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Guelph, 19th Feb. 1868. w4

SURROGATE COURT.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, on the 14th day of March next, for the appointment of Angus McKinnon, of the Township of Erin, gentleman, to be Guardian of Archibald McKinnon, an Infant.

D. GUTHRIE,
Solicitor.
Guelph, Feb. 16, 1868.

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Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EV'G. MARCH 12, 1868.

PIANO TUNING.—All orders left at Cuthbert's will be attended to by Mr. Rish, Nordheimer's Tuner.

FIRE AT BRANTFORD.—A fire occurred at Brantford on Wednesday evening last which destroyed the tannery of Mr. M. Ott. Loss about \$3,500; insurance \$700.

On Sunday morning about two o'clock, a cattle train on the Great Western Railway near Chatham ran off the track. Sixteen animals were injured, nine of which died shortly after. The loss cannot be less than \$1000.

TICKET-OF-LEAVE-MAN.—Remember that Mason's Dramatic Company have returned to Guelph, and that they are to appear this (Thursday) evening in the great moral drama of the "Ticket-of-Leave-Man," which created such a profound sensation in both London and New York.

UNITED SERVICE GAZETTE.—This is the name of a new journal, published at Ottawa, and devoted to the interests of the passed cadets of the military schools, the volunteer and service militia, and the naval forces of the Dominion. The first number is of good promise.

FLOODS NEAR BRANTFORD.—The Cock-shutt Flatts, near Brantford, are entirely submerged in water and floating ice. The residents had to be removed to town in boats. One bridge has been carried away, and it is feared others will follow it. Cattle and pigs are going down on cakes of ice, like the bold, adventurous coote that went out to sea in its nest.

ENTIRE HORSE SHOW.—The South Wellington and Guelph Township Agricultural Society will hold their annual Entire Horse Show on the Upper Market, Guelph, on Wednesday the 1st of April, at 11 o'clock, a. m., when the following premiums will be awarded:—Best Horse for general purposes, \$10; 2nd do, \$5; best heavy draught Horse, \$10; 2nd do, \$5.

The Ottawa Times promises any quantity of work to laborers, mechanics and artisans during the coming season. It says the walls and roof of the new St. Patrick's Church are contracted for at \$16,000. There is also a prospect of their being about ten thousand dollars spent on the Scotch Church; and there will be numerous private residences put up during the summer.

EASTER FAT CATTLE SHOW.—The annual Easter Fat Cattle Show in connection with the Agricultural Societies of South Wellington and Guelph township will be held at Guelph, on Wednesday, the 1st of April. The cattle are divided into four classes according to age and sex, and there are three prizes in each class of \$3, \$2 and \$1, for the three best animals. Sheep are divided into three classes, with two prizes of \$2, and \$1 for the first, and second best animals in each class. The Secretary, George Murton Esq., will be in attendance at Miller's Saloon on the morning of the Show to take entries.

The "Weekly Mercury"
Containing 40 columns of matter, published every Thursday, (March 12) is a capital number. Every item of local interest is given, as well as a vast amount of general reading matter. Be sure and get a copy and send it to your friends. For sale at the bookstores, and at the office of publication.

NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.—The March number of this Canadian magazine has been received from the publishers, John Dougall & Son, Montreal. It contains, as usual, selections of the purest literature, most of which is original. Nothing injurious to the intellect or morals of readers is ever to be found within its pages. The publishers are desirous of securing canvassers for the *New Dominion Monthly* in every county and township, and any one willing to engage in such a work may learn the terms by applying, with suitable credentials, to John Dougall & Son, Montreal.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last a young lad named George Hunter came to his death at Ingersoll by a bank overhanging a creek falling upon him while he was repairing the pipes leading to the water from a spring. He was discovered by the wife of the cabinet maker with whom he was an apprentice, and extricated by the workmen from the shop. It is not known yet whether he was killed or drowned, as he was found in the water with an enormous quantity of earth on him.

Insure before Fifth April
With the Life Association of Scotland.
Agent for Guelph,
WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

French Canadian Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of the above missionary society was held last (Wednesday) night in the Congregational Church. The attendance was but small. The Rev. W. S. Ball occupied the chair. The Rev. W. F. Clarke opened the proceedings with devotional exercises, and the Rev. George Wood engaged in prayer.

Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Committee, said they were unable to present a report of the operations of the Branch Society in Guelph, or the amount of contributions.—The collectors, on account of the late stormy weather and the state of the roads had been unable yet to make their annual visitations. He hoped that within the next two or three weeks the yearly subscriptions would be all in, and that they would exhibit a gratifying increase. To-night they would have the pleasure of hearing from the Agent what the Society was doing, how the noble work of evangelizing their deluded brethren in Lower Canada was progressing. Our duty in regard to this Society was plain and clear. It was certainly to us in Canada the most important Christian mission in which the public was engaged, and there many reasons why we should not slacken in our efforts. There was no abatement or want of zeal on the part of the Romanists of Lower Canada, of which any one who travelled through that country had ample proofs. The speaker referred to his visit to Lower Canada, and the Lower Provinces last summer, where the fruits of the teachings of the Church of Rome were plainly visible in the prostration of intellect, and the abject ignorance which characterized its inhabitants. Looking at the matter in its religious aspect the baneful effects of Popery were even more apparent. In its political aspect also one could fail to notice that its tendency was to destroy freedom of opinion, and independent action. He illustrated this by detailing what he saw and heard while visiting the Lower Provinces last summer. Another noticeable feature in the Popery of the present day was that now the ablest men in Lower Canada were joining the priesthood. Formerly this was not so, but now men of the most perfect refinement and of the highest education were devoting themselves to the work. In view of this, it was our duty also to give our most talented youth to the work of the ministry, and for evangelizing, and also to give of our means to maintain and increase the usefulness of such a Society as the French Canadian Missionary Society.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke moved that the office bearers and collectors be re-appointed. Apart from others, there was good reason why they should do this, as the collectors had been unable to complete their work. He then went on to state some reasons why we should give our hearty co-operation and assistance to this Society. The people among whom its agents labored were our fellow subjects. On the ground therefore of humanity—to say nothing of Christian duty—and of our desire to see the Dominion of Canada prosper, we should take an interest in the operations of this Society. Popery was irrepressible in its character. It had an extraordinary vitality, and the means and tactics it employed were legion in number. And though the efforts of the Society were on a limited scale, still we had no reason to be discouraged; God had so far blessed its labors, and we looked hopefully forward to the time when it would be able to do more. It was our duty to do all in our power to aid it, to seek for God's blessing on its efforts, for they were assured that while engaged in such a work their labor was not in vain.

The Rev. Geo. Wood seconded the motion in a few appropriate remarks, in which he showed how the Gospel elevated men politically, morally, socially and religiously, while Romanism kept them in ignorance and poverty, and retarded progress.

The Rev. Mr. Byrne, the Agent of the Society, was then introduced, and made an excellent speech, replete with interesting facts in regard to the operations of the Society. He referred to the deep interest taken in this mission in Montreal, as evidenced by the immense crowds who turned out to attend the annual meetings. There the valuable work it was accomplishing was well understood, and there the fruits of its labors were made more apparent. Last year nearly \$5000 were collected in Montreal alone for the mission. It was true the Society had as yet been able to occupy but a very small part of the immense field in Lower Canada over which the Church of Rome held her sway. There were in the Province of Quebec nearly a million Catholics, about 900 priests, and an almost equal number of other ecclesiastics, and to these might be added the various active agencies which were at work in order to retain the people in the servile position they were in to that church. Compared with these the agents of the Society were but a mere handful, and the only wonder was that they had been able to do so much. The Society had twenty-five men engaged in mission work, eighteen of whom were colporteurs, who during the past year had travelled through the different counties and distributed 1250 copies of the Scriptures, and over 12,000 tracts and books. They had also converted freely with the people, and thereby made a deep impression on many of them. The glim-ming feature of the Society was a most interesting one. At the Point-aux-Trembles school there were 49 boys and 31 girls, who daily read the scriptures and committed portions of them to memory. At the Grenville School there were

twenty-nine pupils, half of whom were the children of Roman Catholic parents. At this school the children were only day scholars, but at the Point-aux-Trembles Institution the pupils were entirely under the control of the School Teachers. In the Theological class at Montreal there were two young men studying for the ministry, 2 fitting themselves for colporteurs, and 1 for a teacher. As regards stations, they had a fine church in Montreal, which was largely attended. There was also a book depository and a library. Five young men were engaged as colporteurs in the city and their success was most cheering. Then there were other mission stations, such as Joliet, Grenville, &c., over which were placed zealous and prayerful men. Since the Society began its operation it had circulated 30,000 copies of the Scriptures, 100,000 tracts and books, 1700 hundred youth had been educated, and 6 churches had been established. He referred to the interest taken in the mission in Great Britain, and to his success in collecting contributions when on a visit there. The Guelph Auxiliary Society had last year contributed \$114 to the funds, and he hoped that this year they would raise their contributions to \$150. He closed by asking them to take an increased interest in the great and good work in which the Society was engaged.

A collection was then taken up, and the proceedings were brought to a close by singing a hymn, and pronouncing the benediction.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

Still the all-absorbing topic in this region of country is the railroads; the rival schemes are very freely discussed, and now the general verdict seems to be that the principal representatives of the County of Wellington should, at their earliest convenience, assemble in council and do away (if legal) with the several municipal bonuses, and at once substitute for the same a county bonus. This policy, if adopted by the County Council, would enable the railway company to dispose of their debentures more readily and at an advanced figure. It would most certainly relieve responsible parties from blame in the location of the line, and at once hush all party squabbles and local jealousies for ever; the company (as now) would not be compelled to send representatives all over the country persuading men to perform an act which would benefit themselves and posterity after them—for there are many men in this section who will not believe you if you tell them you have a guinea in your purse. You must first make them sensible of the tangible fact by showing them the guinea; then, and not until then, will they believe you.—They will say you are a nice gentleman, and talk very well, but they will invariably fall back on some side issue; for instance, as the ratepayers of the township of Arthur did when voting on the Railway By-law. Moreover, the above policy would be a most righteous and a most good one for our representatives in council assembled, because a very large majority of the intelligent ratepayers of the county have already shown by their votes that they are willing to pay down their cash for the benefits that a railroad would confer upon them, as merchants, farmers and working men in general; and the copperheads who are in the minority would, at some future day, bless the men who gave them a railway through this splendid country. Gentlemen from Toronto are expected here on the 24th inst., in the interest of the narrow gauge line. There is no doubt but they will push their enterprise with energy and ability, therefore it is incumbent on all persons interested in the immediate construction of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway to be up and doing, whilst their chances are so good, else they may sustain serious injury, if not irreparable loss. On Sunday evening last the inhabitants of our good village assembled in force to witness the effect of a local inundation which rushed upon us from the easterly side of the village, breaking through snow drifts and other obstructions. At once the floods came rushing down on Main street, submerging several stores and tenements to a considerable depth, the water covering the first flat. One merchant had \$500 worth of goods destroyed, and threatens the corporation with an action for the damages sustained. Every person did what they could towards the saving of property, and worked with a right good will till sundown, when the waters abated, giving the dripping victims of the turbulent element a chance to light their fires and repair damages in injury, if not irreparable loss. The Road & Bridge Committee got on a gang of men who plied the axe and shovel vigorously until the channels proper were opened and the water allowed to pass on its way rejoicing.

Mount Forest, March 10, 1868.

Erin Township Council.

A meeting of the above Council was held in the Town Hall on the 2nd inst. at 11 o'clock. Reeve in the chair. Members present, Messrs. Berry, McMillan and Gibson. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Council go into committee of the whole on By-Law No. 3, granting Certificates of License.—Carried. Council in committee Mr. D. McMillan in the chair. The By-Law filled up. Committee rose. Council resumed business. On motion, the By-Law was read a third time and passed. The Council adjourned for one hour. Council in session, Mr. D. McMillan moved and Mr. Gibson seconded that the claim of John Harper for sheep killed by dogs amounting to \$14.35, including expenses, be paid carried. On motion the Finance Committee met and reported as follows: Your Committee beg leave to report that they had under consideration petitions from indigent persons and would recommend that Alex. Frazier be paid \$3, Mrs. Dohi \$4, Thomas Price \$4, Betsy McFarlane \$3, Wm. Cox \$3. Your committee would also recommend the payment of fifty cents for ink keepers certificates. All of which respectfully submitted. Wm. Cox, Chairman. Mr. D. McMillan moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that the Finance Committee's report be accepted. Carried. Mr. D. McMillan moved and Mr. Berry seconded, that the petition of George Beswick, and others, be laid over until next meeting of Council, on account of the absence of Mr. C. McMillan, carried. Mr. D. McMillan moved and Mr. Berry seconded, that this Council adjourn and remain adjourned until Monday, the 9th inst. Carried.

WM. TYLER, Town Clerk.

County Court and Quarter Sessions.

COURT HOUSE, March 11.

THE QUEEN vs. WM. MURPHY.—The prisoner, who is a tavern keeper on the York Road, was placed on trial for an assault on Thos. Dean, with intent to rob. The particulars of this case as set forth by Dean will be remembered, as they appeared in the *Mercury* at the time Murphy and his wife were brought before the Police Magistrate. According to the prosecutor's tale at that time, he was taken to the tavern by one Duffy, and after being detained there for some time against his will, was, without provocation, assaulted by Duffy, stretched stunned on the floor, while his assailant and Murphy both searched his pockets. The witnesses for the defence on the other hand showed that Murphy was a respectable man, and governed his house well; that Dean was the worst of liars and misbehaved badly; that he and Duffy had a quarrel, that the latter struck him with a chair; and that the landlord had nothing whatever to do with the altercation. Verdict "not guilty." Mr. Peterson for the Crown; Mr. McCurry for the defence.

McGill et al vs. Laing.—This was an action brought by William Laing to recover the amount of a promissory note, \$250 and interest, from Peter McGill and George Hurd, executors of the last will and testament of Robert Laing. The defence set up was, that the note was a forgery. The jury thought it was and gave a verdict for defendants. Mr. McLennan for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendants.

Mooney vs. Ballantyne et al.—This was an action of trover for some bark that had been taken off the premises of the plaintiff. The defendants were John Ballantyne and Gardner Crawford. Thos. Ballantyne a son of the first defendant had peeled the bark and was brought before a magistrate, by the plaintiff, charged with trespass. When the information was read to him he pleaded guilty, and before anything further was done the parties settled the matter, plaintiff agreeing to keep the bark and pay the young man \$1 per cord for his labour in peeling it, the money to be paid when the bark was sold. But the agreement was not regarded by Thos. Ballantyne, and a "bee" was made to draw the bark away. His father and Gardner Crawford were proceeded against, as being the only persons among the trespassers who were worth anything. The case turned upon the title to the land, it being contended on behalf of the defendants that he took what he really thought was his own. Verdict for defendant. Mr. Freeman for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

The Grand Jury came into court and made the following presentation:—

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.

The Grand Jurors beg leave to report that they have visited the different wards in the Gaol and have great pleasure in stating that we found everything clean, and respectable, and in good order. The prisoners, male and female, expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with the treatment they receive at the hands of the parties who have them in charge. On visiting the Gaol Yard we found the remains of an old shed that has been used for working in, but in consequence of the severe storm during the present winter has been completely demolished; and we would therefore recommend that a new one be erected immediately for the same purpose. All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD AINLEY, Foreman.

RAPE CASE.

THE QUEEN vs. HUGH HASTINGS.—The prisoner was put upon trial charged with an assault with intent to commit rape on the person of Louisa Checkley. The prosecutrix is a woman aged perhaps 70 years, feeble and attenuated; while the prisoner is a man of apparently thirty-five, with close cut whiskers and moustache, and a neglected and seely appearance. The old woman was very nervous and agitated while she stood in the witness box, but she gave her evidence clearly and distinctly. She lives in Pilkington; her husband was at Elora on the day when the ruffian entered the house and, having taken a seat and remained in silence for some time, made a brutal assault upon her. What little strength she had she exerted, and was successful in saving herself from becoming the victim of his lust. When he took his departure she went for assistance and he was taken into custody. This was her simple statement, and during its recital not an emotion was expressed on the hard looking face of the prisoner. When he was told that he was at liberty to ask the prosecutrix any question he thought necessary he declined to interrogate her, nor would he avail himself of the privilege of questioning the second and last witness for the prosecution, Mr. Coxhead, or of saying a word to the jury in his own vindication. Consequently the trial was short. His Honor told the jury they might find him guilty of assault with the intent charged, or of aggravated assault only. A very short time was required for deliberation. The jurors returned and the foreman announced the verdict "Guilty of the full charge." The prisoner's face became scarlet; he muttered an indignant exclamation against the jury, in which "God" was the only word we could catch; then he turned suddenly pale, and anon his face assumed its wonted imperturbable expression.

SMART vs. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

—This was an action brought by Mr. Smart, one of the Guelph butchers, against the Grand Trunk Railway Co., to recover the price of a mare and foal which had got on the railway on account of defective fences, and been killed by a passing train. The Company it is known, is obliged to keep the fences on each side of the railway in good repair. The case is in progress.

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Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Irish Reform Question.

PROBABLE ABOLITION OF CHURCH RATES.

GENERAL DIX IN LONDON.

Arrival of Canadian Zouaves at Rome.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Cork, March 11.—The trial of Captain Mackay was concluded to-day; verdict, "not guilty" on charge of murder.

Berlin, March 11.—The treaty just concluded between the North German Confederation and the United States, providing for protection of the rights of naturalized citizens, was to-day unanimously ratified by the Federal Council. It is reported that a proposition was recently made to Lord Stanley to submit the Alabama claims to arbitration of Prussia, and that he was willing to entertain the proposition so far as it applied to question of indemnity, but he refused to submit other points in dispute.

London, March 11th.—In the House of Commons last night, a warm debate took place on the condition of Ireland, and the following resolution was introduced, but further consideration thereon was postponed till to-morrow:—"That the discontent of Ireland is a source of uneasiness to Europe, and must be remedied; that laws for Ireland should be framed to suit wishes of the people; that the present church, school and land tenure systems are unjust, and that, in the opinion of this House, these wrongs should be righted."

Rome, March 11.—One hundred Canadian Zouaves, who volunteered for Papal service, have arrived here.

London, March 12.—General Dix, the American Minister to France, has arrived in this city and will remain two or three weeks. It is said he came on business connected with the question of Alabama claims. The House of Commons last evening, in committee of the whole, agreed to report for passage of the bill introduced by Mr. Gladstone, for the abolition of church rates.

American Despatches.

New Orleans, March 11.—Particulars of the attempt to assassinate President Juarez show that an ex-Imperialist officer and a foreigner in command of a city regiment, were the ringleaders. They are believed to have been employed by Santa Anna. The plot included the murder of Cabinet ministers.

New York, March 12th.—Herald's Vera Cruz special says the British Consul has been detected in smuggling a large amount of specie out of the city. The commander of the fort was about to fire upon the vessel carrying the specie when a British corvette anchored between it and the fort. The troops comprising the expedition to Yucatan are returning. The climate of the peninsula was decimating the troops.

New York, March 12th.—Tribune special says the House Impachment managers are marshalling their witnesses, preparing their testimony and shaping their action so as the trial may be entirely over by the first of May. Mr. Johnson will not be allowed the time he expects. The tenth or Butler articles will not be withdrawn. World special says Mr. Stonbury has concluded to resign his position as Attorney General in order to take part as counsel for the President on the Impeachment trial, and has presented his resignation. Mr. Johnson will, no doubt, accept the resignation. So general is the belief that the Supreme Court will decide the reconstruction laws unconstitutional, that the Radicals are making an effort to induce Gen. Grant to issue an order changing the time for the holding of elections in Georgia and Florida. There is official authority for denying the story that the President has ordered Gen. Thomas to set up a new War Department. It was a mere piece of guess work, originating in an irresponsible evening paper of this city, habitually given to sensation.

IRREPARABLE LOSS BY FIRE.

Science and literature have just sustained a terrible loss in the destruction by fire of the immense establishment of the Abbe Migne, at Paris, with its treasures of erudition. There were in it manuscripts worth their weight in gold; and compilations, the result of thirty or forty years' labor of the best known savans of France. The stock was valued at twelve million francs. This was an ecclesiastical library and printing establishment, the largest of the kind in the world; and manuscripts of the first ages of the church have been destroyed in it. The fire took in the type foundry. Eight hundred persons have been thrown out of work by this catastrophe. The establishment was insured for six millions of francs in thirty-three insurance companies.

PEAT IS MONSTRAL.

The question of fuel, as well as that of water, is forcing itself strongly upon the Montrealers. A recent purchase by Messrs. Hodges and Bonville, of a peat bog in the parish of Herber, eight miles from Montreal, inspires the hope that a new and cheap fuel may be brought into general consumption in a peat bog where a labourer has to pay about forty cents a day during the winter—seven months long—for heating and cooking. The peat in question is not like Irish peat, vegetable, but is an alluvial deposit, or a collection of decomposing matter, often the result of a former generation of beaver, and its fertilizing as well as its heating qualities are now recognized. These bogs may be regarded as enormous manure heaps which nature has stored up for use, and wherever the material has been judiciously employed the farmer as well as the city resident finds profit in its use.

PARLIAMENT.

The Ottawa correspondent of the *Globe* in his despatch last night says: "The fact that Parliament is to reassemble to-morrow attracts very little attention here. The Speaker of the Commons and several of the members arrived this afternoon. There is nothing special in the order of the day for to-morrow, only a few notices of motion and a couple of public bills.—Friday will be a Government day, and it is expected that the Government will be on the Intercolonial Railroad and other questions. As Mr. Sanford Fleming is organizing a staff of men for a new expedition in New Brunswick from a point below Riviere du Loup, the house is entitled to know what all this humbugging on the railway question means. The Railway Commissioners were to be announced when Parliament re-assembled, but with fresh explorations, their appointments will of course be delayed."

New Brunswick Crown Lands.

The Legislature of New Brunswick has adopted a land act for the settlement of Crown Lands. The bill provides for the payment of \$20 by the applicant at the time of entering upon the land, (or shall perform \$10 worth of work upon the road each year for three years), and at the end of one year the occupant shall show the Government that he has cleared at least two acres of land, and has built, and is living in a house of at least 16 by 20 feet. At the end of three years, providing the above obligations are complied with, and it can be shown that 12 acres have been cleared, and that the occupant has continued to reside during the period upon the land, a grant shall be issued. The bill provides, however, that should the occupant be a party of limited means, he may remove from the land for a reasonable period to procure by labour the means of support for himself and family. The settler is allowed to cut and haul the timber from his lot after having built a house and cleared two acres, but cannot sell the standing timber until he has secured his grant. There was some opposition to the bill, it being contended that the settler should have the right to purchase an additional hundred acres ad joining the free grant; and that four years instead of three, should be allowed for the performance of the settlement duties. These suggestions, however, were not adopted.

"Back to the Land."

We find the following in the *Trade Review*—It is not often that we find opportunity to dissent from the progressive opinions of English reformers, but we must confess much surprise at the views taken by Mr. Bright, Professor Fawcett, and others of that school upon the question of landholding.—These gentlemen appear to have conceived the idea that the system of peasant proprietorship is the panacea for the present degradation of the lower classes of English society, and are raising the cry of "back to the land." It is singular that these eminently practical economists should have overlooked the fact that the present tendency of the cultivation of the land in England is in a totally opposite direction. Nothing is more patent than the English farmer, in order to compete with farmers of other countries, requires all the economy connected with labor saving contrivances, and all the advantages of the most advanced system of manuring; so that large capital is now essential to successful farming. So necessary is ample means that the smaller class of farmers, with no working capital, are literally starving on their farms, while the wealthy class are making money. With such a tendency of affairs, it is clear that to reduce still further the size of farms, and to give the lands into the hands of men of still smaller means, would be to annihilate the farming interest. The agricultural interest is undergoing the same change as has passed over manufactures. The economy of manuring that can be effected by capital, and by conducting affairs on a large scale, is annihilating the small farmers, as it has already displaced the smaller manufacturers. And, in the long run, it is well that this should be the case. There are a thousand good positions in the world's great workshop which those thus displaced can occupy, to the advantage equally of themselves and of society. The inevitable result of this tendency must be to drive a portion of the farming population of England to countries where land is cheaper and its culture less costly. The capital a small farmer has invested in stock and farming implements would enable him, in the United States, to purchase a farm that would yield him a handsome profit from the first year of its occupation. Mr. Bright would render the poverty-stricken masses of the rural districts much more sensible advice were he to recommend them to carry their means, muscle and experience to the United States, or Australia, or Canada, where both would be much more available, and would yield a much more remunerative result. If the position of the masses of England is to be materially ameliorated, it must be by the emigration of a portion to less crowded countries. The cure is in depletion; legislation, except so far as it may remove industrial obstructions, can be of no real avail.

occurred a few days ago on Ward's Island, near New York. They had not liked one another very well for a considerable time, and on this eventful morning thought they would fight it out. The Poutons used pistols and knives; the Irish were armed with the traditional shillelagh. Between 400 and 500 men were engaged on each side and the blackthorns had the best of it. Sixteen persons were left *hors de combat*, and about fifty others were badly cut and contused.

QUEEN'S PRINTER.—The Government of Ontario have decided to appoint a Queen's Printer. We trust Mr. Sandfield Macdonald will look this way. The editor of the *Recorder* would be "the right man in the right place," having had forty-two years experience in the business, twenty years of which time he has stood by Sandfield. The writer could pen a column in detailing the merits of the editor, but this would be considered egotism, and we won't do it! Now is your time to win fame, Mr. Macdonald! Do allow us to say that you have made one good appointment! Will you? No I won't! Very well, my dear Sandfield, there is no use in speaking so emphatically. You've lost the opportunity of doing one good action.—God bless you, nevertheless, and keep you out of the claws of the Tories; they are ever wandering about seeking for fat places.—*Brookville Recorder*.

The population of the United States is officially stated to be thirty-five millions, but the *Tribune* undertakes to prove that it is three millions more than that.

Annual Message of Governor Brigham Young.

The Salt Lake *Daily Telegraph*, Feb. 25th, contains the annual message of Governor Young to the Legislature of Utah Territory. It is a business like document, and short and pithy. The governor congratulates the legislature upon the favorable circumstances which surround the territory; declares that desolation and want are unknown, that the territory is not only free from debt, but public improvements are extensive; that Indian forays are at an end; calls upon the "parent government" to indemnify those who have suffered from the lawlessness of the savages; gives the Pacific Railroad a highly favorable notice and touches upon the admission of Utah as a State as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of the act passed at the last session of the General Assembly and "approved January 22, 1867," which so amended the constitution of the State of Deseret as to make the boundaries of the State coincide with the present boundaries of the territory of Utah, and gave suffrage to men of color, the proposed amendments were submitted to the people at the general election held on the first Monday in February last, and were ratified by an almost unanimous vote. Copies of the amended constitution of the State were forwarded to the Hon. W. H. Hooper, at Washington, together with a memorial of the General Assembly to Congress for our admission as a State. Early in the present session of Congress our delegate presented to the House our constitution and memorial for admission, which were read and referred to the committee on territories. Their views, and actions if any, have not as yet come to my knowledge; but in relation thereto, in common with yourselves and the dwellers of these secluded vales, I feel a strong assurance that the Supreme Being, who guided us here in his wisdom, and so boundlessly sustains us in our labors, will order the result to promote the welfare of those who cleave unto Him, and work the works of righteousness upon the earth. It would be gratefully received by our people if Congress would act favorably upon the many petitions which you have sent to them, for our admission as a State, and laying aside narrowness of opinion and bigotry, do a simple act of justice to a brave and industrious people—give them the rights of freemen, suffrage and representation in the councils of the nation.

"ONLY A BARBER."—TORY OPINION OF MR. COBDEN'S FIRST SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT.—The following extract from a speech of Mr. Bright—for which we are indebted to our friend Mr. George Awty Mitchell, a warm admirer of the great "English Commoner"—shows the opinion entertained by a prominent Tory of Mr. Cobden's first speech in Parliament; Mr. Cobden entered the House of Commons in the year 1841, two years before I became a member of that House. I believe I was in the gallery of the House on the night when he made his first speech. I happened to sit close to a man not now living—Mr. Horace Twiss—who had once himself been a member of that House but who was then occupied in the gallery writing the Parliamentary summary of the proceedings which was published, morning after morning in the columns of the *Times* newspaper. Mr. Cobden had a certain reputation when he went into Parliament, from the course he had taken before the public in connection with the Corn Law movement out of doors. There was great interest as to his first speech, and the position he would take in the House. Horace Twiss was a Tory of the old school. He appeared to have the greatest possible horror of anybody who was a manufacturer or calico printer coming down into the assembly to teach our senators wisdom. As the speech went on, I watched his countenance and heard his observations; and when Mr. Cobden sat down he threw it off with a careless gesture, and said: "Nothing in him; he is only a BARBER!"—*Stratford Beacon*.

Mr. Nymann, of Montreal, will marry Miss Galbraith, the young lady whom he seduced, and thus preclude her from appearing as a witness against him.

Vienna, in the County of Fignin, was inundated on Monday by the overflow of Otter Creek and the street of the village were navigated with small boats in all directions. Lumber and fences were swept away, and much damage was done.

A woman in Vienna has just confessed that during the last ten years she and her father had committed sixteen murders for money. Under her direction a search has been made, which resulted in the finding of all the skeletons.

woman of New Albany was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for stealing a lot of clothing from the Israel House. Before the commission of her crime, she was courted by a young man and had promised him her hand.—Her arrest, conviction, and transfer to the penitentiary seemed only to increase her lover's devotion, and when he parted with her before her incarceration, he told her to be of good courage, and he would not forget nor forsake her, but would wait patiently till her term of service had expired, and then make her his wife. He kept his word faithfully. Last week the young woman was discharged from prison, and the same day the faithful lover procured a license and married her.

Brigham Young attended the theatre lately with six dozen of his daughters. Three or four dozen more are understood to have been on the stage. The rest of the family were kept at home to take their turn another time.

Salt Lake law requires young men to marry at nineteen or pay three hundred dollars fine.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes for the EVENING MERCURY are handed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

New Advertisements.

Board Wanted. BOARD WANTED by three gentlemen, where some boarders are kept preferred. Apply to this office. Guelph, March 12th. 45th

Free Lecture.

MR. JAMES EVANS WILL deliver a Lecture (D.V.) in the old Masonic Hall on SUNDAY NEXT, the 15th instant, at 2:30 p.m. Subject: "THE GLORIOUS THINGS SPOKEN OF JERUSALEM." The literal and symbolical—showing their bearing and connection with the race who of a Christian. "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."—St Ps. 3 verse. References.—Isaiah 52 ch. 1, 2 and 7 to 9 ver. 10, 40 ch 2 ver. 2 and 3 ch 3 ver. 17, 21 ch 2 and 10. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee."—122 Ps. 6 ver.—"Be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create, for behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy."—Isaiah 65 ch 18 ver. The public are cordially invited to attend with Bible in hand. Guelph, March 12, 1868. 45

Blacksmith Wanted.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, a good steady Blacksmith, who thoroughly understands Plough making. Apply to CHAS. THAIN, Near the Marble Works, Guelph, March 12th, 1868.

Cordwood Wanted.

WANTED Thirty Cords of good, second Beech and Maple Cordwood (green). Apply at once to C. & A. SHARPE, Sealdmen Guelph, 9th March, 1868.

FARM FOR SALE

IN THE County of Wellington, WITHIN five miles of the flourishing town of Guelph, fronting the Elora Road, containing 100 acres, 50 of which are cleared, the balance good hardwood timber; two good frame barns, one with stone foundation, root-house, stable and granary, a young orchard in full bearing, good water on the premises; the soil rich clay loam, clear from stumps and well fenced. For particulars, apply to BLANKIE A. ALEXANDER, Corner of Jordan and King streets, Toronto, Or to the proprietor, DAVID SAVAGE, Guelph, March 11th, 1868.

DOMINION HOTEL

GEORGE BLACK DESIRES to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST.

A few doors above Highbottom's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good accommodations. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. Guelph, March 6, 1868. daw 3m

TOWN HALL, GUELPH.

Return of Mason's DRAMATIC COMP'Y FOR THREE NIGHTS ONLY, COMMENCING Thursday Ev'g, March 12th.

When will be presented the greatest play of modern times entitled the TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN!

With the entire Company in the cast. Intemperance—Crime—Repentance! One of the greatest lessons to young men ever witnessed! Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents. Doors open at 7. Commence at 8 o'clock. Guelph, March 11th, 1868. d

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, in Guelph Township, on the Waterloo Road, 5 miles from Guelph, a farm containing 70 acres, about 55 acres of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation. The farm is well watered by springs, and has suitable log buildings. There is a quantity of Fall Wheat sown, also about 15 acres ready for crop. Terms well known by application to the proprietor. EDWARD VANCE, Guelph, 12th March, 1868. w2n

Desirable Lot for Sale, IN CARAFRAXA.

FOR SALE by private bargain the South-west half of Lot 34, 2nd Concession, Carafra, consisting of 100 acres, more or less, 10 acres of which are cleared, the balance one acre of which is good beech and maple. The soil is of good quality. There is sufficient room on the lot to fence it. It is well situated for being only one mile from the Ferry and Mill race, and one mile from the Elora Road, and one mile from Arthur's Mill. The lot will be sold on reasonable terms. For terms and other particulars apply to Patrick O'Reilly, Lot 22, 18th Con, Town of Peel. My letter to the same, ARTHUR P. O. PATRICK WRIGHT, Proprietor. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1868. 746-4

Attention Ladies!
NEW HOOP SKIRTS.
A. O. BUCHAM
HAS JUST OPENED a superior lot of Hoop Skirts, including the
Newest & Most Graceful Styles.
And invites the attention of every lady to his stock.
Guelph, March 10, 1868.
A. O. BUCHAM.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
THE Partnership heretofore existing between HOGG & CHANCE, Dry Goods Merchants in Guelph, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All parties indebted to the late Firm are requested to make immediate payment to Mr. HOGG, who carries on the business in his usual stand, Golden Lion, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell Streets. All claims against the late Firm will be settled by Mr. HOGG. Parties having claims will please present them at once for settlement.
Guelph, 9th March, 1868. HOGG & CHANCE. 46-2

Commercial Union Assurance Company,
CHIEF OFFICES—19 AND 20 CORNHILL, 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.
Volunteers 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.
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 claims.
MORLAND, WATSON & Co., General Agents for Canada. Office—385 and 387 St. Paul St., Montreal.
FREDERICK COLE, Secretary, Inspector of Agencies—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P.L.S., Upper Canada. McLACAN & INNES, Agents for Guelph, Guelph, March 10th, 1867.

FOR WALL PAPER!
GO TO
ROBT. CUTHBERT'S.
Guelph, 9th March, 1868. dw

TO FARMERS.
Pianos, Pianos
NOW IS THE TIME TO USE
FRENCH'S
Condition Powders!
If you wish to get your Horse in good order for summer work.
They are the best medicine known for removing all impurities of the Blood, and producing a Sleek and Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in Cleansing the Skin. As a Diuretic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made.
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A. B. PETRIE
Chemist and Druggist,
Market Square, Guelph,
Guelph, 11th March, 1868. w1

BELL, WOOD & CO.
I HAVE now on hand Pianos made by the Union Co., New York, whose instruments are second to none, and yet are sold at less than those of either Steinway or Chickering; also by HEINZEMAN & CO., Toronto, who took the first prize at the late Provincial Exhibition for "purity and equality of tone."
They will also sell cheap a fine bill of \$100 (American currency) on GROVESTEIN & CO., Pianomakers, N. Y., also a good second hand Cottage Piano.
They are also prepared to take second hand Melodeons or Pianos as part payment of new Pianos or Melodeons of their own manufacture.
Pianos tuned to order at \$1.40.
Guelph, 6th March, 1868. dw1

NEW BOOKS.
My Husband's Crime, By M. R. Houskeeper. By Shirley Brooks.
Three Little Spades, By Anna Warner.
At Day's Bookstore,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, March 7, 1868. daw 1f

Notice of Co-partnership
TAKE NOTICE that a co-partnership has this day been entered into between the undersigned under the name, style and firm of A. THOMSON & CO., for the purpose of carrying on the business of Merchant Tailors in the Town of Guelph.
ALEXANDER THOMSON, SAMUEL SHAW, GEORGE MURTON, Jr. Guelph, 2nd March, 1868. daw3t

CLEMET'S PATENT CLOTHES WRINGER.
MESSRS. J. M. BOND & CO., Guelph are the only authorized Agents for the sale and use of CLEMET'S PATENT CLOTHES WRINGER for the Counties of
Bruce, Wellington and Peel, and the City of Toronto.
RICHARD CLEMET, Patentee Guelph, Feb. 15, 1868 182 1m

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 31, 1865 dw D. MOLTON

STANDARD THEOLOGICAL WORKS BY
Rev. Dr. Cooke.
CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, \$1.88.
Containing Chapters on
The Holy Scriptures, their divine authority, The Holy Trinity, The Deity of Jesus Christ, The Personality and Godhead of the Holy Spirit, The Original State of Man and Human Depravity, The Atonement of Christ, Election and Reprobation, Justification by Faith, The Witness of the Holy Spirit, The Doctrine of Regeneration, The Doctrine of Entire Sanctification, The Immortality of the Soul, The Doctrine of Purgatory proved unscriptural, The General Resurrection, Eternal Retribution, The Christian Sabbath, The Christian Ministry, The Ordinance of Baptism, The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.
Also, The Deity, \$1.50; Shalmanah, \$1.25; Explanations of difficult passages of Scripture, \$1.13. The Intercession of Christ, of the Holy Spirit and of the Church, 30c., &c.

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Jordan Almonds, Keiller's Dundee Marmalade, Finest Turkey Figs in layers, Peaches, Greengages, Plums, Cherries, Damsons and French Plums.
AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, March 9th, 1868 dw

NEW Oyster Rooms
Valentine Wald
DESires to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET. The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept. The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. H. McCracken, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.—The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice. TON and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner. Guelph, 27th Dec. er. 1867 dwm

REMOVAL.
STEPHEN BOLT, Architect and Builder,
Has Removed his Workshop and Planning Factory to QUEBEC STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church), a short distance east of Wyndham Street.
Plans, Specifications & Estimates, Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.
STEPHEN BOLT having succeeded to the sold established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCrae, 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 10th, 1868. dwmwy

TAVERN LICENSES
Office of the Clerk of the Peace, GUELPH, 7th March, 1868.
COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, I HAVING been appointed Provincial Officer, I hereby give notice that I beg leave to inform all Tavernkeepers in Townships, Towns and Villages, that I am ready to grant them their Licenses on payment for the same.
By order of the Treasury Department of Ontario THOMAS SAUNDERS, Distributor for the County of Wellington, Guelph, 7th March, 1868. dw-4 Herald and Weekly Advertiser copy one month.

Not Run Away Yet!
THE Subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the Public, that though several noted characters have lately been constrained to leave Guelph for the sake of their health, he is still hale and hearty, and hangs out his shingle at the old spot,
CORK STREET, OPPOSITE DEADY'S HOTEL,
Where he is prepared as formerly to make up CLOTHING of every description at short notice and in a superior style.

To Farmers!
Having had 30 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up Home-made CLOTH!
And trim it CHEAPER than can be done at any other Establishment in Town.
All Work carefully finished, and at Moderate Rates.
WM. MITCHELL, w3m-dw Guelph, Feb. 21, 1868.

NOTICE.
HAVING sold out my stock at "Bradford House" and Book accounts to Mr. Philip Bish, all parties indebted to me on book account will pay the amount to Mr. Bish. GEORGE JEFFREY, Guelph, 5th March, 1867.
WITH reference to the above, I have much pleasure in stating that I have purchased the whole stock in trade, also the book accounts, &c., of Mr. Geo. Jeffrey. The business will be carried on as formerly in all its branches, trusting for a continuance of that patronage which was so liberally bestowed on my predecessor.—For further particulars see future advertisement. P. BISH, Guelph, 2nd March, 1868. dw
Newsboys Wanted.
TO SELL the "Evening Mercury." Boys selling at present after school hours are making on an average \$1.50 per week. Apply at the office. Guelph, March 10th, 1868. dw

copy by the week, or for a longer period, will please leave their names at the office, and it will be regularly delivered to them. The carriers who are not regularly left by the carrier boys, will please call at the office at once and inform us of the neglect.

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
THURSDAY EVG, MARCH 12, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

How had she been betrayed into thinking otherwise was the next question that presented itself, and immediately there came before her a dark, diabolical form, in the person of James Cringan. All that had happened during the last few months was his doing. This thought flashed on Helen's mind with such vivid intensity that she started up, under a sudden rush of angry excitement, and paced her room with cheeks flushing hot with wrath, and blushing with indignation.

The story told her by Cringan, which caused her to terminate her engagement with Richard Wayland, was a deliberate and diabolical lie. None knew so well as she that her mother was not the mother of Richard; but worse still, he knew that Charlie Allan was her father's son, and yet he allowed—nay, urged—the incestuous marriage.

"Oh, horror, horror!" exclaimed Helen, as this inevitable conviction entered her mind. "That man's thirst for gold has prompted him to do all this. He planned it from the first, and oh! I burn to think with what hellish success. We have all been made his dupes—Richard, Charlie, and I—that he might acquire gold. In the worship of the god of his idolatry, he has trampled on all that is sacred and holy, and has made the name of her who was the wife of his bosom, tortured and crushed two loving hearts, and impudently dared to seek to join those whom he knew were sundered by God and Nature. Oh! this is not a man, but a monster; and I thank God that he is not my father."

But soon this outbreak of wrathful detestation gave way to feelings happy and joyous. The bitterness ruthlessly raised between Richard and Helen was now removed, and their loving hearts would be re-united. He would know now what caused her inexplicable conduct. She would appear true and true again in his eyes, and their deep fond love would yet have a joyous fruition.

And Helen, too, their honour and distinction in store. He was no longer a nameless and unknown being—no longer that offspring of shame and sin which he had been deemed by himself and others, but the fruit of pure, honourable, and wedded love, and the son of one who would give him rank and position, whose recognition would give him honour, and to whom he, in his manly integrity, would give pride and satisfaction.

So absorbed did Helen become in the contemplation of these joyous prospects that the immediate present and its surroundings were forgotten, and she recalled to mind only a footstep without, which announced the coming of him for whom she waited.

The door was briskly opened, and Charlie entered, flushed with wine. He was not much intoxicated; indeed, to do him justice, he seldom or never got drunk at the many carousals in which he was engaged. But he had got enough to inflame him, and make him recklessly exhibit himself in his true character if opposition was encountered.

"What! not a-bed yet, my beautiful Helen?" he exclaimed, on beholding her. "Shame on me for making you hold vigil on our bridal night, but those noisy friends of mine could not get rid of, nor would they hear of me quitting their company. But they are gone now, and you must give me a kiss in token of forgiveness."

"Yes, Charlie," returned Helen. "There is no forgiveness required. We have both reason to be very glad of your protracted stay below, for it has given me an opportunity of knowing the contents of the packet I got from Sir Gilbert in the church."

"Oh you have found something in it to amuse you, have you? I'm glad of that, though what the soiled pride of the lord of Brankwood had to entertain you with I can not think. Did you notice how glum he looked to-day?—he was more like a mourner at a funeral than a merry-maker at a wedding. Well, what amusement has he provided for you in the packet?"

"I did not say it contained amusement," rejoined Helen gently, yet gravely. "Nor are the contents any of Sir Gilbert's providing. He was, and still is, ignorant of what it contains."

"How the deuce can that be? Wasn't it himself that made it up?"

"No, it was his mother. She left it sealed among her papers, with instructions that it should be given to me on my marriage day."

"Oh yes, so she did. I remember now that I heard him say so. And so Lady Barton has bestowed on you a wedding gift?"

"What is it—a bracelet, or her own necklace? I can't have you decked out in ancient fashion, you know."

"You mistake, Charlie," said Helen, and now her voice and face were both very grave.

"The contents of the packet are something very different from this. They consist of two papers—one written by Lady Barton, the other by my mother—communications addressed to me."

"Lectures, I daresay," said Charlie. "Prime and antiquated pieces of advice no doubt, as useless as they were unnecessary. The writers did not foresee that you were to become my wife."

"No, oh no!" returned Helen with rapid emphasis. "Had this seemed possible, they would have taken measures to prevent it."

"Ha, say you so?" he rejoined with a frown. "I had not got into their good grace, had I not—wasn't just to their taste eh? Many thanks for their favourable opinion."

"Again you mistake," said Helen. "Lady Barton and my mother had good reason to prevent a marriage between us, without reference at all to their opinion of you."

"He looked at her inquiringly."

"Oh Charlie, she went on. 'The papers within the packet contain momentous disclosures. That written by my poor mother is extraordinary beyond conception, and vitally affects both you and me.'

"In what way?" he impatiently demanded.

"Jabe Cringan was my mother's second husband, and her first husband was my father."

"Whew!" cried Charlie. "Old Grippy kept that dark. Then, at that rate, Cringan isn't your name?"

"No, Charlie."

"What is it then?"

"The same as your own," answered Helen, in a trembling tone of grave significance.

"How, Allan? Was your mother's first husband named Allan?"

"He was, and—indeed, indeed, Charlie, I cannot tell it you—but read it—read it."

TO BE CONTINUED.

CAMELS A FAILURE IN THE STATES.
The attempt to use the camel for military purposes in the southern part of the United States has been finally abandoned, after a costly experiment of fifteen years. A number of these animals were imported by the Government in 1854, and sent to Texas, New Mexico and California; and although they have stood the climate tolerably well, and have increased in numbers, they have not been found useful or economical in the transportation of any supplies on the plains. A herd of six teen, including the remainder of those originally brought from Asia Minor, together with their offspring, all in fine condition, were recently sold by order of the War Department. Mr. Thomas H. Bridges is the purchaser, and is bringing them to New York by the way of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, for the purpose of disposing of them.

An unsuspecting married man in one of the Eastern States, who recently visited Chicago, relates that before he fairly got out of the depot, he was attacked by a score of boys who pressed upon him the cat's of various hues, and assailed him with shouts of "Want a divorce, mister?" "Here you are, divorce you in five minutes!" and such like astounding cries.

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Guelph, 22nd Feb, 1868 dw

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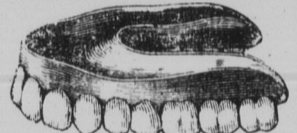
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 Guelph, 4th December 1867. dw

COMMERCIAL.
The Guelph Markets.
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
 March 12, 1868.

Flour, 100 lbs	3 75	@	\$ 4 00
Full Wheat, 1 bush	1 70	@	1 78
Spring Wheat 1/2 bush	1 50	@	1 59
Oats 1/2 bush	0 50	@	0 54
Peas do	0 75	@	0 82
Barley do	1 00	@	1 16
Hay 1 ton	15 00	@	15 00
Straw	4 00	@	5 00
Shingles, 100 square	1 00	@	1 50
Wood, 1 cord	3 00	@	3 50
Wool	0 27	@	0 29
Eggs, 1 dozen	0 14	@	0 15
Butter, 1 lb	0 13	@	0 18
Geese, each	0 25	@	0 28
Turkeys, each	0 50	@	0 60
Chickens, 1 pair	0 20	@	0 25
Ducks, do	0 20	@	0 25
Potatoes, 1 bush	0 60	@	0 70
Apples, 1 barrel	2 00	@	2 00
Lamb, 1 lb	0 06	@	0 07
Beef, 1 lb	0 05	@	0 06
Pork, 100 lbs	5 50	@	7 40
Sheep Pelts, each	0 50	@	0 75
Lanterns	0 40	@	0 45
Hides	0 00	@	0 00

Money Market.
 JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE
 Guelph, March 12, 1868.
 Gold, 150.
 Greenbacks at 71 to 74; sold at 73 to 74.
 Silver bought at 44 to 45; sold at 44 to 45.
 Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 65 to 68.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
 Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'
 Montreal, March 12, 1868.
 Flour—Pancy, \$7 60 to \$7 75; Superior No. 1, \$7 45 to \$7 60; No. 2, \$7 25 to \$7 40; Bag Flour, \$5 60 to \$5 75. Oats 47 to 48c. Barley 18 to 19c. Butter—dairy 17 to 20c; store packed 18c to 20c. Ashes—Pot. 20 to 25c; soda 25 to 30c.
 Flour Small receipts and limited transactions at yesterday's rate. Grain no transactions on the spot. Wheat worth \$1 72 1/2 to \$1 75; Oats worth 48 cents for delivery in May; Peas no sales \$1 02 per 60 lbs offered for delivery in May. Provisions generally unchanged. Ashes neglected and mostly nominal, rates unchanged.

Toronto, March 11, 1868.
 Flour—Receipts, 45 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 10 to \$7 10; Full Wheat—\$1 80; Spring Wheat—\$1 85 to \$1 85; Oats—55c. Barley—\$1 25 to \$1 25; Peas—57c.
 HAMILTON, March 11, 1868.
 Full wheat—\$1 65 to \$1 75; spring do—\$1 55 to \$1 65 per bushel. Barley—\$1 to \$1 15. Oats—62 to 65c. Peas—80c to 90c. Pork—\$6 00 to \$6 50.

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 1 1/2 inch Boards 12 00 to 16 00
 1 1/2 inch Flooring 15 00 to 18 00
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 1 1/2 inch, boards and 2 1/2 inch plank 9 00 to 10 00
 Scantling all sizes up to 16 feet 10 00 to 14 00
 2 inch Joisting from 18 to 20 12 00 to 14 00
 2 1/2 inch Joisting 15 00 to 16 00
 hingles No. 1 Skews 2 50 to 3 00
 " 2 Cut and Sawed 1 50 to 1 75
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