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RIE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market. The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall. **Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.**
CASH FOR WOLF HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS, The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old Block, Guelph. Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale. **Guelph, Jan. 1, 1874.**
ENGRAVING, Gold and Silver Plating Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Pringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. **T. O. OLDHAM,** Guelph Dec. 15, 1873. *dw*
HOTEL CARD. The Right Man in the Right Place. Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the post office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention and good accommodation to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office. **THOMAS WARD, Proprietor.** Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873.
PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles. Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES Family Sewing Machine (single thread). Hand Lock Stitch (double thread). No. 1, Foot Power. No. 2, for heavy work. Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required. **CHARLES RAYMOND,** GUELPH, ONTARIO.
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W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S., Surgeon Dentist, Guelph. Office—over F. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell Sts., Guelph. **W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,** (holding gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph. *dw*
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New Advertisements.
WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-df
WANTED—A good general servant in a small family. Apply to R. McClelland, Shoe Store. *dw*
TO LET—A stone Cottage near the Great Western Railway Station. Apply to John McCrae, or Henry Hambleton. Guelph, March 20, 1874. *dw*
ORGANIST WANTED—For St. Andrew's Church. Apply by letter, stating salary to Wm. J. Patterson, Sec. and Treas., Guelph. *dw*
SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately a good general servant. Apply at once to Mrs. Jas. Innes. *dw*
WANTED—By a respectable middle aged person, a situation as housekeeper. No objection to the country. Apply at his office. *dw*
WANTED—A girl to act as Nurse and Housemaid. Must be competent and have good references. Apply Mrs. Watt, near the Great Western Railway Station, Guelph. *dw*
DRESSMAKERS WANTED. Four experienced Dressmakers wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End. Apply to Miss Morrison. *dw*
SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. *dw*
NOTES STOLEN.—The public are hereby cautioned against receiving any notes payable to J. B. Armstrong & Co. or signed by them, as the same have been stolen from them. **J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co.** Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874. *dw*
MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY. The undersigned has \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 5 per cent. for periods from 3 to 15 years. Early application requested. **LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN.** Guelph, March 18, 1874. *dw*
PLASTER AND SALT. The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand seed grain of all kinds. The highest price paid for potatoes and turnips. **GEO. BARKWILL,** Gordon Street, near the G. W. R. Crossing. Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. *dw*

TOWN OF GUELPH.
NOTICE. All petitions for Road Improvements must be sent to the first meeting of Council in May, or they will not be considered. **JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk** Guelph, March 20, 1874. *dw*
TOWN OF GUELPH.
WANTED, A competent person to take charge of and manage the Road Works, sidewalks, etc. Applications for the office will be received until the 2nd day of April. For further instructions, apply at this office. **JOHN HARVEY, Clerk.** Guelph, March 23, 1874. *dw*
DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership between the firm of Bousquet, Chabert and James D. Williamson of the Town of Guelph, Dry Goods Merchants was dissolved on the fifteenth day of February, 1874, by mutual consent. All debts due by or to the firm will be settled by the said James D. Williamson and all parties indebted to the late firm are requested to pay Mr. Williamson at once, and save costs. Dated at Guelph, 24th February, 1874. **J. D. WILLIAMSON,** Signed, **JOHN HOGG, THOS. W. SAUNDERS,** Executors of the late Robert Chabert. Signed, **Wm. MacLachlan,** Witness. *dw*
REMOVAL.—D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER, Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He takes the present opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.
ON Hand a fine assortment of Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages, Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. etc. Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Boiling. **Guelph, March 20, 1874.**
IMPORTANT SALE OF PIANOS The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of **JOSEPH F. RAINER,** WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable **TERMS OF CREDIT.** The stock consists of about **40** First-class Instruments! Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize. They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it. An inspection invited. A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris', who will show the instruments. **Guelph, March 18, 1874.** *dw*
NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of **Lard and Soft Coal** at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. **GEORGE MURTON,** Guelph, March 1st, 1874. *dw* Proprietor

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.
FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS. In this, as in everything else, the best papers will command the best prices. It is cheaper to pay 5s. for inserting your advertisements in a journal having a circulation of 5,000, than to pay 2s. for one that has only a circulation of 1,000. Of this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an almost worthless medium. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheet would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY E.V.G., MARCH 20, 1874.
Town and County News
Mr. COEMMACK'S new advertisement of Spring Goods will appear to-morrow.
Rev. Dr. Davidson delivered a lecture on Prohibition in the Fergus drill shed on Friday, March 20.
HORSE LOST.—The *Harrison Tribune* says Mr. Samuel Peebles lost a very valuable horse on Thursday last. His team was standing in the stables in single stalls, when one backed out and kicked the other, breaking its hind leg in such a manner as to render its recovery impossible, and to put the beast out of misery, it was shot.
SOUTHERN BRANCH V. G. & B. RAILWAY.—The *Galt Reporter* learns on good authority that the Branch of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway from Palmerston to Kincardine will be opened for general traffic on or about the first of next month. The difficulty with Mr. Hendrie, the contractor, has, it believes, been finally settled.
St. PATRICK'S DAY IN FERGOUS.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated in Fergus, this year, by the holding of a dinner at St. Andrew's Hotel. About 40 gentlemen sat down. After the tables had been cleared away, the chair was occupied by Mr. E. B. Teevin, and the Vice chair by Mr. D. B. Kelly. Excellent music was given by the Fergus Brass Band, and some music of the good old kind by Thomas Wright on his fife. The principal speakers of the evening were Drs. Orlan and Munro, and Messrs. Banting, Phelan, Murdoch and McLermont.
SERVICE IN THE CONVENT.—On Thursday forenoon a special service was held in the new chapel of the Loreto Convent, Father Loyzance officiating. A collection was afterwards taken up to liquidate the debt on the new wing of the Convent, and a handsome sum realized. At the request of Colonel Higinbotham, who was present, the pupils at the Convent School were granted a half holiday, for which act of thoughtful consideration the young ladies thanked the gallant Colonel. We may state that the singing during the service was very fine.

BY TELEGRAPH

Dizzy and the Fenians.
Liquor in Frisco Groceries.
Organized Murderers.
Ladies Insulted and Injured.
Trapeze Performer Killed.
A Fishy Yankee Telegram About Comassie.
IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.
The Queen's Speech.

New York.—The Brooklyn ferry boat Baltic ran into and sunk the steam tug R. S. Carter, to-night.
 London, March 20.—The *Daily News* says Disraeli will advise the early release of the remaining Fenian convicts.
 Arthur Peel has been designated as the Liberal whip during the present session of Parliament.
 Tempestuous weather is reported on the Scottish coast, and there has been some damage to shipping.
 A Berlin despatch says Biron, the French ambassador, is to resign, in consequence of unpleasant relations with Prince Bismarck.
 An adjournment of the Reichstag is probable on account of Bismarck's illness.
 San Francisco, March 20.—An immense mass meeting was held at Union Hall last night, under the lead of the woman's temperance union. There were probably four thousand people present. A resolution was adopted in favor of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor by groceries.
 New York, March 20.—Salem County, Ill., is infested by an organized band of outlaws, who have recently committed several murders.
 Sixty ladies who visited the saloons in Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday, were insulted, jeered, and otherwise badly treated by the roughs, and one of them injured. They were compelled to abandon their programme.
 James Sylvester, trapeze performer at Beary's Opera House, missed the rope last night, struck his head against a box, and was killed.
 The *Sun* says the law firm of Webster & Craig received a million dollars from the Government for their settlement of the silk ribbon cases.
 Joseph F. Franklin, 112 Broadway, against whom there is said to be fifty indictments, has been arrested on a charge of being concerned in the extensive forgeries of railroad bonds last August.
 New York, March 20.—Detailed accounts of the capture of Coomassie confirm the reported sacking of the King's palace, and says on the morning of February 6th the city was fired, the palace blown up, and the troops started on their homeward march. The congratulatory address to the troops, issued in Coomassie on Feb. 5, said:—"All the people, both European and native, unjustly held captive by the King of Ashantee, are now at liberty in camp, and you have proved to this cruel and barbarous people that England is able to punish her enemies, no matter what their strength in numbers or position may be."
 Despatches from Old Fort, N. C., says the rumbling sounds from the Bald Mountains continue, with occasional sharp discharges like artillery. Near Harris View two immense rocks are reported split by the volcanic action.
 London March 19th.—Parliament re-assembled to-day, and the Queen's speech was read. Her Majesty refers to the continuance of friendly relations with foreign powers, and alludes to the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh as a pledge of friendship between two great Empires. Warm praise was given to the troops comprising the Ashantee expedition for the courage and endurance displayed in the campaign.
 Speaking of the famine in Bengal the Queen says that the Governor-General of India has been directed to spare no cost in his efforts to mitigate this terrible calamity. The estimates of expenditure for the coming financial year will be submitted to the House of Commons immediately. Measures will be submitted to Parliament which, it is hoped, will be found calculated to do away with much of the delay and expense attending the transfer of land in England. Several local matters are referred to, including the working of the Act affecting the relationship between master and servant, and an Act dealing with the offences connected with the trade and the law of conspiracy. In view of the remonstrances made against these measures, Her Majesty desires that Parliament before attempting fresh legislation concerning them should be in possession of all the material facts and of the precise question in controversy, to secure which she has issued her Royal Commission of Inquiry into the state of working of the laws.

THE LATE OUTRAGE.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.
 A special meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday afternoon at 9 o'clock. Present the Mayor, Messrs. Heffernan, Petrie, Hall, Bruce, Elliott, Howard, McCrae, Coffee, Mills, Crowe, and Harvey.
 His Worship said that he had called the Council together to ascertain from them whether it would not be advisable to offer a reward for the apprehension of the scoundrel who had committed the outrage on Mr. Crawford's little daughter on Wednesday. He ought to state that as soon as the Chief of Police informed him of the outrage, he instructed him to spare no effort, and to employ every means available, and it necessary to use the telegraph and railway, to employ special constables, and to set every agent going to secure if possible his arrest. He (the Mayor) first heard of it about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and previous to that Mr. Kelly had been at several places in search of the ruffian. As the police and others who had been in search of him were up to the present unsuccessful, it would be for the Council to say whether they should offer a reward. He thought it due to Mr. Crawford and the citizens that something should be done.
 Mr. Howard said it seemed to him that there was something wrong, after a crime like this was committed in open day, and there were three men who saw the perpetrator of this crime. He should not have been arrested before this time. Had an alarm been at once given by ringing the fire bell, the citizens would have turned out, scoured the country, and secured his arrest before he could have gone far. He thought it would be right to offer a reward; at the same time, he could not help thinking that the case had not been followed up as it should have been.
 Mr. Kelly, on being asked, stated what he knew about the matter—that he first heard of it about 12 o'clock, and at once went in pursuit, going down the Waterloo Road, and to the Great Western train. He then returned and informed His Worship, who instructed him to take every means he could think of to have the man arrested. He did so, telegraphed in all directions, had five special constables in pursuit yesterday, and ten to-day. He had also got a description of the man. It was then moved by Mr. Howard, and seconded by Mr. Heffernan, that the Mayor be authorized on behalf this Council to offer a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the person who perpetrated the outrage on the daughter of Mr. R. Crawford.
 Mr. Petrie thought the sum offered was small considering the nature of the crime.
 Mr. Heffernan thought that they would be as likely to secure his arrest by offering this sum as they would if they offered a larger one.
 The motion was then passed unanimously, and the Council adjourned.
THE PURSUIT OF SULLIVAN.
 A telegram was received from the Chief of Police of Branford to-day, stating that a man had been arrested who answered the descriptions given of Sullivan.—Mr. Kelly's son goes over to Branford this afternoon to see him. A man was arrested at Branford last night, but on Mr. Kelly's seeing him, he was set at liberty, being undoubtedly not the wanted man.
 An individual who has been heard of several times west of Guelph is not unlikely to be Sullivan. He was seen on the G. T. R. near Shantz's station, this side of Berlin, on Wednesday afternoon. He left the track and went to a house about a mile away, where he made an unsuccessful endeavor to change his clothes. He proceeded forward over the fields, and struck the track near Breslat. The switch man at Breslat saw him going westward on the track, holding his hat over his eyes, and not speaking. A man believed to be the same one was seen at Baden about one o'clock yesterday, still going westward. Mr. Kelly has gone in the direction of Strathroy to work up the clue. A man was seen to get out of a car at Stratford yesterday, but it is believed not to be the same one. Every effort is being made for Sullivan's capture. The little girl is no worse.
AFFAIRS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.—There is a dead-lock in the Newfoundland Legislature. The narrow majority by which Mr. Bennett's Government was sustained at the elections was, by the desertion of one member and the appointment of two to offices which had been promised, reduced to a minority. Mr. Bennett and his colleagues resigned on the eve of the meeting of the Legislature, and Mr. Carter formed a Government, which could only command a majority of one in the House. The Government's candidate for Speaker, Mr. Emerson, was only elected by his own vote, when he took the chair the House remained evenly balanced. Some debate took place, and threatened the Speaker to call in police to arrest Mr. Bennett, the new Leader of the Opposition, a threat which Mr. Bennett dared the Speaker to execute. The Government are not in a hurry to issue writs to fill the two vacancies, as both constitutions are likely to elect Opposition members. A petition has been presented against Mr. Bennett's election, but a committee to try it cannot be drawn, as the Opposition absent themselves from the House, and the Government party are not numerous enough to form the requisite quorum. Beyond the passing of the address—which was effected in the absence of the Opposition—no business has been done. Another general election seems to be the only solution of the difficulty.
 The examination of the man Patrick Connolly, suspected of being concerned in the burglary and arson on the premises of Mr. Abell, was resumed on Wednesday and he was discharged, there being no case against him.
 Mr. JOHN ANDERSON has sent us "The Young Ladies Journal" for April. It is a very attractive number.

"The Elements of National Power."

A lecture was delivered in Chalmers' Church on Thursday night by Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P., under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, on the subject which heads this article. There was a comparatively small attendance, made to look smaller by the size of the church. The meeting having been opened in the usual manner, the chairman introduced
 The Lecturer, who said that he had in ancient and modern history ample material for judging of those things which made up the elements of a powerful nationality. One of the first of these elements was Cohesion. The weakening of the power of Imperial Rome commenced with the division of the Empire by Constantine between his three sons. The Empire of the Peloponnese was also an historical example; and the division of the great Kingdom of Solomon under Rehoboam was the first fatal step which led to its ultimate conquest. It was when the Kingdoms of Great Britain had been welded into a united people that she sustained the brunt of the gigantic struggle which ended victoriously on the field of Waterloo. Turning to the history of Canada it is what there was to indicate that we had this principle of national cohesion. At one time there was a strong antagonism of race between Upper and Lower Canada, but time had softened down these national asperities, and even before the two races had been brought into the closer sympathy of late years, they rightly rallied round a common flag in support of a common cause. In 1774 the French Canadians refused to join with the seceding American colonies in their rebellion against the British Crown; and in 1812 the two races of Canadians fought side by side to repel the American invader. More recently, Confederation afforded a wonderful example of Canadian cohesion. It was a duplicate of Bismarck's masterpiece of the unification of Germany, but accomplished by peaceful instead of warlike means. The only danger to Confederation was from a mutual respect of each others' rights not being cherished by the Provinces; and we should therefore jealously guard the basis of the agreement between them. Let this be done and a glorious future lay before us—a future of which the lecturer spoke in glowing terms. The next important factor of national prosperity was liberty. Liberty, however, must be proportioned to the enlightenment and knowledge of the people, and what might be essentially dangerous to a people in pupillage would be essentially necessary to a people who have politically arrived at the full stature of manhood. We in Canada had a great advantage in beginning with a *tabula rasa*—a clean slate, so to speak—with no vested rights or feudal hindrances in the way of a good system of government. Still, there were some noxious plants that had to be rooted up by our earlier statesmen. The seigniorial tenure of Lower Canada was one of them, but it was fortunately abolished by the Act of 1854. The State Church was another old-time obstruction. One-seventh of the cleared land of this Province was reserved for clerical purposes, and as they knew, after a bitter contest, all religious inequality was abolished, and all denominations stood on a common footing. What was thought to be a step fraught with ruin for both Church and State had proved their greatest blessing. Now the Church, standing above all principalities and powers, acknowledged no head but her Divine Master, and Canadians enjoyed to the full the blessings of Religious Liberty. Political Liberty was another condition closely allied to religious liberty. If a man's sense of his duty to his Creator was dulled, his sense of his duty to his fellow-men would be blunted in the same measure. The progress of political liberty in Canada as they now had, was but a merely nominal connection with the British Crown. It was different in Canada. From 1759 to 1774 we were under a military despotism; from 1774 to 1791 we were ruled by a despotic oligarchy. In 1791 the people were given the form of government proper, but their representative institutions were defective, and their Parliament was entirely controlled by a despotic and iniquitous executive, who sheltered their iniquities behind the sacredness of the Throne. The Ministry of that time existed by power, and not by right of power. Then came the rebellion of 1837, which proved to be the darkest hour before the dawn. The Union Act of 1841 gave us those great essentials of a free people, independence of the Judiciary and independence of Parliament, with the crowning right of all, viz., responsibility of the Executive to the people's representatives. Noticing the parallel periods of English history, he said that military despotism in England ceased with the Magna Charta, and despotic oligarchy with the first Charles. Our rights as a free people could only be preserved to our posterity by the utmost watchfulness. Brougham quoted the easy route to despotism of the English people under Charles II. and James II., after they had established free institutions, as a proof that no mere statutory enactments could preserve liberty. The next condition of national power was Liberty of Opinion, which meant liberty of the press. Junius, Socrates, Ibsen, and others were quoted by the lecturer on this point. He referred to the long struggle that Englishmen passed through before they gained this precious right. First by the Star Chamber and the pillory, and afterwards by stringent legal provisions, the Governments attempted to restrict the liberty of the press, but in vain. He paid an eloquent tribute to the great work that had been done for mankind by the press, and said it had been the Archimedean lever which had raised society to its present level; and

he warmly criticized the Canadian press. The next element of power to which he would refer would be Territorial Extent and Commercial Activity. Fertility of the soil, geniality of climate and geographical position were also minor elements of national greatness, but were not such essential ones as the two former. The territorial extent of the people of the United States had contributed largely to their greatness. We had a hundred thousand square miles more territory than the United States, and our policy should be to make the development of this territory subservient to the national institutions of our country and in harmony with them. The future greatness of the country could be better estimated from our commercial activity, however, because it was an index of the industrial activity of the people. Barbarous people had no commerce, for they produced no more than they consumed. Our commercial activity was well shown by looking at the proportion of commerce to population. England's commerce was over \$100 for each one of her population; Canada's \$55 per head of population; and the United States, \$31 per head. So that the commerce of our young country nearly doubled that of our powerful neighbor to the south. In shipping, the tonnage of England was in the proportion of 1 1/2 tons to each individual of her population; that of the United States, one ton and a very small fraction per head; and that of Canada, four tons per head! He spoke of the immense advantage Canada had in possessing the cheapest outlet for the vast products of the Western States. After referring to education and a sufficient military spirit, he said that the last element to which he would refer was a high-toned independence and religious toleration. For this element of character Canada had reserved her freshest gardens and cradled her highest flights. It had consecrated Switzerland's valleys and Scotia's hills to liberty, and had bequeathed to us as the descendants of Britons a manliness and a prestige that nothing else could give us. The importance of the Bible to a nation no one who reads the history of France and her revolutions could doubt. He concluded with a few hopeful and eloquent words of counsel.

On motion of Mr. David Sturton, M.P., a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Ross.

In replying, the lecturer spoke of his wish to see springing up a thoroughly Canadian national sentiment. Canadians should try to unite the good judgment and practical common sense of the Scotchman, the determination and energy of the Englishman, and the geniality and sprightliness of the Irishman, in forming their national character. Let them adopt all the good qualities and none of the bad ones of the three nationalities from whom they mainly sprang. (Applause.)

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FRIDAY EVENG, MARCH 20, 1874.

Opening of the British Parliament.

The Imperial Parliament was opened on Thursday, when the Royal Speech was read. It refers to the continuance of friendly relations with foreign powers, and to the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh, which Her Majesty says is a source of happiness to herself and a pledge of friendship between two great empires. Reference is made to the termination of the Ashantee war, the capture and destruction of the capital, and to the negotiations for securing the good behaviour of the Ashantees. Her Majesty pays a well deserved tribute to the courage, discipline, and endurance of the troops, and the energy and skill with which the expedition was conducted. Regret is expressed that the drought and subsequent famine in India are so wide spread, causing terrible suffering to millions of the natives. The Queen has given the Governor-General instructions to spare no cost in mitigating this calamity.

Measures are promised for improving the cumbersome mode of transferring land in England, for the rearrangement of the judiciary in Ireland as well as in England, and for improving the procedure in reference to appeal cases in the Scottish courts. Also a bill for amending the law in Scotland relating to land rights, and facilitating the transfer of land. Bills are also promised for more clearly defining the relationship between master and servant, and for regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors.

In the debate on the address in the House of Lords the Duke of Somerset and Earl Grey, both Liberals, attacked Mr. Gladstone for dissolving the last Parliament. The late Premier was ably defended by Lord Selborne. Lord Derby referred to the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh, and said it was a matter of political importance. In the House of Commons the address passed without much debate. Mr. Gladstone promised to give the new Government a fair trial.

MEMORATION AGENT IN SCOTLAND.—We have received a copy of the Dundee (Scotland) Advertiser of the 5th inst., containing a long and able letter from Mr. D. D. Hay, Emigration Agent for Ontario, referring to a speech made by Mr. Jenkins in that city, and giving some valuable facts and statistics in reference to Canada and the Province of Ontario.

THE OUTRAGE.—We are glad that the Town Council have thought proper to offer a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of the man Sullivan. It is an action that meets with general approval in the town.

"Celestial Republic of Souls" is one Yankee's way of designating Heaven. He is a lively Minnesota writer, and he avers that "our indescribably beautiful sunset scenes come as near representing the opening portals to the celestial republic of souls as anything mortal ever beheld."

SPORT.—Some of our citizens have been amusing themselves of late by shooting numbers of the horde of vagabond dogs which infest the place, and the bodies of the defunct canines have invariably been quickly appropriated by our other nuisances, the Indians, who are growing fat and sleek upon the tender and toothsome dog flesh.—*Manitoba Free Press, March 7.*

LONDON, QUARTERLY.—The Leonard Scott Publishing Co.'s reprint of the *London Quarterly Review* for January has just reached us. It is rather late this quarter, but none the less noticeable on that account. The epithet "ponderous," frequently applied by some to Quarterly Reviews, is certainly not a fitting one for this number, which is filled with articles of universal interest. No less than three biographical sketches arrest the attention as we turn over the pages. Winckelmann's History of Ancient Art has long been a standard authority; but a few have known the career of the author, as given in the pages of this review—painful in its outset, tragical at its close. In a review of "The Personal Recollections" of Mrs. Somerville, we have the outline of another life, one of repose and peace, contrasting strongly with the troubled story of the other. The little Scotch lassie, whose parents thought one year's schooling when she was ten years old would fit her for her work in life, had a love for study which could not be repressed by the great discouragements which attended her early years. John Stuart Mill is the subject of another biographical article, in which the development of his mind is illustrated by reference to his career. Other articles are "Simplification of the Law," "Socialism, Ancient and Modern," treating on the history and growth of Protestant confessions, and other ritualistic observances; "Lombard Street," showing the importance of the Cash Reserve of the banking department of the Bank of England, as the ultimate safety fund of the English mercantile system; "The Despotism of the Future," of universal interest in these days of the labour question; "Prosper Merimee's *Lettres d'une Inconnue*," which have created such an extraordinary sensation in Paris; "Russian Songs and Folk-Tales," illustrating Slavonic Mythology and Russian Social Life; and "The Difficulties of the Liberal Party." Every article is worth reading.

TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.—On Wednesday evening the 11th, a tea meeting was held in the town hall, Campbellville, under the auspices of Prospect Temple, I. O. G. T. After all had partaken of the excellent tea and abundance of good things, and spent some time in social conversation, Mr. A. McPhee, teacher, was appointed chairman. After making a few introductory remarks he called upon the Rev. Mr. Bell for an address, after which the Nassagaweya choir, under the leadership of Mr. Norris, gave some splendid music. Addresses were also delivered by Revs. Mr. Little and Mr. McAllister. Mr. Chapman sang a beautiful song, which was loudly encored. Mr. H. McPhee, teacher, Kilbride, gave a few very appropriate remarks, and congratulated the Good Templars on their continued success. Mr. H. Cooper gave an excellent recitation of his own composition. After the general votes of thanks were given, the company repaired to their several homes, apparently more than satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Proceeds amounted to about \$40.

BURLINGTON BAY.—The ice in the Bay has at last succumbed to the pressure of a gentle weather, and is now completely broken up, and floating about in chunks about the proper size for family use. Navigation will soon open, and navigators are all busily engaged in getting their craft ready.

An extra to the *Canadian Gazette* contains the appointment of Hon. R. W. Scott and F. G. Penny to the Senate, and Hon. E. B. Wood to the Chief Justiceship of Manitoba.

Mr. T. J. Day has sent us the April number of the "Young Ladies Journal," which will be found unusually interesting.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London.—See article in *Cassell's Household Guide.*

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Very Rich and Chaste Designs,
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Good Stewing Prunes
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30c per lb. at
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Boot and Shoe Store
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Ladies and Children's
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Particular attention paid to
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PAY UP.
All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.
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For protection against House-breakers, Burglars and Thieves, we have
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Various makes;
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Single and double barrel;
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Beware of Imitations.
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—AT—
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On Saturday Night, the 21st inst.
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Men's American Sporting Boots,
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A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.

Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella.
Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes.
We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.
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We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual.
Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.
WM. TAWSE & SON.
Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874. dw2mtca

NOTICE.
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R. CLAYTON.

Elephant Clothing Store.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
Are now showing a new and splendid stock of
READY-MADE CLOTHING
Well Made and Fashionably Cut
Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of
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and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,
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ALL READY
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COLD WEATHER
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AN
Immense Stock
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NEW GOODS
AT
WILLIAM STEWART'S
Who is now offering some of
The Cheapest Lines
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A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from
10 to 15 Cents can be Saved
On every dollar's worth of Goods bought all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very closest prices.

DRESS GOODS
A SPECIALTY
New Flannels, all quantities;
2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels 25c. worth 30c.
475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

In the Cloth Department.
THE NEWEST
Coatings,
Trousings,
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and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.
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Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

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—OF—
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School Books,
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IMMENSE STOCK
AT J. HUNTER'S
Wholesale and Retail.
CALL AND SEE
The Largest Stock,
The Greatest Variety,
The Best and the Cheapest
Ever exhibited in Guelph
AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Toy Store
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NOTICE.
Erb's Celebrated
FALL WHEAT FLOUR
For Bread and Pastry.
ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS
Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds.
Delivered free to any part of the Town.
Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block Wyndham Street, Guelph.
ROBERTSON BROS.,
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General Commission Merchants.
AND SUPER-
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References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont. Messrs Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.), Toronto; J. M. Millar, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Millar & Co. commission merchants Chicago); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; C. Magill Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; F. C. Chisholm Esq., B. B. Feste, Esq., Toronto.

The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXII.

THE END OF TWO VILLAINS—THE WITCH OF BEN-LAIR REVEALS HER TRUE NAME AND CHARACTER—A STRANGE STORY.

"What is Flora Macgregor your grandchild?" exclaimed Hector, springing to his feet in surprise. "Then grasping the hand of the Witch of Ben-Lair, he continued—

"Glad, glad am I that I have found one who can fully sympathize with me; but how—?" He was unable to frame the question. He was so surprised at the information he had received that he was unable to speak.

"How comes it that she lived with Donald Cameron? you would ask. Donald Cameron was her mother's brother, as you know, and took charge of his sister's child when she died. But the story is a short one, though momentous, and I may just give it you from the beginning. And first, from this moment let me renounce the *nom de guerre* of the Witch of Ben-Lair, and let me be known by the name which rightfully belongs to me. I am Flora Douglas, the lady of Gowanybraes. It is fifty years since I was led, the bride of Graham Douglas, from Inverness to Gowanybraes, to take up my abode in what promised to be an Elysium of bliss. A year passed, and a son was born; only child it proved to be. This son grew to be man, and his twenty years passed over his head when the Chevalier de St. George came to Scotland to fight for the Crown. This proved the end of my happiness. Both father and son became interested in the struggle, and took sides, and as evil fortune would have it the sides they took were opposing ones—young Henry taking the side of the rebels, who, as you know, were beaten and humbled. This proceeding of his son much incensed Graham Douglas, who—Gowanybraes not being entailed—threatened to cut him off without a yard of land and without a penny of money, besides forbidding him to again enter his door, and doing all he could to put the King's soldiers on his track. Henry was young and light-hearted, and did not much heed his father's threats, for he rather liked the thought of toiling and making for himself a position and a name; indeed, he disliked the idea of being indebted for these things to those who had gone before him. My remonstrance with my husband availed nothing, for Graham Douglas was a man of stern, sullen disposition, and there was no such thing possible as turning him.

"Banished from the house, it was some time after comparative quiet had been restored that Henry again appeared in the neighborhood of Gowanybraes, and then it was only to have a stolen interview with me. This, at my urgent request, he frequently repeated, although he would tell me nothing of where he was residing, or his occupation. He seemed always the same cheerful, buoyant, light-hearted youth, full of spirit and of happiness; and this tended to cheer my heart and light in my spirits, for, because of the differences between us in relation to Henry, my husband and I had now but little intercourse with one another. But about a year afterwards I noticed a change in the look and manner of my son. He seemed to be haunted by care, and there was less of fire and spirit about him than usual. This to any but a mother's eye might not have been apparent, but it struck me, and I asked him what it meant. Then he told me that he had been in love, that he had wooed the object of his love, had won her, and they had been secretly united. In every way, he said, Mary Cameron—for such was her name—was a good and faithful wife, and fully worthy of him. What I said about the step he had taken I need not repeat. I had confidence enough in my son's wisdom to believe that I would have agreed with his choice had I been consulted; but I asked him what it was that caused him to be so downcast in spirits and so careworn-like. Then he gave me to understand his trouble. The question which haunted him was, How was his wife to be provided for? This, it was imperative, had to be answered. The expected birth of a babe on a day not distant made it necessary that the marriage, which had until now been kept secret, should be at once or shortly proclaimed. Mary Cameron was an orphan, and her only relative was a brother—the brother you, M'Leod, to your cost, know well—Donald Cameron of Droghdaire. To my son Gowanybraes rightfully belonged, but I know full well that were his father to hear of his marriage, it would, if possible, make him more incensed than ever; and therefore it was necessary that every precaution should be used to keep the knowledge from him. I therefore counselled Henry thus—to take Donald Cameron, his wife's brother, into his confidence, without ever letting his wife know he was to do so, and never did I give counsel which I have seen cause to regret as I have regretted that. Alas! alas! it cost my brave manly son his life.

As she uttered the last words, the old woman, covering her face with her hands bowed her head, and for some time sobbed heavily. Then recovering herself, she continued—

"He left me, and when he saw me next he told me that he had taken Cameron into confidence, that the child—a girl—had been born, and its name was Flora. Henry and Mary had up till now been residing in a small room in Inverness; but she, at his solicitation, had gone to Droghdaire—she, poor girl, unaware that her brother knew of her true circumstances, believing that he would now look upon her as a fallen outcast, but determined that she would not, until her husband should say it was safe to do so, reveal who was her husband.

"Meanwhile I set myself to think how I could best approach my husband; but here the hand of fate stepped in and made vain my scheming. Graham Douglas, while on the hunting field a bleeding, disfigured corpse, and I was a widow. A sad blow was that to me, for, though we differed on the matter I have spoken of, it became me to respect my husband for his unflinching adhesion to what he believed to be right, and before that estrangement took place there never was a husband kinder to a wife than was Graham Douglas to myself. Let me pass on to what followed, now I am near the end. Upon examining my husband's papers I found a document cutting off Henry without a penny or a yard of ground, as he had said, but—this caused me to weep with joy—it was unsigned. The funeral arrangements over, I made with all haste to Inverness, but could find no trace of my son. Thence with all speed to Droghdaire, where I met Donald Cameron. I eagerly inquired concerning my son and his wife, and thought a dagger had been pierced through my heart when he said that he knew nothing of my son, and then with a fearful oath exclaimed that if he knew where to find the world would quickly be rid of the villain.

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods ;
- 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors ;
- 2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new ;
- 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

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LARGE ARRIVALS OF SPRING GOODS FROM BRITAIN!

1000 pieces of Prints at 12½ cents,

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Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1.

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New Crop Teas 50c. per lb

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK,

THE NOTED TEA HOUSE

Change of Business.

We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. R. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support.

W. D. HEPBURN & Co.

WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & Co., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days.

In respectfully asking for the patronage of all the old customers and the public generally, we hope to secure the same by keeping first-class goods, selling at the most reasonable prices, and offering the largest and best assortment in town to choose from, keeping it, as it has been in the past, the leading Boot and Shoe business in Guelph.

Custom Work will receive special attention, and satisfaction guaranteed.

Repairing promptly attended to as usual.

R. MACGREGOR & CO.
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Are putting up to-day

320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb.

600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.

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120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c, for 50c.

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10 hogsheds of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1.

50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.

A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

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Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, I would cordially thank my many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold off at such prices as will ensure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the goods will be sold at 15 to 20 per cent. below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No second price will be made. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having no other possession of the store on the 1st of May next.

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Hoyle & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12½ cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

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GUELPH, March 2, 1874

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From the Leading Printers.

JOHN MACDONALD & Co.

TORONTO.

Special Wedding Gift.
A splendid wedding gift, of the value of 2,000 guineas, was presented to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, on the part of the officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, on her arrival in London. It takes the form of a desert service of gold plate, the principal feature of which is a large hexagonal platen bearing the arms of England and Russia in relief, the monogram of the Duke and Duchess, and this inscription—'Presented to Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna, of Russia, on her marriage with Captain His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, R. M. K. G., by the officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.' Each angle of the platen is relieved by finely modelled water nymphs and flowers. The entire service is of tripod form, and enriched with many beautiful figures. There are also two seven-light and two smaller candelabra, pair of claret-pitchers, six fruit-stands, twelve salt-cellars of an ingenious shape, and other articles. The entire service is designed, and modelled from works of the Cinque-Cento period.

DISTANCES IN COLORADO.—A correspondent in Georgetown, Colorado, vouches for the truthfulness of the following:—It is well known that in high altitudes, owing to the rarefied air, objects are visible at a great distance, and from the city of Denver, the Rocky Mountains, although some sixteen miles distant, seem but a very short way off. An English gentleman, a tourist, came in on the Kansas Pacific train one morning, fresh from the old country, stopped at the Inter-Ocean Hotel in Denver, and soon made the acquaintance of two of the "old citizens." The Britisher was captivated with the appearance of the mountains, and suggested to the two "old citizens" that, as the mountain range was such a very short distance from the city, they should all take a walk to it, and return in time for dinner. The two "old citizens" saw a chance for some fun, and immediately consented. The trio started west, and walked towards the mountains for some two hours and a half, and the mountains seemed as far away as ever. The Englishman was a good walker, and kept a little in advance of his friends. Finally they saw him deliberately sit down, as he came to a small irrigating ditch, perhaps two feet wide, and begin taking off his boots and stockings. When they came up to where he was sitting they asked him, in some surprise, what he was doing that for. The Englishman said he was going to wade the stream. Both the "old citizens," looking at him in astonishment, asked him why he didn't step across it. "Step across it?" replied the Britisher, "step across it? Not I. What do I know about distances in your blasted country!"—EDWARD'S DRAWING, in Harper's Magazine for April.

To Business Men.
The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

Commercial.
Guelph Markets.
MERCURY OFFICE, March 19.
Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3.00 to \$3.50
Fall Wheat, per bushel, 1.25 to 1.35
Spring Wheat, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Oats, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Peas, do, 1.00 to 1.10
Barley, new, do, 1.00 to 1.10
Hay, per ton, 12.00 to 15.00
Straw, do, 3.00 to 5.00
Wood, per cord, 4.00 to 5.00
Eggs, per dozen, 1.10 to 1.20
Butter, dairy packed, 20 to 22
Butter, rolls, 15 to 17
Potatoes, per 100 lbs, 60 to 70
Apples, per barrel, 2.00 to 2.50
Dressed Hogs, per cwt., 7.00 to 7.50
Beef, per cwt., 4.00 to 5.00

Toronto Markets.
TORONTO, March 13.
Fall Wheat, per bushel, 1.25 to 1.35
Spring Wheat, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Oats, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Peas, do, 1.00 to 1.10
Barley, new, do, 1.00 to 1.10
Hay, per ton, 12.00 to 15.00
Straw, do, 3.00 to 5.00
Wood, per cord, 4.00 to 5.00
Eggs, per dozen, 1.10 to 1.20
Butter, dairy packed, 20 to 22
Butter, rolls, 15 to 17
Potatoes, per 100 lbs, 60 to 70
Apples, per barrel, 2.00 to 2.50
Dressed Hogs, per cwt., 7.00 to 7.50
Beef, per cwt., 4.00 to 5.00

Hamilton Markets.
Hamilton, March 18.
White wheat, per bushel, 1.25 to 1.35
Red wheat, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Spring wheat, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Oats, do, 1.10 to 1.20
Peas, do, 1.00 to 1.10
Barley, new, do, 1.00 to 1.10
Hay, per ton, 12.00 to 15.00
Straw, do, 3.00 to 5.00
Wood, per cord, 4.00 to 5.00
Eggs, per dozen, 1.10 to 1.20
Butter, dairy packed, 20 to 22
Butter, rolls, 15 to 17
Potatoes, per 100 lbs, 60 to 70
Apples, per barrel, 2.00 to 2.50
Dressed Hogs, per cwt., 7.00 to 7.50
Beef, per cwt., 4.00 to 5.00

Special Notices.
AS NUMEROUS CASES OF POISONING
Have occurred from the sale to the public of Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labelled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Cellulose are requested not to confound the two preparations, as is frequently done, under the impression that both are of the same medicinal properties. Phosphates are necessary elements of the animal organism, and are absolutely essential to the phenomenon of life. They enter into the composition of every solid and fluid of the human body, and are the natural exciting agents of the functions of nutrition, and determine perfect cell formation and the growth of tissues. For supplying the waste resulting from mental and muscular exertion there can be no substitute for Phosphates while the system remains chemically sound. Strychnine, on the other hand, the effects of strychnine to the action of hypophosphites has led to false deductions and errors in practice, and greatly misled the public as to their true merits.

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G. B. McCullough's
NEW
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A LARGE SUPPLY OF
"Handy Package Dyes"
In all shades, comprising
Scarlet, Bismarck, Salmon, Rose, Slate, Blue Magenta, Brown, Fonceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green, etc.

Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods equally. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

ALSO, THE
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Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin.
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CANADIAN WOOLENS
Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

FRENCH COATINGS
A speciality this season.
A magnificent display
Of Gents' Furnishing Goods;
Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices.

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BURR & SKINNER
Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses
At the Factory, Oxford st.,
ALL KINDS OF
FURNITURE
Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c.

Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices, and respectfully inform them that they also, all kinds of ordered work, Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice.
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Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874.

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Two doors above the Wellington Hotel.
W. J. LITTLE
While thanking the public generally for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, would respectfully inform them that he is still prepared to supply them with all kinds of
Biscuits, Pastry, Bride's Cakes,
and Confectionery of every description.
Bread, plain and fancy, always on hand and delivered.
W. J. LITTLE, dw
Guelph, Oct. 17, 1873

NEW GOODS,
FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS
BERLIN WOOLS
And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to.
MRS. WRIGHT,
Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel,
Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1873. dw

HART & SPIERS,
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph.
In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. J. S. Spiers in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.
All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, etc., etc. ready and correctly prepared.
Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.
Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England.
HART & SPIERS,
4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.

ANCHOR LINE.
Steamers from New York every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
Passenger Accommodation Unsurpassed.
Rates of passage from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo.
To Glasgow, Liverpool or Londonderry, Queenstown or Belfast.
Cabin \$65, \$75 and \$90 gold, according to location; Intermediate \$30; Steerage \$34. Drafts issued at lowest rates.
For passage or further information apply to Henderson Brothers, 7 Bowling Green, New York, or the Agent,
J. BRYCE, Express Agent, Guelph.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
Trains leave Guelph as follows:
WEST.
2:17 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:35 p.m.
To London, Guelph and Detroit.
EAST.
3:05 a.m.; 6:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:35 p.m.
GREAT WESTERN-GUELPH BRANCH.
Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 8:3 p.m.
Going north—11:35 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Ferris; 9:30 p.m. for Ferris.

LESLIE'S
GIFT ENTERPRISE
The only reliable Gift Distribution in the country.
\$1,000,000.00
In Valuable Gifts!
to be distributed in
L. D. SINE'S
3rd Semi-Annual
GIFT ENTERPRISE
To be drawn MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 1874.

ONE GRAND CAPITAL PRIZE
\$10,000 IN GOLD
One Prize, \$5,000 in Silver
Five prizes \$1,000 each in Greenbacks
Five prizes \$500 each in Greenbacks
Ten prizes, \$100 each in Greenbacks
Two Family Carriages and Matched Horses with Silver-mounted Harness, worth \$1,500 each.
Two Buggies, Horses, etc., worth \$600 each.
Two fine toned Rosewood Pianos, worth \$500 each.
Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$100 each.
1500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all worth from \$20 to \$300 each).
Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, &c., &c.
Number of gifts 10,000. Tickets limited to 50,000.
AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid.
Single tickets, \$2; six tickets, \$10 twelve tickets, \$20; twenty-five, \$40.
Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to
MAIL OFFICE, L. D. SINE, box 85,
101 W. Fifth-st. Cincinnati, O.

ALLAN
Steamship Line
GUELPH AGENCY
Prepaid passage certificates issued.
Basis and outward tickets secured at best rates.
G. A. OXNARD,
G. T. R. Agent.

MAN LINE
STEAMERS
New York and Liverpool
Consisting of sixteen of the Best Equipped and fastest steamships in the world, sailing from New York every Thursday and Saturday.
Rates of passage as low as any first-class Line.
Tickets for Liverpool, Londonderry, Cork and Glasgow, and prepaid Certificates good for 3 months to be had of Agents. Issued by H. D. MOHEOUSE, Exchange Office.

ALSO, Agent for the
Michigan Central and Erie Railroad
Passengers booked to all points in the United States.
MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.
THOS. WORSWICK,
MANUFACTURER OF
MACHINISTS' TOOLS
Complete, with best modern attachments.
STEAM ENGINES
Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and Stationary Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.
Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention.
THOS. WORSWICK,
Guelph, Ont.
Dec. 17, 1873. dw

GREAT CHEAP SALE
At I. & J. Andrews'
FANCY STORE,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS
Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of
FANCY GOODS.
BERLIN WOOLS IN ALL SHADES
All of which will be sold at and below cost. Orders received for Hair Jewelry.
I. & J. ANDREWS, dw
Guelph, Jan. 19th, 1874.

DOMINION SALOON
AND
RES TAURANT.
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.
GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dw

FOR SALE
SHORT-HORN BULLS,
and Heifers.
The subscriber offers for sale two yearling Bulls, colored red, good size, good symmetry; also two 2 year old heifers, red and white. All good registered pedigree.
JOSEPH PARKINSON,
Elmhurst Farm, Elmossa Road, 4 1/2 miles from Guelph.

FRESH FISH
RECEIVED DAILY PER EXPRESS.
Fresh Cod, Fresh Haddock, Fresh Flounders,
"Lobsters," "Herrings," "Salmon Trout,"
"Speckled Trout," Fresh Oysters, cans full.

HUGH WALKER,
Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874.

The Oldest Hardware Business in the County
J. M. BOND & CO.,
DIRECT HARDWARE IMPORTERS,
OFFER FOR SALE
CATTLE CHAINS of over fifty different kinds, and made specially to our order.
GRAIN SHOVELS—Polished steel and iron.
HALF BUSHEL MEASURES—Stamped and warranted correct.
TUBULAR LANTERNS—To burn coal oil. The best lantern made; cannot be put out by the strongest wind, and burns bright and clear.
WARRANTED PLATFORM SCALES—Weighing beams, steel yards. Every farmer needs a scale to weigh his produce. A good one will save twice its cost in 1 year.
CHOPPING AXES—Made to order from several makers, and over thirty-five different kinds.
CROSS CUT SAWS, with teeth of various shapes. Butting Saws for cutting hardwood. We have saws of all kinds from approved makers. Sausage Meat Cutters and stuffers.
With every article usually kept in a first-class Hardware Store.

JOHN M. BOND & Co., Guelph, Ont.
JACKSON & HALLETT,
IMPORTERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.
New Fruits, Teas, Coffees
Etc., Crop 1873, comprising
New Table Raisins,
New Valencia Raisins,
New Currants,
New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc.

TEAS, TEAS.
Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb.
Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb.
Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb.
Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb.
Choice Fresh Black Teas at 50 cents per lb.
Finest Fresh Black Teas at 75 cents per lb.
Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb.
Reduction to parties taking a box.
Also, our own importations of genuine Brandy, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT,
Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.
FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS
JAMES MASSIE,
Manufacturer of
CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,
Alma Block, Guelph,
Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the Province.
OZENGES, oil flavors;
DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;
GUM and LICORICE DROPS,
CONVERSATION LOZENGES,
MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,
FRUIT BISCUITS,
GINGER NUTS,
CHEWING GUM,
ROCK CANDY,
LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.
His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Exhibition, the only place where they were entered in competition.
All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

At the Noted Tea Store,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.
12lbs. Good Bright Sugar for \$1.
8lbs. Broken Loaf " " 1.
8lbs. Ground White " " 1.
Good Black Tea, - 50 cents per lb
Extra Choice Congou, 75 " "
Imperial Hyson Tea, 50c per lb, best value in Canada.
Good Mixed Tea, 50 cents per lb., extra strong.
Choice Gunpowder Tea, 75c " "
Extra Choice Young Hyson, 75c per lb, "
Best Golden Syrup, 60c per gallon.
6 bars Walker's Best Soap for \$1.
Judd's celebrated Soap, 12c per bar.
New Salt at \$1.20 per lb.

All Goods warranted to please, or the money refunded. Remember the Noted Tea Store: 2 Day's Block, Guelph.
J. E. McElderry.
Just Received, a large lot of New Clover and Timothy Seed.

THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser
The Evening Mercury and Advertiser is published every afternoon. Terms \$4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in town, by the week, 10 cents.
Rates of advertising:—First insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion, 2 cents. Situations vacant, situations wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Castle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., inserted at special rates. Notices of Births, Deaths and Weddings charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional.
Paragraph advertisements, special notices, etc., charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; but not more than 10 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.
The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND RATES FOR THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms:—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00.
RATES OF ADVERTISING:—For transient advertisements 8 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Terms of Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Castle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, sold nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged for any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement is 40.
Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as local inserts after the reading matter, but not more than 10 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.
Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. For tract advertisements charged other than once a month charged extra.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. it renewed are subject to our revised rates.

Rich Farming Lands
For sale VERY CHEAP by the
Union Pacific Railroad Company
The Best Investment! No Fluctuations!
Always Improving in Value!
The wealth of the Country is made by the advance in Real Estate.
NOW IS THE TIME
MILLIONS OF ACRES
Of the finest lands on the Continent, in Eastern Nebraska, now for sale. Many of them have been in market, at prices that defy competition.
Five and Ten years credit given, with interest at 6 per cent.
The Land Grant Bonds of the Company taken at par for lands. For particulars given, new Guide with new Maps mailed free.
THE PIONEER
A handsome illustrated paper, containing the Homestead Law, sent free to all parts of the world. Address
O. F. DAVIS,
ml4-dwsm Land Commissioner U. P. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

ROBERT MITCHELL,
LAND, LOAN,
Insurance and General Agent
Conveyancer, Commissioner in Queen's Bench, &c., Issuer of Marriage Licenses,
Arthur, Ontario.
Lands for Sale:
VILLAGE OF ARTHUR
TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR
2nd and 3rd divisions of lot No. 26, on the west side of the Owen Sound road, containing the Gore in the rear. 148 acres, 100 of which is under a high state of cultivation and laid out into regular lots. Can be sold in two farms if desired.
South half of lot No. 1, in 8th con., 100 acres, 15 of which is under cultivation. A good dwelling house and frame barn, about 2 1/2 miles from Arthur Railway station, on town line between Arthur and Luther.
UNIMPROVED LANDS.
North half of 27, in 5th con., 150 acres.
3, in 9th con., 200 acres.
and 15, in 11 con., 400 acres.
12th con., 300 acres.
Nor half of lot 32, in 12th con., 160 acres.
Lots 20 and 21, in 7th con., 400 acres.
South half of 28, in 8th con., 50 acres.
2, 4, in 8th con., 300 acres. This is a fine lot land. There is a new frame dwelling house and a log stable on the lot. It is distant about two and a half miles from Simpson's saw mill, on the town line between Arthur and Luther. It will be sold on very reasonable terms.
TOWNSHIP OF GARATHA.
Lot No. 31, in the 4th con., 200 acres, unimproved.
TOWNSHIP OF PEEL.
Lot 17, con. A, Peel, 32 acres, about 40 cleared and under cultivation, log dwelling house, log and frame barns and sheds. Also, west half of 25, in 1st con., 180 acres, about 80 acres, 25, or thereabouts, under cultivation.
Northwest part of lot No. 15, in 11th con., 50 acres, 88 or thereabouts under cultivation. Good dwelling house, spring creek runs through the land, which is of excellent quality.
The above lands will be sold on very reasonable terms: only part of the purchase money required down, the balance to suit purchasers.
ROBERT MITCHELL,
Arthur, 12th Dec. 1873.

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY
FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE.
The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the undermentioned property, viz:
First—A valuable improved farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentick, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres of which about 150 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also a Frame Barn 60x30, with 12 or 14 feet posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.
Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentick, West of the Garthra Road, 100 acres, about 150 acres cleared, with a Frame House on it. The Rocky Ranges River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery.
Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, one mile from Bentick Station, in the Township of Ardenia. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new log House.
The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indispensible titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown.
Possession given 1st April.
For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor.
JOHN KAY,
Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street Guelph.
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. 12w-dwsm

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.
For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new, cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office.