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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their contracts are in force by 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day.

Evening Mercury.

WEDNESDAY EVENG. MAY 27, 1868. A NEW PAPER.—We learn from the Flora Observer that Dr. Tuck of Drayton has gone for a visit to England.

PROGRESS IN THE TOWN.—Hesperia is showing its enterprise the present season, several new dwellings and other buildings being in course of erection.

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE. The annual meeting of the Guelph District was held in Flora on the 26th and 27th inst. Rev. C. Lavelle, Chairman of the District, presiding.

WESLEYAN METHODIST MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Guelph District was held in Flora on the 26th and 27th inst.

GRANT'S FIRST SPEECH.—A number of Republicans waited on Gen. Grant on Friday night last, and complimented him on his nomination for President.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate WEDNESDAY, 27th.—William Hoover was brought before the Magistrate this morning.

CHIEF TAJIN and SUN TAJIN, two Chinese mandarins, rejoicing in the possession of any number of titles, have arrived in New York on a mission from the Brother of the Sun and Moon to Andrew Johnson, President of the United States.

Crop Prospects.

It is many years since the crops in this Province gave such early promise of an abundant harvest as they do at present.

We will not quote the opinion of the "oldest inhabitant," for we have not come within hailing distance of the venerable individual, but so far back as our own recollection extends [and that is enough for purposes of comparison] we do not remember to have seen the crops so far advanced, and looking so fresh and vigorous, or to have heard so many expressions of gratification, unmingled with a single word of complaint, at the harvest prospects.

The fall wheat, which covers a vast breadth of land throughout the country, has passed most successfully through a very trying stage, and it has stood the winter frosts and the keen cutting winds of early spring, come out unharmed, and shot into strong and even rank vegetation.

Mr. George Hoagh gave notice of a motion to change rules 11 and 12 to the regulations of the Rifle Association, in accordance with the rules of the Association as Secretary.

Mr. D. McCrae also gave notice of a motion to amend the rules by striking out the part relating to the practice at 100 yds.

Mr. McKenzie moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, that Mr. Newton be obliged to the mover and seconder, but he hoped they would withdraw the motion.

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GUELPH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association took place last night in the Town Hall.

There was but a small attendance; Geo. Elliott, Esq., was called to the chair.

After a few introductory remarks respecting the prosperous state of the Association, Mr. Newton, Secretary, read the financial statement for the year.

The amount received for members' subscriptions, sale of ammunition, amounts received from different individuals for purses, &c., is \$199 20c.

The amount expended for entries at various times at \$139.00—making the total receipts \$338.20.

The amount expended in rent of range, fixing ground, putting up targets, &c., putting ammunition, amounts paid in purses, and other expenses, foot up to \$209.08, leaving a balance on hand of \$90.12.

The following officers were then elected: President, Judge Macdonald; Vice President, Geo. Elliott; Secretary, J. Treasurer, E. Newton; Managing Committee, Dr. Howitt, Peter Gow, Col. Higginbotham, James Hamilton, D. McCrae, Alex. McKenzie.

Mr. Outhbert gave notice of a motion to amend the By-laws so that all retiring Presidents be ex officio members of the Managing Committee.

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LATEST FROM OTTAWA.

The rumor is again current that there is to be a settlement of the Intercolonial Railway route shortly.

The Hon. Wm. Cayley, it is reported, is to be appointed Collector of the Port of Toronto.

Considerable activity has prevailed in the Inland Revenue Department, in consequence of the recent descent by Messrs. Roman and Davis upon the western breweries, distilleries and tobacco manufactories.

It is reported that Buckley is to be admitted to bail by direction of Sir John A. Macdonald.

The Orange party in Ottawa are loud in their denunciations of him, and accuse him of cowardice.

The "artful dodger" is evidently in a fix trying to preserve harmony between the Orange and Green.

A private of the Rifle Brigade on guard at the gaol on Tuesday, was observed making signals to Whelan, and in consequence put under arrest.

The turkey of the gaol has been dismissed by the Sheriff, although an Orangeman, in consequence of his not exhibiting proper vigilance.

Lacroix, the witness for the Crown against Whelan, was taken ill on Tuesday at the gaol, where he is detained for safety.

On Monday night, at a dance in a hotel in the lower town, Turner, who gave evidence against Whelan, was present.

A party asked him to come outside. Turner hesitated, when a person said he wished to warn him against certain persons in the room.

Turner then went out. When the door was shut, the man said: "You are the d—d witness who informed against Whelan," and aimed a blow at Turner, which he parried, and was about to draw a pistol, when two confederates rushed from behind the fence, and caught Turner's arm, throwing him on the ground, and commenced kicking him about the head and face.

Patrick Looney and Robert Hilliard were arrested as two of the party; they were brought before the Police Magistrate next morning, remanded and gave bail.

Magdala before the Battle.

The Abyssinian correspondent of the New York Herald, writing on the 4th of April, from the banks of the river Bashila, ten miles from Magdala, says—

"On the top of the plain directly at the mouth of the pass leading into the Jeddah his camp had been situated. The wicker tent, made just as the Pawnee Indians make theirs, still stood as when their owners occupied them, the remnants of the straw bundles, on which the Abyssinian army fed their animals, were scattered near each rough wigwam, the ashes of their fires still remained to show us where the African soldier cooked his humble meal, and a large circular space, cleared of rock and rubbish, marked the site of the Imperial tent.

From the appearance and size of the camping place, which stretched over an area of twenty square miles, we judged that the royal army must have numbered over 10,000 men. It was quite an interesting sight, and imagination was busy conjuring up hosts of scenes and incidents in connection with the Abyssinian camp.

We might have been able to point out the place where deserters were executed by crucifixion, or where the thief was pegged to the ground, or where the murderer suffered the extreme penalty of decapitation. Frequent mounds of stones testified that death had taken place in the camp, and the oblong slabs of stone with the Amharic hieroglyphics recorded the manner of death.

Truth compels your correspondent to state that he is truly sorry for Theodoros. What I have heard of him from a captain or commander of his army stamps him as a genius. Two solid walls of rock, ranging from one to seventy-five feet in height, flank a precipitous road thirty feet wide, the commencement of the long descent down to the bed of the Jeddah. This road had been blessed by the engineers of Theodoros' army, through solid shell rock, which formed the summit of the Wadda plateau.

The road, still of the same width, continued to wind along in a zigzag manner for the distance of three miles, until we arrived at the dry bed of the Jeddah, which was 400 yards in width; it then wound up along the spine of a sloping hill, whose summit formed a kind of terrace half way to the summit of the plain of Talata. From the terrace, which was about half a mile wide, the road, bordering on each side by the rocks scraped from it, ascended very abruptly nearly at an incline of one or two feet, forming sharp angles, until it reached the top of the plain.

On the southern side of the Jeddah, from its bed to the very summit of Talata, was five miles. Had not Theodoros prepared the way for the English army by this magnificent piece of engineering it must have been delayed here for three or four weeks until a path could have been made. As it was, fourteen hours were occupied in crossing from side to side by one brigade numbering 3,000 men.

Even Theodoros did not cross the Jeddah ravine without some loss for the skeletons of 125 donkeys were found on this remarkable road, and our Abyssinian guides, some of whom were present, say that the Negro used to ride a swift white mule backward and forward, some times lending a hand to haul up his cannon, and then labouring with might and main laggards who shirked duty. Here is a subject on which artists may expand their genius, painting Theodoros on his mule, surrounded by thousands of his soldiers, constructing the road across the Jeddah ravine. Napoleon crossing the Alps has been a favorable subject for an ambitious painter, but we think this work of Theodoros would be a more striking one, after having witnessed the difficulties by which he was surrounded. An English army in his rear, Menekel, King of Shoa in his front, Wuyshun Gobayze hovering on his left flank, with Wodo Gallas and Auzbo Gallas on his right.

THE RIFLE MATCH.—In speaking of the match for the Ladies' Cup on Monday, we should have mentioned that last year it was shot for at three rounds, while this year competitors fired five rounds.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, May 26.—Michael Barrett, the Fenian, who was convicted of causing the Clerkenwell explosion, was executed this morning.

Vienna, May 26.—Telegrams have been received here giving the particulars of formidable revolt which has just broken out in the Province of Bosnia in Turkey.

London, May 26.—The Commission appointed by resolution of Parliament to investigate and report on the condition of the laws of England bearing on the subject of naturalization, and the rights of expatriated subjects, has been formed and is composed of the following members:—Lord Clarendon, President; Chas. Abbott, Secretary, and Messrs. Karshak Philmore, Forster, and Harcourt.

Paris, May 26.—Marshal Niel in an official report declares the Chassepot Rifle to be the best firearm known. He also states that these guns are now being manufactured in the Government arsenal at the rate of 1,600 a day, and that all the infantry of the French army are now supplied with this rifle.

Berlin, May 26.—Prussia has taken the initiative in the proposed general disarmament. By command of King William a reduction is to be forthwith made in the Landwehr of the kingdom.

London, May 26.—The Epsom summer Race Meeting commenced to-day with numerous attendance and excellent running. The first race was the Woodcock stakes of 10 sovereigns each, with 2 sovereigns added for two-year olds; won by Mr. Morris' "Belladrum."

American Despatches

Cincinnati, May 26.—First race of three years old won by Richelle two mile heats time 3:38.

Cincinnati, May 26th.—The excitement over the McCool and Coburn fight increases. Bets were offered for 1 on McCool. Abe Hieken, champion of light weights of England and Jim Donovan of Chicago, will fight on the same line. The battle commences to-day near Cold Spring Station, Indiana, on the line of the O. and N. Railway, about 45 miles from Cincinnati.

Washington, May 26th.—A great many members of Congress called on Mr. Stanton and urged him to hold to the War Office. He said he could not do so. He will not go to the War Office again except as a private citizen.

New York, May 27th.—The Herald special in reference to the siege of Tientsin by Chinese rebels, says the leader threatened to assault the town and attempt to carry it by storm. This places the Imperial capital, Peking, from which Tientsin is 70 miles distant, at the mercy of his followers by giving them the control of the point of confluence of the Zou and Pei or Peiho Rivers. The rebel force move from their position to the agricultural districts, and had threatened the villages lying around Tientsin. The city is defended by a garrison of 20,000 men. Three steamboats were laid in the river. Tientsin, charged with the duty of protecting foreigners and foreign interests, is in duty will be performed in a vigorous manner, as in Tientsin is situated the famous treaty with the Chinese government, which accorded to the foreign ministers a right of residence in Peking, besides many commercial advantages, none of which the governments of Europe and the U. S. permit to be impaired by rebellion or native dissension. The insurgents for the most part carry their wives and children with them, and reported as numbering 120,000 souls.

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FERGUS FIRE BRIGADE.—We learn that this Fire Company, which is now in excellent condition, is expecting that for all the members will arrive in a few days from Scotland, and that they soon be in possession of a Bell crane West Troy, U. S. These are all equipments that are wanting at present.

READERS AND MOWERS.—Fair visiting town next Fair day will do well to look in at Sharpe's Seedstore and their assortment of agricultural implements; they keep nothing but what stood the test of practical experience.

The Wool Machine, manufactured by Massey of Newcastle, David Striton, M.P., writes as follows—Guelph, April 11th, 1868.—H. A. Massey, Esq.: I am glad to inform you that the Mower Reaper which I purchased from you last summer has given entire satisfaction and after a lengthened experience in use of such machines, I have no hesitation in giving it a decided preference.—D. STRITON, M.P.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—J. I., the members you sent us last time as answers to the military problem you proposed, are correct, but they were received in our hours too late for publication in our week's issue. Correct solutions to second problem have been received from H. McKay, Jerseyville, "A Tyro," No. 1, Guelph township (taught by Carroll), and Thos. Gregory, Rockwood.

A SAD CASE.—Alfred Perry, of Guelph, received a telegram from his brother-in-law, who had been found dead on one of the Islands in Lake Superior. He had left behind there to attend to a house in the beginning of winter, and a small supply of provisions, and a marder was unable to return on the winter setting in with snow and ice, and leaves a wife and children.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE.—The Queen's Birthday Committee will meet in the Town Hall this evening at 7:30 to settle up the business.

MR. BUCHANAN, late President of the United States, continues to remain in a very precarious state, and it is feared

DEMOCRATIC KINDNESS.

The New York World is well known to be one of the most sensational journals in a country where sensation is an indispensable ingredient in the aliment of the people, and it is moreover notoriously unscrupulous. It openly proclaims its own shame and revels publicly in the wickedness of the ideas which originate with it. While the impeachment proceedings were being drawn to a close, and while no person could forecast how the vote might incline, it proposed that acquittal should be made a certainty by the infamous means of a Democratic subscription of some three millions of dollars in order to win certain Senators to the side of the President. Such a bare-faced proposal of bribery is probably without parallel in the history of journalism. We need not be surprised that a paper which would foster and feed corruption in the Senate of its own country, when one of the most important questions that ever demanded its attention was before them, should aid and abet the most atrocious villainy in hopes of the same reward—a party victory.

In another column it will be seen how this disgrace to all that is useful and decent and moral in journalism, has taken the cause of Fenianism in its arms, and is dandling "General" O'Neil upon its knee. It gives, with what is meant to be a terrifying minuteness of detail, the plan of the Fenian campaign which is to be inaugurated immediately; for all of which Canadians should be much more thankful to it than O'Neil, for to be forewarned is to be forearmed, whereas this making known of his designs to the enemy may impose upon the "General" the necessity of drawing up a new programme. It is almost unnecessary to call attention to the contradictory statements made in this rabidly anti-British article. In one place it is admitted that there are dissensions among the brotherhood, and that nothing short of the blood of a British soldier can unite them (probably as drinking the blood of a murdered slave bound the confederates of Catiline to plunder and murder without remorse) while it is asserted in another place that thousands of circles are the "General's" most obedient slaves, ready to obey his instructions implicitly and follow him to victory or death. We really have no more land than we want, yet if the Fenians will have graves beneath Canadian sod we shall probably be obliged to gratify their caprice.

The assertion that "Canada is honey-combed with treason, and thousands of Fenians are living and plotting beneath the British flag" is so very antagonistic to the established belief in the loyalty of the vast body of the people, and the disloyalty of a mere handful that we can scarcely accept it as true on such doubtful authority. That there are disaffected people among us is unfortunately too true, but when the writer in the World looked at them it was through a multiplying glass, and he saw "thousands" where an impartial and unperverted vision could not have discovered tens. United States papers may have grounds for announcing another Fenian invasion, and we may have grounds for apprehending it. A more fitting year could not have been selected by a ruffian horde in which to make depredations on their neighbors since the Republic had a history. The whole country is one vast political cauldron, seething and bubbling, and each party vies with the other in adding fuel to the flame that keeps it boiling. Fenians have votes in the States as well as other people, and for a number of years past in all sorts of elections there have been very high bids to obtain them, but it must be conceded that the World has always been generous, and generally, as the agent of its party, outbitten all rivals. The article referred to will show that its old spirit remains entire, and whatever there may be in the movements of the Fenians to give color to the report it has published of their intended deeds, there is much more in its desire to curry favor with them and secure their assistance in the fall.

STANTON RESIGNED.—Mr Stanton, United States Secretary of War, has sent in his resignation. In his letter to the President he says:—"The resolution of the Senate of the United States, of the 21st February last, deploring that the President has no power to remove the Secretary of War and designate another officer to perform the duties of that office *ad interim*, having this day failed to be supported by two-thirds of the Senate present, and voting on the articles of impeachment preferred against you by the House of Representatives, I have relinquished charge of the War Department, and have left the same, and the books, archives, papers and property in my custody as Secretary of War, in care of Brevet Major General, the senior assistant Adjutant-General, subject to your direc-

From the New York World.
Since the memorable day of the 2nd of June, 1866, the Fenians have been more careful, and less given to the game of brag. Fenian officials and brigadier generals will not give information now-a-days if they can help it, taught by the bitter experience of the past. But withal there is another invasion coming again—more to be dreaded—for its perfect organization, discipline, and the skill with which it is to be managed—by the Canadian Government.

British power is to be attacked everywhere north of the boundary line, and simultaneously, with a force large enough in the opinion of the Fenian officials, to complete the work left unfinished in June of 1866. For some time past General O'Neil, the president of the brotherhood, has been traversing the country, and in each State which he has visited, conventions of all the circles have been called for the purpose of listening to his plans and receiving his instructions for the coming campaign. These instructions are secret, concise, and to the point. The circles will obey him to a man. Over one thousand circles pay allegiance to O'Neil in the United States. *Canada itself is honey-combed with treason, and thousands of Fenians are living and plotting in the shadow of the British flag.* Besides large sections of the French population have imbibed doctrines of the *rouge* or extreme stripe. For twelve months past, right in the face of the United States authorities, thousands of serviceable uniforms have been received at the Fenian headquarters in Fourth Street, and being first assorted there, have been boxed up and sent by express to the innumerable circles of the brotherhood. Many of these boxes have actually been sent to Canada, and the uniforms distributed there. It cannot be denied by the most staunch Fenian, that quarrels have and do exist among their ranks, but the first English soldier that is killed by a Fenian bullet will leave the entire and powerful body of Fenians into one solid column against English misgovernment. There be Fenians who would like to strike at England's power in Australia, others who prefer to land in Ireland and the third and most powerful organization who desire to invade Canada and British Columbia; but taken altogether they mean the same thing, and will act together when the time comes, so bitter and lasting is the hatred of English rule and misgovernment. Therefore we are to witness another invasion, and shortly, of the Canadian provinces, by the Fenian Brotherhood. This may be laughed at, but it will come, and that before the end of July. Something may happen to interfere with these plans, yet will the invasion take place early this summer. England, it is believed, cannot send enough troops to resist the combined attack of 30,000 well armed and uniformed troops, the lowest number calculated on by Gen. O'Neil as capable of capturing the principal cities of Canada.

Montreal will be attacked by fifteen thousand veteran soldiers, who have fought in our civil war on both sides; and Montreal will not be hard to take, owing to its unprotected state. There are about eleven thousand regular troops in the Dominion at present, and it will be impossible to put more than seven thousand of these in the field for concentration. The British officers who command these troops are experienced gentlemen, and for the pride of their race will fight hard; but the Fenians believe that they are so tied down by red tape that it will be impossible for them to do anything out of the routine manner. The Fenians assert that a thousand miles of frontier cannot be guarded by eight or ten thousand regular troops, and that militia cannot be depended upon to stand an arduous campaign such as the Fenians intend to make. The organization and equipment of the Fenians this time will be fully as good as that of their adversaries, with the exception of the pipeclaying business, in which all the world is excelled by the British soldier. A second column of five thousand men will penetrate Welland, Lincoln and Wentworth counties in Canada West from Buffalo and Niagara, to operate against Hamilton and Toronto, while three thousand men will cross from Detroit, land at Sandwich and advancing along the line of the Chatham, Woodstock, and Hamilton road, will cut the rails, destroy the telegraphs, and gather subsistence for the third body of ten thousand men which will meet them at an intermediate point to be selected hereafter. If thirty-three thousand men are not enough, one hundred and three thousand men can be levied from the ranks of the Brotherhood to deal with Englishmen as Englishmen have dealt with such brave fellows as Allen, Gould and Larkin. General O'Neil has three qualities which are necessary for a successful soldier. First of all, he knows how to obey. Secondly, he keeps his own counsel. Thirdly, he is a devoted Fenian fanatic of the stripe of Cromwell and Stonewall Jackson. And, better than all, he is capable of selecting his subordinates. The troops are to be armed with the revolving rifle, of a new and deadly pattern. The uniform is as follows: Heavy green cloth jacket, with yellow trimmings; light blue pants (U. S. infantry pattern), overcoat, United States regulation, and dark blue kepi cap. Each uniform costs seven dollars to the hostile Fenian who may purchase it. The artillery is now on the border ready for use. The force to operate against Canada is thirty-six regiments of infantry, four of cavalry, and eight batteries of artillery. In a few days we shall be able to give more startling revelations of this gigantic movement, which has been organized so secretly and noiselessly for the last 12 months in our midst, without a whisper or indication of its ultimate purport.

BIRTHS.

M'FARLANE—On the 21st inst., the wife of Mr D. M'Farlane, teacher, Morrison, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MUNSON—BISHOP—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 26th inst., by the Rev. H. B. Cooper, Mr J. S. Munson to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of John Bishop, Esq., all of Gardnara.

DIED.

THACKER—In Pilkington, on the 19th of May, after a long and painful illness, borne with great patience, John Thacker, aged 66 years and 4 months. Deceased was born at Windsor, England, and came to this country in 1832.

MCCLEARY—At Stratford, on Sunday, the 17th inst., the beloved wife of Mr. William McCleary, late of Kirkcubright, Perthshire, Scotland, aged 62 years.

MITCHELL—In Gardnara on the 14th inst. Wm Mitchell, aged 73 years, deeply and justly regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was the son of the late Rev. Dr. Mitchell, who was for a number of years pastor of the Parish of Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

HOLMES—In Erin on the 26th inst. Mrs. Holmes aged 43 years.

ANDERSON—At Maryborough, on the 13th inst., a young P. Anderson, aged 67 years.

TO BRICKLAYERS.

TWO Bricklayers wanted immediately. Apply to WILLIAM DAY, Builder, dw-4f Guelph, 27th May.

WANTED.

WANTED at the L. X. L. Carriage Works, a hand in the Wood Shop who understands his business; also, one would be taken under instructions who has worked at the trade three or four years. J. B. ARMSTRONG, dw Guelph, 27th May.

PLASTER.

THE subscriber has now on hand, and will have for sale during the whole year a large supply of White and Grey Plaster for sale at his Warehouse on Gordon-st., near the railroad crossing. GEORGE BALKWILL, dw Guelph, 27th May, 1867.

MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE.
THE Wellington County Council will meet in the Court House, Guelph,
On Tuesday, 2nd June, 1868
at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment from 1st February last.
A. D. FERRIER,
Guelph, May 27th, County Clerk, Wellington.

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May 20. dw if

BALSAM

A most speedy, safe and effectual preparation for the cure of
**Coughs, Colds,
Bronchitis, &c.**
PRICE, - - 25c. per Bottle.
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BARAINS

**CHEAP BOOKS
AND
CHEAP STATIONERY.**

HAVING purchased the Stock of M. Showan, the subscriber is prepared to sell it off at once at the cheapest possible rates to make room for a new and large assortment of Family and Pocket Bibles, Congregational and Wesleyan Hymns, Pew Bibles, Pocket Testaments, Albums, Stationery, &c. that are on their way to his store. My arrangements with publishers and manufacturing establishments enable me to supply all kinds of Books, Newspapers and periodicals on the most reasonable terms.
Law Forms of every kind always on hand, and got up to order at the shortest notice.
Fancy Goods, Window Shades, and a large lot of Paper Hangings on hand.

GUELPH BOOKBINDERY!

In the Binding department I would invite the attention of intending purchasers to the specimens on hand, or that which has been executed for many of the Registry Office and Division Courts.
A large assortment of School Books just arrived.
Picture Framing done on the premises promptly and in the neatest style.
W. J. MCCURRY.
Guelph, 26th May, 1868. dw

AMPHION;

A COLLECTION OF
**Four, Five & Six-Part Songs
For Male Voices.**
WORDS chiefly by H. A. CLARKE. Music collected and arranged by J. E. GOULD, Editor of "The Opera Chorus Book," "Sacred Chorus Book," &c. Complete in Five Books—Piano Score and separate vocal parts.
PRICES: Complete, \$5. Set of Vocal Parts, \$4. Separate Vocal Parts, each, 81.25. Piano Score, \$2. Mailed post-paid.
OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, 227 Washington Street, Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York
May 22, 1868. dw if

12 Years Old!

If you want a fine old CIGAR in splendid condition, why call
AT LEWIS' OLD STAND
Where JACKSON & HALLETT are offering
10,000 Habanus at \$2.00 per box.
20,000 do at \$4.00 per box
15,000 Manila Cigars, \$4 per 100.
Prince of Wales at fifty cents per box, and other brands at low figures.

ALES AND PORTER

500 doz. Canadian Ale in splendid condition, superior to Dow's, at \$1.50 per dozen.
100 doz. Porter at \$2.50 per dozen.
Bottles allowed for when returned. 50 cents per dozen
JACKSON & HALLETT.
No. 7, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 21st May, 1868. dw

ATTENTION

DIRECTED.

STEWART
I am now showing a choice assortment of Black Lace Shawls from \$4 to \$30.

STEWART

CALLS for special attention to Silk, Tissue, and Fancy Jackets and Mantles.

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Mr. STEWART has ever had in his power to offer to the public his stock of Goods suited for the present season. It embraces the greatest attractions in

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**Particular Notice
TO THE LADIES.**

**GRAND DISPLAY OF
MILLINERY**

This Saturday Evening at

A. O. BUCHAM.

Guelph, May 23, 1868.

PINE

APPLES!

AT H. BERRY'S.

Guelph, May 22, 1868. dw if

CHEAPEST HOUSE!

The Cheapest House in Guelph

IS THE

BRADFORD HOUSE

**All Wool Damasks,
Union Damasks,
White Linen Damasks,
Brown Linen Damasks,
White Cottons,
Grey Cottons,
Shirtings,
Towelings.**

**All the above Goods being at Early
Spring Prices.**

Housekeepers ought to call early and get some of the Bargains going at the Bradford House.

PHILIP BISH,

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, May 18, 1868. dw if

Brass Window Cornices

We have received direct from Germany the LARGEST, CHEAPEST and BEST assortment of Brass Window Cornices ever brought to Guelph. We have

Over Thirty Choice Patterns,

At various Prices. Please call and see.

JOHN M. BOND & CO

Hardware Importers, Guelph.

Guelph, 11th May, 1868. dw

POTATOES!

THE undersigned offers for sale a superior lot of Potatoes of all kinds, to suit the trade, at his Warehouse, No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block.
D. MOULTON.
P. S.—Purchasers leaving orders can have their produce delivered at their residence
Guelph, May 11th, 1868. dw

Second Hand Clothes

MARTIN GILL,
Upper Wyndham Street, nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel.
Guelph, 14th May, 1868. dw-3m

PIANO FOR SALE.

FOR sale cheap, a fine toned Piano. Apply early to
W. S. G. KNOWLES Auctioneer
Guelph, 20th May. dw

FOR SALE.

SODA ASH—"Gambles."
AUSTIC SODA—"Gambles," "Widnes," "Aikali Comp'ny," "Garrett's."
SAL. SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.
PALM OIL.
W. T. BENSON,
37 St. Peter Street, Montreal
Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-6m

BOARDERS.

PARTIES requiring board, with a large and pleasant bed-room, can be accommodated by applying at MISS CARD'S, "The Grove," Quebec Street, Guelph, 20th May. dw

CHEAP TOWN LOTS.

ABOUT Sixty Building Lots, in the Town of Guelph, belonging to the Blair Estate, will be sold for about \$50 each, to wind up the estate.
Apply to
EDWIN NEWTON.
Guelph, 20th May, 1868. dw

The last semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Company lately held in London, seems to have been rather a noisy one. A few of the shareholders manifested considerable dissatisfaction with the management in Canada, and as a matter of course the Managing Director or he came in for a share of their gratuitous and unwarranted abuse. Notwithstanding this, however, Mr. Brydges was re-elected. Mr. Brydges may have his faults, for who has not? but it cannot be alleged of him that he has ever neglected the interests of the company. On the contrary he has been steadily abused by certain leading journals in this country, for the zeal and anxiety which he has manifested in behalf of the company, although in England, strange to say, he is blamed by some of the shareholders for conduct exactly the reverse of this! It is a very easy matter to find fault; and those who at the meeting in question were most glibly in this respect certainly displayed a great deal of ignorance, both as regards the management of the road, as well as of the popular sentiment in this country. Some of them talked glibly about making another demand upon the Government of Canada for assistance; but if they are wise they will never commit such an egregious blunder.

There is no question that the G. T. R. was never so well managed as it is at present, and if Mr. Brydges could only have prevented the depreciation of American Currency, the failure of the commercial Bank, the bad harvests and other similar calamities which have strongly militated against the Company, and been able to declare a dividend, he would doubtless in the estimation of these very shareholders have been lauded to the skies for his superior management. But as he could not accomplish impossibilities they grumble and are dissatisfied. Notwithstanding, however, that Mr. Brydges was unjustly blamed by some of those present at the meeting in question yet he has the satisfaction of knowing that his management was ably defended by those best able to judge of its merits. As an independent journalist we have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Brydges is without exception the best manager that has ever held that position. He assumed its duties when the road was in a thoroughly dilapidated state, and although it is not yet all he could wish, still it must be admitted that it has every year very materially improved. It is gratifying to notice that the report, read at the meeting referred to, declared that during the last half year 105 miles of railway have been laid with new iron; that 382,234 new sleepers have been put in and that the large sum of \$46,984 has been spent for ballasting. Altogether the enormous sum of \$772,000 has been spent in repairing and improving the road in a single half year! It will be seen at a glance by these figures that Mr. Brydges has done all in his power to get the road in the most efficient order possible, both with the view of securing the confidence of the travelling public, and of being in a position to do a large freight business in the fall.

If it is asked why we so warmly support the G. T. R., our reply is, because we consider it is the duty of the press to support the road under its present management whenever it can honestly do so, for the worth of this Railway to Canada is inestimable. During the past, the credit of the company has been not a little damaged by the manner in which public journals, for one reason or another assailed it. Now when circumstances warrant their saying a good word in its favor it is surely both just and generous that they should not withhold their meed of praise when it can be fairly given.—*Berlin Telegraph.*

TO PREVENT ANIMALS JUMPING FENCES.—Various devices have been resorted to, in order to prevent such trespasses, and especially in regard to sheep, but none have succeeded, or only in a limited degree. Now, we have a new one, and if it is not cruel or painful, or will not greatly discommode the animal operated upon, and is a remedy, we can see no objection to employ it. It is to "clip off the eyelashes of the under lids, with a pair of scissors and the ability or disposition to jump is effectually destroyed as Sampson's was by the loss of his locks. The animal will not attempt a fence again until the eyelashes are grown." This fact has been promulgated by that distinguished breeder of cattle, Mr. Samuel Thorne, of Dutchess county, N. Y., who states that he tested it upon a very brachy pair of oxen with entire success. He considers a knowledge of the fact of great value to himself and hopes it will prove so to others.

The sum expended in the actual relief of the famine in Flanders and Wales during the year 1867 was £6,950,840, being at the rate of 6s. 6½d. per head on the estimated population.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
May 27, 1868.
The market during the past week affords but little ground for comment. The deliveries are very fair. There is no change whatever in fall wheat, peas or oats. Spring wheat has advanced a little, and the quotations are 2c higher to-day than they were a week ago. There is but little barley offered, and the demand seems to be not the most active. Wool is beginning to come in, and a good quality commands 24c per lb. in bills, or 25 in silver. We have not heard of any going higher.

Flour, @ 100 lbs	3 57	@ 4 00
Fall Wheat, @ bush	1 17	@ 1 75
Spring Wheat @ bush	1 46	@ 1 52
Oats @ bush	0 55	@ 0 56
Peas do	0 60	@ 0 65
Barley do	0 99	@ 1 00
Hay @ ton	10 08	@ 13 00
Straw	4 00	@ 5 00
Shingles, @ square	1 00	@ 1 50
Wood, @ cord	3 00	@ 3 50
Wool, @ dozen	0 22	@ 0 24
Eggs, @ dozen	0 10	@ 0 11
Butter, @ lb	0 13	@ 0 14
Geese, each	0 25	@ 0 30
Turkeys each	0 50	@ 0 58
Chickens, @ pair	0 20	@ 0 28
Ducks, do	0 20	@ 0 25
Potatoes	0 75	@ 0 80
Apples, @ barrel	2 00	@ 2 00
Lamb, @ lb	0 06	@ 0 07
Beef, @ lb	7 00	@ 8 00
Pork, @ 100 lbs	5 00	@ 5 50
Sheep Pelts, each	0 50	@ 0 75
Lambskins, each	0 40	@ 0 45
Hides	0 00	@ 0 00

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.'
Flour—Fancy, \$7 25 to \$7 45; Superior No. 1, \$6 90 to \$7 00; Welland Canal, \$6 90. Bag Flour, \$3 40 to \$3 50. Oats 46c to 47c. Barley \$1 10 to \$1 15. Butter—tallow 15c to 16c; store packed 12c to 13c. Ashes—Do 45 to \$4 50. Peas \$3 70 to \$5 75.
Flour market dull and lower sales. Grain—wheat unsaleable; Peas unchanged; Provision quiet at unchanged rates. Ashes—pots, temporary demand; peas unsaleable.

HAMILTON, May 26, 1868.

Fall wheat, \$1 55 @ \$1 65, spring do—\$1 50 @ \$1 62 per bushel. Barley—\$1 25 @ \$1 40. Oats—\$0 55c. Peas—60c to 62c. Pork—\$6 00 @ \$6 50.

TORONTO, May 26, 1868.

Receipts, 800 hls; No. 1, at \$7 10. Fall Wheat—\$1 80. Spring Wheat—\$1 50. Oats—\$0 55c. Barley—\$1 00 @ \$0 90.

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT

DRESS SHIRTS, TIES, COLLARS, CUFFS and BRACES

THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO.
Guelph, 9th May 1868

For Cricket Bats! BALLS, &c.,

Cuthbert's IS THE PLACE.

FOR CROQUET SETS!

Go to R. CUTHBERT'S.
Guelph, 15th May, 1868.

No. 1, Wyndham Street., Guelph.

JAMES CORMACK, TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of

CLOTHS AND CLOTHING GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,

Large Display of Hats & Caps English, French and American Styles.

JAMES CORMACK,
Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.,

BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS,

Manufacturers & Dealers in Canada Fabrics

32 Yonge Street, TORONTO. 102 Cross-St., Albert Square, MANCHESTER. Alexandra Building, James-St, LIVERPOOL.

BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO

BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS,

Canadian TWEEDS, Flannels, Blankets,

DUNDAS COTTON MILLS.
Toronto 26th March, 1868.

GALLERY OF ART. SPAFFORD'S

R. W. LAIRD, "BARCLAY" SHUTTLE Sewing Machine.

Looking Glass and Picture Frame

79 King-st. West, TORONTO.

SALE OF TWO FARMS IN PUSLINCHE.

FOR Sale by PRIVATE BARGAIN two farms in Puslinch. They consist of the front and rear halves of Lot No. 25, in the 7th concession. There are 100 acres in the front half and 86 acres in the rear half. Both farms are in a good state of cultivation and well fenced. There is a good Dwelling House and banked frame barn on the rear half, and fair buildings and a first-rate orchard in the front half. Terms reasonable and may be learned on application to the subscriber, if by letter post paid.
GEO. FRASER,
Salem P. O., Co. Wellington,
March 6th, 1868.

GUELPH, ONT.

THE BAR will be supplied with the best Wines, Liquors & Cigars

LUNCHEON! Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME, etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor. Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittly. **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868.

CHEAP Photographs

W. BURGESS

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.

W. BURGESS, Guelph 18th December, 1867.

R. GALBRAITH TAILOR, ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH.

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanerret, Watchmaker, where

Parties Furnishing their Own Goods Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.

Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Despatch.
Guelph, April 8, 1868.

NEW Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WALD BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.

REMOVAL. **STEPHEN BOULT,** Architect and Builder,

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

STEPHEN BOULT having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCracken, Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber on hand. Prompt attention given to all orders.

Planing Done to Order, AND ALL KINDS OF **Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds and Machine Joiners' Work,** Executed with dispatch and kept always on hand. Cash paid for all kinds of Lumber at the yard.
Guelph, March 19th, 1868.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP

THE subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has leased and fitted up the Blacksmith Shop, being that old and well-known stand on Cardigan Street, near Goldie's, formerly known as the People's Mill, where he intends to carry on the Blacksmith business in all its branches.

HOSE SHOEING.—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoeing. As the subscriber intends to keep none but a first-class horse-shoer, the public can rely on getting all work in this line done in a satisfactory manner.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—The subscriber begs to intimate to farmers that he is now manufacturing, and has for sale first-class Steel Mould Board Ploughs, (Gray's pattern) Ploughs of other patterns made to order. Wagons and all kinds of Farm Implements made to order and repaired on the most reasonable terms.

WOOD WORK.—A first-class wood worker kept in connection with the shop.

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Don't forget the Stand, near Goldie's Mill.
CALER CHASE,
Guelph, 24th April, 1868.

CLEAR OUT DAUBERS. **SHOW ME THE JOB.** **DOUGLAS GOUCK,** House, Sign and Decorative Painter, And Paper Hanger,
At the Old Established Stand,
No. 1, Douglas-St.,
Sign of the man on the Roof.
Guelph, 12th May.

Notice to Builders. ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered.
WILLIAM CHIPCHASE,
Guelph, April 24, 1868.

BEDDING PLANTS!

C. & A. SHARPE

HAVE for sale a large number of the following assortment of **BEDDING PLANTS!**

VERBENAS, LANTANAS, PETUNIAS, HELIOTROPES, GERANIUMS, Etc., Etc.

VEGETABLE PLANTS. **CABBAGE PLANTS,** in best Varieties, **CAULIFLOWER,** in best Varieties, **KEYES' TOMATO,** 30 days earlier than any other Variety extant, **CUCUMBER and MELON.**

Also, a choice assortment of **FLOWERSEEDS** of last year's growth, selected by ourselves from the most reliable Seed-growing Establishments in Europe.
For further particulars apply at the Store, Market Square, for Catalogues.
Guelph, April 28, 1868.

ALE AND CIDER!

JUST RECEIVED AT H. WALKER'S,

100 Doz. Magnificent Sparkling

CANADIAN ALE in Prime Order, at \$1.50 per dozen. Also,

Penner's Champagne Cider, in Pints and Quarts at \$2.00 and \$3.00 per dozen.

HUGH WALKER, Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph.

Commercial Union Assurance Company, CHIEF OFFICES—10 AND 20, CORN HILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.

CAPITAL £2,500,000. Fire Department.

THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and invested Funds.

PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

Life Department. Voluntary assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks. Eighty per cent. of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders. Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death. By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.

MORLAND, WATSON & Co., General Agents for Canada. Office—285 and 387 St. Paul St., Montreal. **FREDERICK COLE,** Secretary, Inspector of Agencies—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P. L. S., Upper Canada. **TROTTER & GRAHAM,** Agents for Guelph.

Where do you get your Watches, CLOCKS AND JEWELLERY REPAIRED?

AT SAVAGE'S.
Guelph, February 6, 1868.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE. FIRST IMPORTATIONS

NEW SPRING GOODS! WILL BE OPENED

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.

W. MACKLIN & CO.
Guelph April 7, 1868.

BRITANNIA HOUSE

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

ANOTHER CHEAP LOT OF GREY AND WHITE COTTONS!

500 PIECES NEW

Canadian Tweeds, very Cheap

HEFFERNAN BROS. JUST ARRIVED AT
Guelph, 28th April, 1868.