!" she cried, "where is your father and Hugh?"

"Where no seekers will find them, replied in a tone of smiling assurance, "where have you been, my darling?"

"Marjory has told me that Charlie and his soldiers are coming. Is it true?"

"I rather think so. Andrew and I saw from the tower more than half-an-hour ago what we took to be them. But let them come. We are all ready for them. Charlie will succeed to-day no better than he did last night. Come, let me conduct you to your chamber, and Marjory will stay with you while I confront our visitors."

Marion was naturally brave, and did in silence as Walter directed. Leaving her in the large sitting-chamber with Marjory to keep her company, the youth proceeded in haste to the tower, and found Andrew still watching.

"They came into Greystone a little syne, and hince left it yet," was his report.

"How many are of them?"

"A dozen, and Charlie Allan at the head of them. I ken him by the bold way he carries his head; and, by my faith, Maister Walter, here they come, and a black coat with them."

The youth looked down towards the village, which lay about half-a-mile from the mansion, and easily discerned about a dozen troopers issuing from it, accompanied by a rider on a pony, clad in dark clothes.

"Briar, the curate," said Walter, "that means mischief. He hears me no good will, and the report goes that he has resolved to take rigorous account of all who do not attend his ministry."

"A pair ministry his ministry," observed Andrew. "His sermons, they tell me, are as fusilous as touch-wood; and he's as mean as the sell his hens' eggs and his cows' milk."

"At anyrate we must descend to meet him," said Walter, as he left the tower, followed by Andrew.

Scarcely had they gained the ground floor when the prancing of horses was heard in what had once been the court-yard, followed by a tremendous thundering at the main door which was closed and strongly barred, the latter circumstance being something that Walter was ignorant of, else he would have given orders that its fastenings should be removed previous to the arrival of the troopers.

"Away and admit them Andrew," said the youth. "If they demand to see me, as doubtless they will, conduct them to the blue chamber. You will find me there. But of course, not a word of information to them."

"Na, na," said Andrew resolutely. "They will tak' the tongue frae the back o' my teeth afore they get a word o' information out o' me."

And off he went in some haste to the entrance for the blows upon the door were growing furious, and reverberating like thunder through the mansion, accompanied with oaths and loud imperious demands for admittance.

It was quite leisurely, and with great composure, that Andrew drew the bolts one by one, and caused the heavy door to swing round on its hinges, when immediately he was confronted by Charlie Allan and a dozen troopers at his back—the other half-dozen being still in their saddles, and holding the horses of those who had dismounted.

By the side of Allan stood a little thin man clad in rusty black, sharp-faced, black-eyed, and on the whole of an unimpressing appearance. This was the Rev Mr. Briar, the curate of Greystone.

"Hilloa you, fellow!" roared Allan. "What the devil d'ye mean by refusing admittance to His Majesty's officials?"

"Begg' yer pardon, Maister Charles—"

"Silence, sirrah; no insolence. I am Captain Allan."

"Weel sir, I believe ye are. I meant nae offence. But ye see I'm accustomed to see ye Maister Charles, and ye lived doon by at the manse—"

"Stop your chattering, ye old fool, and remember ye are speaking to one of His Majesty's officers."

"Weel, weel, see be it Maister Charles, Captain Allan, I mean. And maybe ye'll allow me to say that we had nae intention to refuse ye admittance."

"Why then had you the door bolted and barred?"

"Just because it hasna been opened this mornin' yet," answered Andrew whose coolness increased in proportion as the insolent passion flamed up. "We are no accustomed to see visitors see early, but nae doot had Maister Walter kenned that his sould acquaintance was comin' to pay him a friendly visit, he would hae g'ed orders accordingly; but, ye see, at the present time there is nae muckle ridin' and rinnin'—"

"Stop your prating ye old idiot, and answer my questions," roared Allan. "Where is your master?"

"Where sud he be but in his ain parlour?"

"And how many inmates has the house at present?"

"What's yer will?"

"Doot, how many people are living in the house? How many strangers?"

"Strangers?" repeated Andrew inquiringly. "Bah, we waste time in talking to this cloddie. Lead us to your master instantly."

"Surely sir, as I said he's in the blue parlour, and will, nae doot, see ye."

"Dobson," said Allan, addressing the Corporal, who remained without with those in the saddle, "remain here with your party. Permit no one to leave the house. If anyone attempt it stop them. The rest will follow me. Now follow, lead me straight to your master, and no more prating."

Andrew felt strongly inclined to make a dash for it, but prudently forebore, and led

GREAT DISTRIBUTION IN LONDON.—The Daily News contains deplorable accounts of the severe distress which prevails at the east-end of London. Four thousand persons are at work where sixteen thousand should be employed. The tradesmen, the butchers, bakers, grocers, drapers, and publicans, who are followers of the industrial army, have shut up their shops and gone. The numbers of persons receiving out-door relief is greatly on the increase of what it was last year, and the number of cases in the books of the medical officers is more than fourfold the average of the past three years. From many houses every article of furniture has been sold.

HARD WORKED PUBLIC MEN.—How hard public men are sometimes worked in England may be judged from the performance of Mr. Gladstone the week before Christmas. That unhappy man was called on to make five speeches in two days, three at Oldham, one at Ormskirk, one at Southampton, and all his constituents. They were all reported by telegraph in the London papers of the following morning, and filled seventeen columns of nonpareil type! Even in England this is thought to be an unreasonable demand upon a parliamentary representative. The Ormskirk address is a sort of reply to Disraeli's Edinburgh harangue, and is only the speech Mr. Gladstone would have delivered in Parliament at the opening of the Abyssinian session, but for the illness of Mr. Disraeli, which secured her husband an immunity from attack.

BIRTHS.
 HOERN—At Fergus, on the 21st ult., the wife of Mr. Marcel Hoehn, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
 HEWLETT—LAWBOURNE—On the 18th ult., by the Rev. Daniel Anderson, Mr. Charles Hewlett, 2nd concession No. 2, to Miss Rebecca Lawbourne, of the same place.

MITCH—IRONS—On the 21st ult., by Mr. Franklin, in Church, of Salem, Miss Dorothy Irons, of Nichol.

FINLEY—MARSHALL—At John's Church, on the 26th day of December last, by the Rev. Charles E. Thompson, Incumbent, Mr. James Finley, Jr., to Miss Emma Marshall, of Elora.

DIED.
 In Peel, on Saturday last, of inflammation of the bowels, Thomas Burns, Esq., J. P., and Postmaster. Aged 71 years.

OPHAM—In Elora, on New Year's day, Bertha, daughter of Mr. Robert Opham, Sec. Master, aged four years.

READ—At Guelph, on the 2nd inst., of consumption, Emma, the beloved wife of Mr. S. Read, Carriage Maker, aged 39 years, 4 months and 18 days.

HOW—At Hillsburg, Mrs. Frances How, the beloved wife of Wm. How, Esq., merchant, aged 70 years. The Deceased came to Erin 40 years ago, when it was nearly all a dense forest.

MORTON—In Eramosa, on the 6th inst., after a severe and lingering illness, A. L. Morton aged 27 years; much respected and deeply regretted by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

COMMERCIAL.
Guelph Markets.
 MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, January 7, 1868.

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| Flour, per 100 lbs. | 3 75 | 4 00 |
| Fall Wheat per bushel | 1 85 | 1 70 |
| Spring Wheat, do | 1 50 | 1 50 |
| Oats, do | 0 45 | 0 45 |
| Peas, do | 0 05 | 0 08 |
| Barley, do | 0 30 | 0 30 |
| Hay, per ton | 12 00 | 14 00 |
| Straw, do | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| Shingles per square | 3 00 | 3 50 |
| Wood per cord | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Wool, do | 0 27 | 0 20 |
| Wool, do | 0 14 | 0 19 |
| Wool, do | 0 16 | 0 18 |
| Geese, each | 0 25 | 0 35 |
| Turkeys do | 0 50 | 0 60 |
| Chickens per pair | 0 20 | 0 25 |
| Ducks do | 0 20 | 0 25 |
| Potatoes | 0 55 | 0 65 |
| Apples per bushel | 0 08 | 0 10 |
| Lamb per lb | 0 05 | 0 05 |
| Beef, do | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| Sheep, per lb | 0 05 | 0 05 |
| Pork per 100 lbs | 5 00 | 6 00 |
| Sheep Pelts each | 0 30 | 0 40 |
| Lamb skins | 0 40 | 0 40 |
| Hides per 100 lbs | 4 00 | 6 00 |

Money Market.
 JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE }
 Guelph, January 7, 1868.

Gold, 135.
 Greenbacks 70 at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4; Sold at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4.
 Silver bought at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; sold at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.
 Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c. to 55c.
 Commercial Bank Bills bought at 90c to 95c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
 Kirkwood, Livingston & Co's report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'

MONTREAL, January 7, 1868.
 Flour—Fancy, \$7 70 to \$7 80; Superior No. 1, \$7 50 to \$7 75; Welland Canal, \$7 75. Bag Flour, \$3 60 to \$3 75. Oats 2 1/2 to 4 50c. Barley 85c to 95c. Butter—dairy 16c to 19c; store packed 14c to 16c. Ashes—Pots 35c to 45c; pearls 55c to 80c.

Flour small receipts, market higher rates, small sales at quotations. Grain no sales reported, rates nominal. Provisions firm at unchanged rates. Hogs, hockers demand higher rates, small sales at some improvement. Butter unchanged, Ashes neglected and nominal.

TORONTO, January 6, 1868
 Flour—Receipts, 170 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 00—Wheat—\$1 55. Peas—72c. Oats—52c to 53c. Barley—\$1 60 to \$1 05.

HAMILTON, January 6, 1868.
 Fall wheat, \$1 50 to \$1 55. Spring do—\$1 45 to \$1 50 per bushel. Barley—\$1 25. Oats—53c to 55c. Peas—73c to 75c.

READY-MADE CLOTHING.
 We have Reduced all our Ready-made Clothing
20 PER CENT.
 GREAT BARGAINS. CALL.
HOGG & CHANCELLOR.

STRAYED CATTLE.
 LAME on the premises of the subscriber, about four weeks ago, three yearling Cattle. The owner, if he has any, will please call on the subscriber, at his residence, on the corner of the street, and pay for the same.

TROTTER & GRAHAM,
DENTISTS!
 GUELPH and BRAMPTON,
 Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.
 (Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.)
OFFICE:
 Over Mr. Highnam's Drug Store

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 References—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Fackler and Herod, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattullo, M. M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold Brampton. Dr. Barnhart, Warden of Peel; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital. The new anesthetic agents used for extracting teeth without pain.
 W. K. GRAHAM, (dw-ly)
 Guelph, 2nd August, 1867.

STEPHEN BOULT,
 ARCHITECT AND BUILDER,
 Office, Woolwich Street, nearly opposite Douglas Street.

Plans, Specifications & Estimates,
 Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.

STEPHEN BOULT having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos McCrae, Esq., begs a continuation of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber band—Prompt attention given to all orders.

Planing Done to Order,
 AND ALL KINDS OF
Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds, and Machine Joinery Work.
 Executed with dispatch and kept always on hand. Cash paid for all kinds of Lumber at the yard.
 S. Boulton thanks the public for eleven years kind favours, and hopes for a continuance of the same.

Thomas McCrae thanks the public for past favours, and recommends Mr Boulton to their favourable consideration.
 THOMAS McCRAE.
 Guelph January 31, 1867. 698-1f

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, 15th December, 1867. dw

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 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—excluding all other machines.
 It sets up its own work, knits all sizes, widens and narrows, knits the heel into the stocking, and plain work in five minutes, a pair of Socks in thirty minutes; knits the single, double, ribbed and fancy flat webs, producing 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 working. Lot No. 2, 3rd Con., Pauline, opposite Cober's Carriage Shop. Get samples of Knitting sent on receipt of cents in postage stamps.

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

Funerals, Funerals!
 NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend Funerals as usual Collins always on hand, and ready to hire. His Steam Planting Machine in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. he solicits.
 NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Crescent
 Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.

COW LOST.
 STRAYED or Stolen from the Fair ground on Fair Day, a White Cow. Had small horns, and was in good condition. Any person returning it to the owner, or giving such information to me or at the MERCURY office will lead to her recovery will be rewarded.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL for Young Ladies.
CHURCH-ST. - GUELPH.
 MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (W. Y.) on the 6th of January, 20th December, 1867. dw

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON.
 THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Haskins, Esq., P. E., &c. There are two-fifths of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Discipline Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form a desirable site for building.

Gold & Silver Plating
A. HOWIE & CO.,
 Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st.,
HAMILTON.
 Watches, Chains, Rings, Pencil Cases, and all kinds of Jewelry Plated in Gold.
 Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., Plated at reasonable rates.
 Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings of every description done to order with neatness and despatch.
 Orders from a distance punctually attended to at Hamilton, November 23rd 1867. dw3m

Excellent Farm
 For Sale in Eramosa.
 FOR sale that valuable farm, composed of the West-half of Lot No. 28, 3rd Concession, Eramosa.
 HENRY HATCH, Guelph, 10th December, 1867. w3m

One Hundred Acres!
 with about 70 acres cleared. Land of excellent quality, and well watered. There is a good

Two Storey Stone House
 containing nine rooms, pantry, and cellar the whole size of house.
 The building is nearly new. There is also a large FRAME BARN nearly new, and a thriving young orchard of the best grafted fruit. This property will be sold cheap. For terms and particulars apply to
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Boots & Shoes
 At Wholesale Prices.
 HAVING a large stock of BOOTS and SHOES, which must be sold during the NEXT TWO MONTHS, I will offer the same during that time at Wholesale Prices. Note prices and be convinced that you will save from 25 to 50 per cent. per pair by buying at the

Kingston Penitentiary
 BOOT AND SHOE STORE.
 FORMER PRICES—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.75; No. 3, \$2.50.
 PRESENT PRICES—No. 1, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.50; No. 3, \$2.25.
 Boys' Boots from \$1 70; Youths' Boots from \$1.35; Women's Boots from \$1.10.
 with a large variety of everything in the line at equally low prices.
 Don't forget the place—Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store.
 All work warranted.
 J. CRIDIFORD.
 Guelph, 4th November, 1867.

FURS,
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Men's Coarse Boots!
 Former Prices—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.75; No. 3, \$2.50.
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 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—excluding all other machines.
 It sets up its own work, knits all sizes, widens and narrows, knits the heel into the stocking, and plain work in five minutes, a pair of Socks in thirty minutes; knits the single, double, ribbed and fancy flat webs, producing 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 working. Lot No. 2, 3rd Con., Pauline, opposite Cober's Carriage Shop. Get samples of Knitting sent on receipt of cents in postage stamps.

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

Funerals, Funerals!
 NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend Funerals as usual Collins always on hand, and ready to hire. His Steam Planting Machine in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. he solicits.
 NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Crescent
 Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867.

COW LOST.
 STRAYED or Stolen from the Fair ground on Fair Day, a White Cow. Had small horns, and was in good condition. Any person returning it to the owner, or giving such information to me or at the MERCURY office will lead to her recovery will be rewarded.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL for Young Ladies.
CHURCH-ST. - GUELPH.
 MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (W. Y.) on the 6th of January, 20th December, 1867. dw

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON.
 THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Haskins, Esq., P. E., &c. There are two-fifths of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Discipline Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form a desirable site for building.

THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE.
OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.
FRANK SMITH & CO.
 77 Front Street, Toronto,
 BEG 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,' 'Perrivan,' 'Summer,' and 'Pericles,' from Liverpool.
 'Abona' and 'Gleniffer,' from Glasgow.
 'Apostle' from Charleston. And are daily expecting the arrival of

Fresh New Crop Fruit and Mediterranean Cargo
 Ex. 'Deodars,' 'Canny Scott' and 'Mary Ann,' from Malaga, Marseilles and Denis

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE.
 308 Hhds and Tierces of Barbadoes, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars.
 522 Bbls Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.
 5175 Half Chests and Caddies Souchong, Congou, Japan, Gunpowder, Young and Old House, &c.
 With a full assortment of Tobacco, 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. dw1f

REMOVAL!
GRAND CLEARING SALE!

JAMES CORMACK,
 HAVING leased that large and well known next to JOHN HORN'S STORE, he has determined to dispose of the balance of a large stock of first-class

READY-MADE CLOTHING,
 CLOTHS AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING

At a Tremendous Reduction
 OF PRICES. As the Goods are all new, the Clothing well cut, well made and of the public will find this one of the best and cheapest sales ever offered in Guelph.
 Goods booked charged the regular price.

JAMES CORMACK,
 Guelph, 31st December, 1867. Wm. Wyndham-st., Guelph.

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

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

D. SAVAGE,
 Guelph, December 14, 1867. dw

GREAT SALE OF
BOOTS AND SHOES

PREST & HEPBURN
 WILL COMMENCE

On Monday next, 23rd Dec.,
 To sell off the 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 they

Whole Stock will be sold without Reserve for Cash only.
PREST & HEPBURN.
 Guelph, 16th December, 1867.

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES.
G. & A. HADDEN.
 Would invite the special attention of the public to their very large stock of

SEASONABLE DRY GOODS!
 Comprising a full assortment of every description of Goods suitable for the Fall and Winter Trade. No old, much eaten bankrupt stock, but all Fresh New Goods, which they are determined to sell off at such a reduction in price as cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to the purchasers.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT
 They would call particular notice to a large and choice assortment of Fresh New Season Tea, consisting of Pique, Moyunes, Imperial Gunpowder, Japan, Souchong and Congou, which for strength, fragrance and price are not excelled by any house in Guelph. Bright Muscovado and Refined Sugar, Loaf Sugar, Green and Roasted Coffee, Fine Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, New Layer, Valencia and Seedless Raisins, Prime New Zante Currants, Eleme Figs, Almonds, Filberts, &c.

Wines, Brandies and Liquors
 A large stock of choice Wines, Brandies and Liquors, warranted genuine. Crockery, China and Glassware in great variety. Also, a full assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES of the best quality and at the lowest price.

NOTICE
To Debtors & Creditors.
 THE undersigned Executors for the Estate of the late Alexander McKinnon, deceased, hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the said Estate, to pay to J. W. BURT, acting Executor for the same, as he is the only person authorized to receive money for the said Estate, and all parties are forbid paying to any other person. All parties having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the expiry of six months from the date of this notice.
 J. W. BURT, Executors
 ARCH THOMPSON,
 JAS. W. KENNEDY,
 Erin, Nov. 16, 1867. 724-w3m

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 (LATE GRAND'S SHADEN SALOON.)
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
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 CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c. Always on hand. All calls furnished at